# Hearings Panel
# ATTACHMENTS - UNDER SEPARATE COVER

**Date:** Wednesday 12 March 2025
**Time:** 9.30 am
**Venue:** Dog Control Bylaw and Policy Hearing
Council Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

**TABLE OF CONTENTS NGĀ IHIRANGI** **PAGE**

**6. Volumes of Submissions**
B. Submitters who do not wish to be heard ..... 3

**Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024**

## Organisations / Businesses who no longer wish to speak to the Hearings Panel

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| 29840 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads can tangle around other users. Most people actually pull the dog closer towards themselves though in this situation so seems a bit excessive really.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is rather important providing they are a relevant species and appropriate pest control is adopted by the Parks department.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is rather difficult to control more than one dog at a time and in public shared spaces it is important to keep everyone safe.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Groynes Park - I understand the change to be "on leash" except "off path" however in this Groynes Park area outside the Dog Park I do not believe this will have the desired effect because:<br>a. The River is already fenced off to protect wildlife with 4 entry points available to swim dogs (outside of the dog park).<br>b. The swimming area is off the path and able to be used under effective control in this area. It is necessary to cross the shared path from the swimming area to the Dog Park.<br>c. It remains more consistent and easier to follow under the current rule whereby dogs are allowed off leash under effective control for the purposes of accessing the dog park.<br><br>Dog Fowling - this issue needs addressing and penalties advertised. Christchurch in particular has a large number of dogs per capita and an irresponsible dog owner can be a serious menace to a community. We would like to see more advertising to prevent this and an area on perhaps Snap Send & Solve where you can report an offending owner's address. | Charlotte Gavin<br>Belfast Area Residents Association |
| 30736 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>The Summit Road Society strongly supports the requirement for dogs to be on short leashes, particularly in reserves on the Port Hills, to ensure the safety of both dogs and the environment. Short leashes prevent dogs from accessing poison baits in bait stations, a critical component of our predator control programme aimed at protecting native wildlife. Allowing dogs to roam freely near bait stations poses a significant risk to their health and undermines conservation efforts. Additionally, leashing helps preserve native wildlife by minimizing disturbance to ground-nesting birds, lizards, and other vulnerable species that rely on these reserves for survival. This policy strikes a vital balance between public safety, conservation, and responsible dog ownership.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Bill Martin<br>Summit Road Society Inc |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>The Summit Road Society supports the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in public places within our reserves. This measure is crucial for ensuring responsible dog management and reducing risks to public safety, native wildlife, and our predator control efforts. Managing multiple dogs effectively becomes increasingly challenging, especially in areas with sensitive ecosystems or active conservation work, such as bait stations for predator control. Limiting the number of dogs helps ensure that handlers can maintain proper control, reducing the likelihood of dogs straying into baited areas or disturbing native wildlife. This approach balances recreational use with the protection of our unique natural heritage.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Summit Road Society supports the overall intent of the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy to balance responsible dog ownership with the protection of public safety and natural environments. We emphasise the importance of measures that safeguard native wildlife and conservation areas, such as requirements for short leashes near sensitive ecosystems and bait stations. We also endorse limiting the number of dogs one person can manage to ensure better control and reduce risks to both wildlife and other reserve users. These changes align with our mission to preserve the unique biodiversity of the Port Hills while accommodating responsible recreational use. | |

**Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024**

## Individuals who no longer wish to speak to the Hearings Panel

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 28886 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It would be unrealistic to walk a dog on a short leash at all times on paths, formed tracks and footpaths. Discretion to do that should be left with owners/dog walkers. I have no issue with leashing, just short leashing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>You have not provided any evidence that dogs are creating a problem for wildlife in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>There are lots of scenarios where someone would want to walk more than 2 dogs. I note your survey said that 48% of respondents own 2-3 dogs. My friends and I help each other with walking of our three dogs. Walking three dogs on the beach or at the dog park has not been an issue for us. Obviously you are trying to design some rules around professional dog walking services. I agree some sort of accreditation process should be the norm for those operating a business or who walks 4 or more dogs at a time. Requiring this for 3 dogs seems over the top. | Trudi Aickin |
| 28893 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners are disrespectful to those of us that need to keep our doggies on leash and away from off-leash dogs that seem always NOT to be under voice control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The gardener saw a dog destroy a duck at the Mona Vale house grounds - absolutely horrendous and the owner had no control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stephanie Perry |
| 28896 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Mary Webster |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Appreciating the proposal is to protect public and wildlife, we also need to stand up for the dogs and responsible owners who want their dogs to be dogs and run free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If you do not encourage and support responsible healthy dog relationships in the community, there is a lot to be lost from of natural healthy behaviors and unnecessarily anxious public getting the upper hand and dominating - council needs common sense to protect the rights of responsible dog owners - far too easy to take away healthy dog human interactions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | |
| 28912 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because I see countless (and I literally mean, countless) dog owners walking in front of their dogs by 20 - 50m and they would not have a clue if their dog, or dogs, has defacated or not. The same people are never carrying dog bags with evidence of collecting their dog faeces.<br><br>There is also a woman who walks her dog (it is a medium-large dog, probably weighing 20-30kg) and she physically picks the dog up into a bear-hug lift when other smaller dogs are around to keep her dog under control. It bothers me that if a child was walking their dog and this persons dog was to be out of control, that the child could potentially be caught up in a matter that might not end up well.<br><br>I have seen people walking their dogs off the leash at Coronation Reserve when baby birds are leaving the nest and peoples dogs attacking the birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Are you kidding me - a huge number of people do not adhere to this, and without any punitive action or policing, why would they?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | David Tikao |
| 28922 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>i have a dog and he is always on his lead and i hate when other dogs approached unleashed and running around us exciting my dog plus how do the owners know where their unleashed dogs have pooed to collected the poo i walk around all the time and through<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Rachel Dennison Pierce |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>i beleive dogs should be n leads in this area as the run away from owner and then onto the shared paths. there are dog parks for unleashed dogs.<br>small children us these areas to learn to cycle/ families wash rowing etc and do not need unleashed dogs running everywhere, if want to take you dog for a walk put lead on its simple and if want them run unleaded take to a dog park ccc has built same amazing spaces which we use.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28940 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I was with you until you mentioned greenspace areas. That covers A LOT - including the red zone where there's more space than people, and I believe dogs should be able to run free there, and in parks as long as they're under effective control. Yes, to on footpaths, and shared paths though.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for dogs, people, and prevents accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I support designating specific wildlife areas within the river corridor where birds are nesting, such as certain sections that may need protection, though I'm unsure if this includes more common species like ducks. In general, however, I believe dogs should be allowed to roam freely along the Avon River when under effective control.<br><br>I also feel that the questionnaire shows a clear bias against dogs. Terms like "planted areas" are vague and could easily be interpreted to restrict dogs without justification. This lack of clarity, combined with the overall tone, seems to reflect an anti-dog agenda rather than a balanced approach to managing shared spaces for both dog owners and conservation efforts.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The use of vague terms like "planted areas, green space" feels deliberately restrictive and reflects a clear anti-dog bias in the questionnaire. Overall, the consultation comes across as disingenuous, appearing more focused on limiting dog access than genuinely balancing the interests of all community members. | Sheena Bernard |
| 28944 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think dogs need to be on lead, but not necessarily a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Ell Mortensen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is key place to walk dogs on lead, especially dogs that don't like other dogs. I do think it should be on lead area due to the wildlife but shouldn't be banned!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't ban in certain areas, thats a lot of management. On lead dogs is so much better and can protect the wildlife too | |
| 28955 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think there are a lot if irresponsible dog owners in Christchurch and this is a good change.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes it's great to keep the public and dogs safe .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Excellent idea - we can choose where we exercise our dogs but wildlife don't get that option. Great idea.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think it should be three on leash and two off leash. Professional dog walkers should work on a strike system where if a dog under their control acts aggressively they get the first strike. Three strikes and they should be banned from walking dogs professionally for a year. The worst incidents I've encountered with aggressive dogs are dog walkers at Bottle Lake forest walking 10 dogs off leash. 4 charged me and the fog walker just walked away leaving the dogs behind.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Professional dog walkers should answer more to the public by earning a license system and losing that license if there are complaints against them. The fog industry isn't regulated so an 18 year old could start a dog walking business and risk public safety. | Anja Luecht |
| 28970 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Alex Rutherford |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29020 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Shared paths and footpaths - 100% agree. Safer for everyone. But "formed tracks" - this contains so many variations where individual judgement should be applied. For example Harry Ell track is super busy, a very popular trail with close proximity to dyers pass road. Of course I run my dog on a leash here. Vernon gorge and dry bush track? 99% of people don't even know this trail exists. It's barely more than a sheep track, you're unlikely to even see another person, and that's why I love it. Dog goes off leash here (outside of lambing season of course). So to lump them into one big category just doesn't feel reflective of the actual situation. What's wrong with a cheap and cheerful sign at trailheads, so that each trails rules are clearly communicated instead of painting with such a broad stroke?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Hamish Dodd |
| 29070 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I live in Cass Bay. Dogs are not a problem off leash along the path along the bays. Why then ruin it for all the dog owners in the area. Please ensure you also listen fairly to the dog owners and not just the complainers when making rules.<br><br>Dogs are part of families. I lost my partner and the dogs are company when I go walking. Its frustrating that we cannot swim with our dogs in any area from lyttelton to governers bay, before 7pm. 5pm at at least one bay would be fair. Its very weighted to the strict non animal folk yet there are many residents in the area who do not agree with the councils 7pm no dogs on the beach rule!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Footpaths beside roads or near a road are is sensible. Do not want a dog running out onto roads and causing accidents<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Jane Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29102 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Controlled dogs should be allowed to have the option to be off lead. These areas are great for running dogs that you can't run on leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If an owner has a dog off the lead, they 99% of the time are in effect control. If that 1% isn't, then it's the consequence of the owner, who realistically shouldn't have a dog, no good owners would allow any issues to happen.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Why remove places? If dogs are an issue to birds, then ask owners to keep them on leaches during breeding times etc like sheep.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again, Why remove places? If dogs are an issue to wildlife, then ask owners to keep them on leaches during breeding times etc like sheep.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People make a living from walking dogs. They should be mature enough adults to know how many dogs they can handle<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Be sensible, don't remove - improve.<br>The council needs to understand that wildlife is that, wild. Dogs are family members and most of the time are under control. Best to focus on dog owners and if they should have dogs or not and what breads are an issue. | Phoebe Holmes |
| 29106 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads can trip up walkers, cyclists & amongst other dogs etc. as well as preventing/easier control of dogs getting close to other people or dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Having a dog is a privilage & we are not entitled to let them off anywhere as their are other species who need their space and that we need to be aware of. | Jessica Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>However, i would like to see it being less. i would like to see it at 2 for leashed, & 1 off leash. No one can effective control of more than 2 dogs on lead? or do they have extra arms?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Its all well having these by laws - but we need more dog control officers in the field. I will not walk through linwood park anymore for the fear of being rushed by an dog on ours, which was happening 50% of the time, and yet dog control - are stationed across the road and i never see them there! | |
| 29122 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A leash is fine but It's not realistic to keep dogs on a short lease the whole time whilst walking them. That is far too restrictive on them and and the walker.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A leash is fine but It's not realistic to keep dogs on a short lease the whole time whilst walking them. That is far too restrictive on them and and the walker.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as it is realistic in terms of not being too restrictive with too many areas - or short leash controls.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>That is reasonable as nesting birds take priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>That is reasonable as nesting birds take priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Clearly this has been a problem where too many dogs are not under effective control for people and wildlife.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Auckland CC is far more welcoming. with dog control and allowances for having them as part of your family. Generally there are many more dogs up there which are well behaved and socialised. ACC is realistic and relaxed about where and when you can take dogs, including into dense public spaces.<br><br>Christchurch CC should follow similar bylaws for dogs, where 'well-behaved' dogs are welcome on public transport and to events and public spaces. We have returned to Christchurch and found this lacking. | Jacqueline Spencer-Macleod |
| 29123 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Big and little dogs should be in shirt leashes however people also need to stop the over reaching when seeing dogs in tracks they let of an our which alerts dogs to danger they need to also hold | Rj Fox |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | the hands of there children as they run riot my question is what will parents do when on the tracks knowing that they may encounter dogs along the way they need to teach there kids to ig ore the dogs passing and turn there backs on them this teaches kids and dogs they are not going to be intimidated its about teaching both sides I've owned dogs for nearly 40 years and dogs react to smell and environment I agree that a short leash needs to be set in place I also would like to see. More tracks set up for dogs and owners because dog parks also encounter issues with irrisponsilsube owners where my 12 year old was bitten and also on the same day a lady was hit in the face and nose by the same woman's dog at kaiapoi Park when co fronted she said she didn't care and there was no blood yet my son and the lady was red scratched and bruised the woman was almost knocked out cold o saw the inncsodent the elderly woman owned a Ridgeback cross another woman owned a hunter way border collie cross a big short woman who's dog attacked mine she also didn't care my dog had a severe injury and I took him to the vet the vet said he was lucky he didn't end up being punctured it took my dog 2 weeks of recovery and yet that woman was abusive swore at my daughter didn't take responsibility so I let rip at her and her dog didn't have recall we were nit the only Ines who've had issues Apparently there have been other incidents with these 2 woman one in her 70s the other one in her late 50s I've owned dogs for years mastiff dober.ans and put balls and not 1 has ever done that people needs to go tondognobedience training and not take there dogs to dog parks if they don't have gd real as this is a disaster maybe tag new owners with dog obedience training tags with there dog tages from 2026 on ward if they get a new dog as many I've seen people with new dog and now control people need to start pyps as soon as they get them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Make all new owners from 2025 do a dog training ALL new owners and any dogs who ate untrained 5 sessions should be mandatory and a tag yo prove they are responsible if they don't do it then they shouldn't have a dog simple | |
| 29171 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It’s just another ridiculous waste of a proposal that just restricts dog owners even more. It is far from big enough of an issue to have to create rules around. I have never seen an issue caused by this in all the times I’ve been walking along pathways that dog owners use.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I have seen plenty of dog owners that have trained enough dogs. It would be a better proposal to require a dog to be ‘under control’ rather than require a leash. Another waste or a proposal that just restricts dog owners more.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Will Fawcett |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not. Just more restrictions that are completely unnecessary. I have see professional dog walkers that have control of multiple dogs at once. Have never ever seen an issue with an owner with 4 or more dogs. Another excersize by the council to gain more control and give us less freedom.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just an absolute waste of resources. Stop restricting what your residents can do if it isn't an issue. We are already restricted enough and this is just yet another over the top policy when we are already not allowed to do enough with our dogs already. Leave us alone. | |
| 29182 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have always had my dogs on a short lead on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks. Totally am against those long leads that you can shorted and lengthen. No control of ones dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Have always had my dog on a short leash when walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Don''t really have much to say on this other than I agree with it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Don't really have an opinion on this other than I agree with it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Don't really have an opinion on this other than I agree with it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have three dogs and I think four at the most is enough.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please supply doggy doo bags like they do in Australia at places where dogs can be off lead. | Janet Francis |
| 29186 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because not everyone can control dogs affectively, people get scared of unleashed dogs approaching them, also gives people with reactive dogs more places to walk their dogs safely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because not everyone can control dogs affectively, people get scared of unleashed dogs approaching them, also gives people with reactive dogs more places to walk their dogs safely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife. | Georgia Cooper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>My dog has been attacked TWICE by a pack of dogs with a single dog walker, the walker didnt care nor even try control the pack of dogs she had with her. She is a KNOWN issue and has been reported many times but still doesnt stop taking huge packs she cant control.<br>This rule change would allow other people and dogs to be safe and even owners who trust unlicenced/unqualified people with their dogs.<br><br>I would like to see it taken one step further that dog walkers undertake training to gain a licence which would allow them to "legally" be a dog walker. | |
| 29197 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It would mean leashing the dog in largely grassed areas that are intersected by a single path<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>In the interests of thedog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends which areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Lots of areas in South Brighton Park that are away from coast but hard to stop dog going near Estuary and the pathway and lots of informal paths through the overgrown bush area. Would effectively make the whole park a leashed area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't use these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Fed up with dog walkers expecting me to keep my dog away from the 8 + dogs they have running around<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think CCC. Will need to create a lot more fully fenced areas. They don't need to be huge. Perhaps a few in the red zones?. Perhaps creating a medium size dog park between the small and the large parks in Bexley. My staffylab gets monstered in the open and told too big for small park | Judith Taylor |
| 29210 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I strongly disagree with this. If dogs are under effective control (this should include the dogs being well-socialised, friendly and respectful of other dogs and walkers / cyclists) they should be allowed to walk off lead along footpaths / shared paths / formed tracks in greenspace areas. I am a regular user of Te Kuru and really enjoy walking on the tracks with my three well behaved dogs off-lead. This is a popular area for walking dogs off-lead, with dogs and their owners happily meeting other dogs, most also off-lead and their owners. My dogs stay on or close to the tracks and do not interfere or intimidate endemic wildlife. Your proposal to change the requirement to short-leash walking will really affect my and my dogs' enjoyment on this area, as well as hundreds of other users who also walk their dogs off-lead in this space. As a CCC ratepayer I deserve the right to walk through greenspace areas with my well-behaved dogs off-leash. My dogs need the freedom to explore, exercise and enjoy their surroundings. Any dogs and people we encounter briefly as we walk along the track are a chance for my dogs to gently interact and sometimes play. We owners often have a lovely chat about our dogs, an important part of my well-being.<br>Reading through the list of greenspace areas, I am very concerned to see very few areas that allow dogs to be walked off-lead. Your alternative of a fenced dog park is not suitable as there are | Lou Drage |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | usually uncontrolled bored dogs and inattentive owners, so an unsafe environment for my dogs. I urge you to please reconsider your proposal and allow dogs to walk in greenspace areas (where dogs are allowed) under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>My dogs are walked under effective control, having been trained to walk at close heel and be respectful to all other users. If we meet someone who is moving fast (cycling / running etc) we move to the side of the path to give them space. Rather than having a blanket rule for all dog walkers I think dogs should be under effective control on shared paths and footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Its great that dogs will be allowed to exercise off leash in the mowed grass areas but their owners also require pathways for safe access.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed access under effective control or at the least leashed through this area. My dogs are trained not to chase or intimidate wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I strongly disagree with this. If dogs are under effective control (this should include the dogs being well-socialised, friendly and respectful of other dogs and walkers / cyclists) they should be allowed to walk off lead along footpaths / shared paths / formed tracks in greenspace areas. I am a regular user of Te Kuru Wetland and really enjoy walking on the tracks with my three well behaved dogs off-lead. This is a popular area for walking dogs off-lead, with dogs and their owners happily meeting other dogs, most also off-lead and their owners. My dogs stay on or close to the tracks and do not interfere or intimidate endemic wildlife. Your proposal to change the requirement to short-leash walking will really affect my and my dogs' enjoyment on this area, as well as hundreds of other users who also walk their dogs off-lead in this space. As a CCC ratepayer I deserve the right to walk through greenspace areas with my well-behaved dogs off-leash. My dogs need the freedom to explore, exercise and enjoy their surroundings. Any dogs and people we encounter briefly as we walk along the track are a chance for my dogs to gently interact and sometimes play. We owners often have a lovely chat about our dogs, an important part of my well-being.<br>Reading through the list of greenspace areas, I am very concerned to see very few areas that allow dogs to be walked off-lead. Your alternative of a fenced dog park is not suitable as there are usually uncontrolled bored dogs and inattentive owners, so an unsafe environment for my dogs. I urge you to please reconsider your proposal and allow dogs to walk in greenspace areas (where dogs are allowed) under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have three well-trained dogs that I safely walk off-leash, under effective control. There is no difference between having one or three well-trained dogs, they all walk at heel when asked or walk freely nearby when appropriate in the public space. I have trained them correctly to be reliable in all situations (when the dogs were younger they each had time leashed until sufficiently trained). On my walks I have encountered people with one poorly trained dog on a leash (with antisocial behaviour, e.g. barking / lunging) and this is much more of an issue to me than three or more well-behaved dogs. Please do not discriminate owners based on the number of dogs. Rather you should be raising the expectation for dog owners to properly socialise and train their dogs so they can respectfully and safely walk their dogs in public, regardless of the number of dogs walked.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would really like to see many tracks in the Port Hills changing to allow dogs to be walked under effective control. Some areas have very low public use and I believe it is appropriate to allow well-behaved dogs the freedom to walk close-by to their owners. My dogs do not impact on conservation values in any way (I work in conservation so understand how this would be possible with out of control dogs).<br><br>The benefits of off-leash walks to a dog's wellbeing are many and varied. Only off-leash can a dog properly get sufficient exercise to maintain their physiological and psychological health and properly socialise and explore. Preventing dogs from exercising is an animal welfare issue, more so with present reducing sizes of property sections.<br><br>*See attachment - page 757 | |
| 29212 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What is considered a green space area? Many parks are large enough to have dogs off lead under effective control. | Arava Hills |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not - many areas of the redzone are perfect for off lead dog walking . 100s of people walk there dogs off lead as they are not good on lead. The roads on the redzone mean people can walk there dogs in winter easily too. What areas are specifically left for off lead dog walking?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes these birds are important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Exemptions must be given to professional dog walkers or you will close many businesses | |
| 29242 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree with keeping them leashed on footpaths and shared paths. But there are plenty of formed tracks and greenspace areas with limited pedestrians where dogs should be allowed off leash if under effective control. Dogs need to be able to run and sniff things etc and a dog park isn't always a good environment for them to do this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If they are leashed and under effective control the leash length shouldn't matter<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's important to protect nesting and feeding birdlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If all the dogs are under effective control then it shouldn't be restricted to 2 off leash. As a friend of someone that owns 4 highly trained gun dogs it doesn't seem fair to penalise them when their dogs are so well controlled. Again this comes back to effective control not numbers of dogs. One out of control dog is far worse then multiple dogs that are well controlled! | Megan Fisher |
| 29267 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>At times in parks it is necessary to cross a path, do I have to swap my lead then for a shorter one?<br>More often than not there are few people in the parks, but now I have to walk my dog there with a short lead, even though there is no one around.<br>Yet again those of us who have their dogs under effective control are being punished for the few that do not.<br>So obsessed is the council for the welfare of cyclists that the poor old walker is yet again shoved to the side ‘on a short lead.’<br>I walk every single day in Hagley Park and others and I simply do not see a problem big enough to suggest preventing to suggest this solution, where has it come from? | Margaret Mcevedy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Bit of a time waster this one, most dog owners have their dogs on leads in these areas.<br>How do you propose to test the 'short leads' rule? In my case my 2 metre lead automatically becomes a 1 metre lead anywhere near a road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't use this area, however I am sure you will receive feedback from those who do.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above, although why leashed? Constraining dogs to 'on leash' only walking is a very poor form of exercise for them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For obvious reasons.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Why is Cranmer Sq not included, again a very quiet area. | |
| 29274 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't support this change as I believe it is unecessary and will detrimentally impact my and my dog's freedom and enjoyment.<br><br>Having spent many hours walking around Christchurch I haven't found dogs on long leads to be an issue. People speeding on electric scooters, bicycles on footpaths, frisbee golfers - Yes. Dogs on leads - No.<br><br>There is no need for more regulation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above (with exclusion of frisbee comment which doesn't apply).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Provided these areas do actually contain desirable wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Karen Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Again, I have seen no evidence this is an issue. I'm concerned of the additional administrative burden this will add to both dog walkers and council staff. To the extent it is an issue, enforcement officers should be able to utlise another provision of the by laws.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I object to the proposal to require dogs to be on leashes at a park if a sports practice or game is also occurring. In mh opinion this unnecessarily restricts park access.<br><br>Can a level of practicality and balance be added here so that all ratepayers benefit from the recreation areas we all fund?<br><br>If Council does choose to limit dog owners in this way, this requirement should be limited to the area needed for the practice. We have plenty of room for everyone to enjoy our parks - e.g. Burnside Park, Hagley Park.<br><br>Having attended countless cricket, tennis, tee ball and football games with my children over the past nine years the only time a dog was an issue was when it was roaming with no owner. This change would not have prevented that occurring.<br><br>I would prefer common sense to be allowed to prevail, e.g. dog owners already exrrcise their dogs well clear of sports fixtures and organised sports practices.<br><br>If this is introduced there needs to be a balance between sports practices, sports games and other users (e.g. dog owners) so dog owners also have an opportunity to use the parks.<br><br>Again, this is not an area where I see there is a problem to be fixed. | |
| 29289 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You need to define a footpath. A sprinkling of gravel + weeds is not a footpath<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not use this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not use this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not use this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I live near the Styx reserve in Redwood. The back gravel pathway is used by lots of dog walkers, safely and sensibly. If the dog is to use the grassed areas, thy are more at risk of heading towards the roads and footpath. I cannot find anything about cycle ways + dogs. It is safe for them to use the one adjacent to the northern motorway under effective control. | Jackie Highfield |
| 29324 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to sniff, it is healthy for them and being restricted to a 1.5m lead in these areas is not allowing dogs to satisfy their needs and can have a negative effect on their health. No problem | Christina Jackson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | with dogs being on leashes but they should be allowed a longer line so they are able to sniff in bushes without the owner having to go in there with them. All dogs trainers and behaviorist will confirm the benefit's of sniffing to dogs.<br>It is shared areas, responsibilities house be put on everyone using these shared areas including people on bikes, traveling at fast speeds, families keeping everyone under controls, all of the responsibility should not be place on dogs and their owners.<br>Many people do not have the ability to drive their dogs somewhere and only have the area they live and if this is in one of these short leash areas, dogs will not have the ability to do what dogs need to do for their development and general wellbeing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I believe this is safe for dogs, and cars alike.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would be happy with this if the short leash rule was not in place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This seems fair to the endangered wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as there are areas for dogs and the use of a longline is included on tracks and not a short line.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I believe the number should be higher for off lead. Dogs are. Actually much easier to control off lead than on lead, so if you intend to allow 4 on lead then the same number should be allowed off lead. I agree with the exemption process as long as this is not onerous on the walkers. The dog walker I know are fantastic with the number of dogs they have and have no issues with 6 to 8 dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My main problem with the changes is the requirement for a 1.5m lead, this is not a healthy idea for dogs as it restricts their natural instinct to sniff. :longlines should be allowed as singing is beneficial to dogs and cannot be done comfortably on a short line. | |
| 29410 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not formed tracks. I think a dog on a leash is reasonable on a footpath or shared cycleway/path, as cyclist can move fast and a dog could be a hazard, also because shared paths are so often alongside of roads. Albeit I have cycled around Christchurch for 60 years and have never had an issue with a dog on a path/cycleway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>YES, but only if you define paths or pedestrian areas are sealed pathways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>You will not stop the owners that do not bother to train their dogs, but you will restrict the good owner that don't allow their dogs to run everywhere. If you really wanted to protect wildlife, you would educate dog owners.<br><br>Are you concerned about wildlife, you do nothing about cats.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Tracey Watson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | You will not stop the owners that do not bother to train their dogs, but you will restrict the good owner that don't allow their dogs to run everywhere.<br>AGAIN, you do nothing about cats, why?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The CCC would have to ensure they maintained the mown areas to a much better standard. I have a small dog, as do many others, and it is difficult for her to run and play in unmaintained areas. And have a lot more areas to let dogs run around.<br><br>I see hundreds of people out walking with dogs in this area. Most have their dogs of the lead and don't create an issue. Yes, there are always some that let their dog run everywhere, why not just police that but with education! Do something constructive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have no issue with the number of dogs one person can manage. I have never seen or heard of a situation where this has been an issue, but I accept there maybe areas away from me that have problems.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The only issue I see, (I live alongside the Halswell stormwater basin) is the owners that do nothing to stop their dogs running in and around the wet areas. The problem is you are looking to penalize the good owners which are the huge majority, whose dogs walk along the tracks only. If you go in the direction of more restrictions, you lose the goodwill of the good owners and still do nothing to remedy the irresponsible owners.<br><br>You continually go on about protecting wildlife but do nothing to control cats! Why? Dog owners confine their animals to their properties 24/7 and pick up their shit. You do nothing to stop Cats shitting everywhere including their neighbors garden and they can wander anywhere, including the Halswell wetlands that have chicks and birds. | |
| 29504 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It seems like this proposed change is made by non dog owners.<br>Is there any evidence to suggest requiring dogs to be on a lesh makes it safer for everyone? Have there been instances of dogs attacking people while off lesh on a shared path.<br>I regularly use the shared paths around christchurch to walk my dog and cycle (not at the same time) and feel this proposed change will severely limit the areas I can have my (very friendly, very calm) dog off the lesh.<br>I have had multiple close calls with adults and children on bikes and no close calls with other dogs or my own dog.<br>If this proposal is to go ahead, can I propose a ban of mountain bike using the Halswell quarry dog park as a thoroughfare to the mountain bike track?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>No real issues here but if dog owners want to have their dog off lesh and it is safe to do so, shouldn't this decision be left up to the owner?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>How is this going to be effectively policed? The suggestion that dog owners are constantly taking their dogs on and off the lead around this wetland if they want to use it is ridiculous.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Surely the current by-laws cover situations where two dangerous or menacing dogs should be controlled in a manner that is safe for everyone. | Cameron Sollitt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | We only own one dog but look after other dogs from time to time.<br>Not being able to walk two dogs on my own is again ridiculous. If they're not dangerous or menacing, what is the issue here?<br>Proposing a change that wouldn't allow one person to walk to Jack Russel sized dogs or even two friendly and placid labradors is mind bogglingly stupid and impractical.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Again, these new bylaws appear to have been pushed by people that either don't have dogs, don't like dogs or both.<br>If these changes are because there have been too many instances of dog related incidents, shouldn't the money be directed at the small minority of dog owners that are causing the problems??<br>Also, the problem dog owners aren't going to follow these proposed changes anyway. I appreciate they may give the council more powers/reason to come down on these owners, but why should the rest of the dog owning population be punished? | |
| 29545 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not sure how this rule works when a path goes through greenspace, because presumably dogs will run across the path from greenspace area to greenspace area and this will still cause a problem for runners, cyclists etc...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>See my comments to stormwater basin rules but in saying that if the wildlife areas are fenced off I think this is fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Make no mistake, these are not 'Wetlands' they are storm water facilities to enable the continued development of the hillside and surrounding suburbs. The largest inhabitants of this area are canadian geese, hares and hedgehogs and feral cats all of which do damage to the planted areas in excess of any dog. The birdlife are the primary causes of the introduced invasive waterway species' as well. Dogs should be freely allowed in stormwater basins for both their enrichment and enjoyment and to discourage the pests from destroying the planted areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This makes no allowance for size and breed of dog. Walking 10 chihuahua's is exceedingly different to walking 10 bull mastiff's. This blanket rule is nonsense in my opinion, dog walkers serve a valueable service in the community and the work is not highly paid, you are just adding additional complexity and cost for people like this. Also for people that may have a dog or two of their own and also foster dogs would now have to walk the dogs separately, is there an age limit on the dogs or are puppies awaiting adoption out of luck too? What about packs of working dogs or show dogs?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If you are controlling the ability for the enrichment of dogs are you also proposing to control the breeding and sale of dogs? Shelters are full to the brim and we are making a dogs world smaller without addressing the real problem. | Sari Panther |
| 29576 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's human error that gives the dog bad habits and places the dog in a situation that coukd lead to the dog being punishes for its actions.<br>If the owner cares about their dog and its health and safety from others then,Permanently on a lead shoukd keep all the dogs safe from reprisal.<br>Don't blame the dog for poor human training and that's. Let's stop biting incidents by helping the dog stay safe.<br>We can then be clear about the law for the humans error.<br>Dog parks,are for of leash areas but even there the human input to the dog goes jot stop the animal from being in trouble.<br>DOGS ON LEADS! The onky way to keep the DOG safe from the poor humans abilities to care for all dogs and the outcomes. | Larry Waterhouse |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety fir the dog. Humans are the fault not the animal.<br>My wife has twice been attacked and feels very unsecured when any dog is not leashed. What about the children?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>DOGS ON KEADS,ALWAYS. Non swimming areas at beaches and dog parks for off leash. Do we really think that UNDER CONTROL is fully UNDERSTOOD by all humans?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs on leads except at parks,and non swimming areas at beaches. Keep the dog safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Once a pack animal always a pack animal. 1 upset dog sets off others therefore the large number makes it hard for anyone to control. Keep the dog safe.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Less dig attacks because we are keeping the dig safe. Humans interpret ALL LAWS differently but the DOG has no say. Stop the dog getting punished because of the human errors. Dogs On Leads. Who's is it hurting, THE OWNERS RIGHTS?<br>LETS KEEP THE DOG SAFE THEM HUMANS WILL ALSO BENIFIT ! | |
| 29589 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I believe that if you want to use a shared space where you know there are unleashed dog, then you take a risk. Nobody wants a nanny state. Bring back personal accountability and common sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense. Common courtesy. Reasonable request. Minimises liklihood of accident/incident. Also, my dog is protective and behaves in a way that tells me he is protective. Unleashed dogs that approach risk attack and dog owners are more aloof than ever.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely. But ccc aren't seen to be policing leashed dogs in the areas you must leash your dog, currently. It's a waste of oxygen and rate payer money to have this conversation if you don't actually enforce your current rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely. But ccc aren't seen to be policing leashed dogs in the areas you must leash your dog, currently. It's a waste of oxygen and rate payer money to have this conversation if you don't actually enforce your current rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely. But ccc aren't seen to be policing leashed dogs in the areas you must leash your dog, currently. It's a waste of oxygen and rate payer money to have this conversation if you don't actually enforce your current rules | Jordan Cooper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The metric shouldn't have anything to do with numbers. The problem comes under whether or not they are under control. Numbers are entirely arbitrary and the ability to handle a dog varies from person to person.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My above answers cover off my sentiments. The optics are you see sweet f all being done about dogs not controlled as it is. I mean, how hard is it for ccc to go for a walk to hagley park in the evening and see this for yourselves. My feelings are fuelled by frustration as I constantly have had issues with dogs off leash in areas where they shouldn't be. Hagley is our busiest park I have constantly had issues. | |
| 29601 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners and visitors to Akaroa do as they please without regard to bylaws and public safety. I was bitten a few years ago by a dog as I walked my dogs, on leashes, along the waterfront. The attacking dog was owned by a local resident and it was not on a leash. A friend has a similar problem. The dog owner told them not to worry because their dog was friendly and not on a leash. The dog bit my friend. "Townies" from Christchurch allow their dogs to run free across the Akaroa recreation ground and I have been lectured by dog owners they can do what they like because they are in the "country". Well I am sorry, Akaroa is administered by Christchurch City Council and the bylaw applies here too. However, because they drive expensive cars and have luxury holiday homes some dog owners are above the law.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife requires protection. Dogs have killed nesting birds on the Akaroa wharf because the owners don't bother with putting them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>same as above, protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I walk my three small poodles every day around Akaroa but they are always on a leash. Anything more would become unmanageable in my view and experience.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Make people aware via signage that CCC the dog bylaw applies to Akaroa!!!! Just like in the city of Christchurch please. | Victoria Andrews |
| 29634 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some dog owners don’t concentrate on their dogs and certainly have no respect for other people walking near by. Certainly control on shared paths but green areas well controlled dogs can be off leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Shared paths mean it’s not there for roaming dogs. Control is required | Jane Small |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Share the area. Dog areas sound great. If you don't like dogs, then don't walk in this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife. Plenty of different areas available for dog walking<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely agree not one person can monitor up to 12 dogs, which is happening at the moment. All very well saying under control but who can monitor properly more than 2 dogs off leash<br>Sick of the constant dog fights and bullying attitude of dog walkers at the groynes. | |
| 29672 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Less risk for other users eg when cycling it would limit the risk of a dog crossing your path or rushing at you.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Less risk and more comfortable for others users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Less risk and more comfortable for wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are a threat to wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with protecting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I often see people unable to control one dog - some dogs do whatever they like and adopt a mostly "free-range" approach to control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Re policy 3.1.1 (in 2 places) and in policy 6.2.2 submit that word "should" be replaced with "must" in sentences "… it should be leashed in public places, whether a leash is required or not …".<br>The word "should" I think would be unenforceable and open to any interpretation and owner may assert.<br>Re the other proposed changes they look generally good as far as the policy document and bylaw document can go. Hopefully the changes will bring about positive changes in the attitude of dog owners. I have lived very near the Huntsbury Track for 26 years and there has never been a visible presence for dog bylaw enforcement. With respect to leashing requirements my guess is that about 80% of dog owners take a "free-range" approach even when sheep are present. While there are many good dogs and good dog owners there are also many dogs that do whatever they like and some owners take no notice of the leashing signs or bylaws and go on the attack when challenged. There are many dog owners that know they can get away completely with a "free-range" approach and not be constrained by any rules. And of course dogs love running totally free.<br>I am not keen on multiple dogs and am skeptical about the potential for the bylaws to be manipulated by people wanting to own and exercise multiple dogs. | Mike Day |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29680 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I walk on many shared paths and tracks in the hill early in the morning where there is no one around. Having my dogs off lead under effective control is fine when i see no one around as they are impacting no one. Having one rule does not fit all circumstances and will lead to many people not listening to this rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of dogs and vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Can you please provide a map outline the areas dogs will be allowed. It's hard to draw a conclusion when you do not specify areas. 200ha could be small 20ha sections split in different areas or 2 large areas? This needs defining and outlining. A creation of a map is not difficult given a polygon layer of the Avon river corridor already exists.<br>Furthermore, in the creation of the Avon river corridor which is for recreational activities has there been thought put in about the activity of walking dogs? It seems this has been ignored<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>In agreement. Birds needs a safe area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The exemption process needs to be clinical and have people meet specific requirements. How will you define who has the skills to handle multiple dogs? | Liz Cartwright |
| 29701 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think you should allow dogs into Styx Mill. I walk there a lot with my dog leashed and 99% of people have their dogs leashed.<br>It is a safe place to take my anxious dogs because I feel safe that dogs are on leads and she will be safe.<br>We have been going there daily for 13 years and have never seen dogs injure or even interact with wildlife. | Janine Thompson |
| 29738 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Sally Hayward |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This blanket rule covers too many situation where it is inappropriate to require dogs on short leash. This would cover all popular tracks for walking dogs, not just footpaths and shared paths. I acknowledge that shared paths become unattractive to cyclists and other modes of transport if they cannot be sure they can safely cycle without long leashes crossing their path. So I support the idea for these situations. However, many "formed tracks" are either rarely used by these forms of transport or cyclists are banned from them such as many tracks in the port hills. This blanket rules means that responsible dog walkers who would like to experience the wonderful natural amenity that christchurch provide would not be able to do so in a way that is acceptable to the wellbeing of our dogs. Research shows that requiring dogs to always be "at heel" and without freedom is bad for their wellbeing. Short leads do not allow dogs to socialise, freely meander and sniff, go at their own pace or investigate far from the formed track. This rule will make responsible dog owners choose between enjoying the natural amenity of this city and the wellbeing of their dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Provided the definition of shared path is as I understand it, as in the sealed shared paths that allow for both pedestrians and wheeled vehicles such as bicycles and scooters to share the path, I agree that long leads pose a barrier to the safe use of these paths. This risk of a long lead straying into a cyclists path can make use of these shared paths undesirable, which defeats the purpose of the path. To create a safe space for active forms of transport.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>No comment - sounds reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>No comment - sounds reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds reasonable with the exception of my lack of support for short leads on paths detailed above. I also note the contradiction or blatant disregard for how these rules will be enforced when areas such as this have several intersecting paths which cross over any area of mown grass that allows for off lead exercise. If under effective control in these "mown grass" areas is acceptable and does not put wildlife as risk, then why does that not apply to the planted wetland areas less than 100m away. Under effective control should always be to the point that a responsible dog owner can ensure the safety of the surrounding wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>No comment - sounds reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If any changes to the Groynes Dog Park rules, ensure that the requirement to leash dogs excludes all fully fenced sections of the dog park including the water play area. | |
| 29751 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a owner of a 8 year old anxious doggo (due to a dog attack when she was six months old) I fully support that ALL doggos unless a service or police dog should be on a short lead. This is for the safety of all dogs, protection from running out into the path of a car and to make those that may be nervous of dogs (I'm not one but granted there are many) to feel safe and not nervous.<br><br>As a holder of a responsible dog ownership I don't want this to be removed nor do I want my doggo registration to be increased to because of this. Having responsible dog ownership is something I strive for as I fully endorse and ensure my anxious doggo is secure at home and under control at all times on our daily walks. I need to ensure being this responsible (as we all should) is rewarded with a discount and title on my fees.<br><br>I am tired of stupid humans (not the doggos fault) allowing their unleashed dog to run up to my dog when I am doing all I can to protect my dog from feeling under attack. Tired of hearing "just relax, my dog is fine" as the dog completely ignores their commands 🤦 I also think there needs to be a law where all dogs are de sexed unless a recognised breeder. Breaks my heart to see endless dogs roaming the streets. I say we get the humans on a leash and control them first lol. Too many stupid irresponsible humans owning doggos.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Victoria Bouvet |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>See above.<br><br>Many people can't control one doggo, for the love of sweet Jesus can you imagine that same idiot with several uncontrolled doggos? 🤦<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I do not want to lose my responsible dog ownership status NOR do I want an increase to my doggo registration. This status should be encourage, and something owners work towards then have recognised.<br>I pick up after my dog everytime we walk and very much support all dogs (unless service / police dogs that are highly trained) to be on a lead for the safety of that dog and others including humans. I don't think you will meet a more responsible doggo owner.<br><br>*See attachment - page 767 | |
| 29821 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>That may work for larger dogs but for our short older dog he would cough on a short lead and he likes to be by the side of the path where the trees are being a male.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>People who own dogs like to take them for walks along the river and to the sea. It is fresh air both dog and its owner. Good for mental health. As long as the dog is on a lead.<br>Often the council dog parks have rough ground with holes etc eg Hussey Rd park where my dog broke his leg having fallen in a hole while running.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I don't know Te Kuru Wetland?? Where is that in English terms? The English name please.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lisa Withers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog Parks need lighting outside of daylight saving hours to enable workers to walk their dogs there safely.<br>Dog Parks grounds to be mowed and free of hidden holes for the smaller dogs. | |
| 29884 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs should be on leads, yes a dog of lead could be nice but an owner doesn't always have full control and could go up to a reactivate dog on lead. I have 2 dogs and one as a pup got attacked by 2 dogs of lead mine was on a lead and ever since then he's not been a fan of other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be on leads un less at a dog park etc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>So long as it's monitored<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because it's harder to control if something goes wrong<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I believe dogs should be on leads in public places an in green zones across houses but it also needs to be monitored there's so meny dogs of lead and nothing gets done about it. There should be safe of lead places and ones for reactivate dogs so they can have fun to with out other dogs | Jessica Mcconway |
| 29918 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I fear this will result in many more anxious and caged-feeling dogs. Lots of dogs are very reactive on leads and much more relaxed and friendly off lead. This proposal will inhibit safe socialising and will like result in many more negative experiences for dogs, their owners and those without dogs. I beg you to consult a trained animal behaviourist, as this proposal would be against all their recommendations!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, those with good recall are fine and safer if not restrained. Those without will leash their dogs for their own safety anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I worry the rule will be over-enforced beyond areas where it’s the wildlife that’s the concern.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Lois Parmenter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Again, this rule is unnecessarily punitive against those whose dogs are well trained, well behaved and have good recall.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This has always been a great city to own dogs in and it seems like these policy suggestions are aimed at making it much more difficult to own a dog in Ōtautahi Christchurch. | |
| 29926 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because most (98%) of dog owners are ignorant, and think everyone loves their dog. But have NO ability to control said dog. I believe ALL dogs should be on a 1.5m leash ALWAYS when in public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The difenition of "effective control" needs to be defined as "on leash", I DO NOT believe any dog owner has control over a dog if it's off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I believe dogs should be banned from ALL public beaches, maybe a special area can be set such as north of wiamari surf club. But dogs should be banned from wiamari surf club to south beach surf club ALL YEAR. Not on leash, banned outright.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be banned from this area completely, they can go to a dog park.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I believe you should limit it to two dogs , and they should be on leash at all times if more than one. You can't control two dogs with your voice. One dog under effective control ( on leash) any dog off leash is NOT under ANY control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>1.5m leash when in ANY public space, noore than two dogs being walked by one person. ALL dogs banned outright from south beach surf club to waimari surf club ALL year round, they can go to a dog park or north of waimari. | Paul Bowden |
| 29945 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners keep their animals close for their own safety and others when in high traffic areas regardless of policy changes. People communicate to remind each other of this issue so being mandated to do so feels unnecessary. Careless dog owners would respect the new changes anyway<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, responsible dog owners wouldn’t have their animals on a long leash near roads for their own safety. This is common sense and only those who are irresponsible dog owners who won’t respect rule change anyway would put their animal in danger by allowing too long a distance between them and the dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Ngaire Osborne |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>If a dog is on leash it's not disturbing wildlife anyway, there's no need to ban them all together. Cats so far more damage and aren't policed to the degree dogs are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, if the dog is on a leash then it's no issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>How are dogs effecting wetlands? Surely regulating pollution runoff is of higher priority and impact than dogs splashing around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think this is heavily dependent on the type of dogs you have the relationship you have with them. I don't think people should need to be vetted to be able to take all three of their dogs out. I do appreciate large groups of dogs can be unruly, and think there could be a limit to the amount a dog walker could have under their control but unless a dog/owner has proven to be an issue with the dogs they have I don't see it as an issue.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Responsible dog owners are respectful regardless of regulations. Irresponsible owners won't care what changes are made anywho. This feels like punishing the majority for the poor behaviour of a few. | |
| 29970 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Under effective control. If owner can't manage that, then short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Near traffic, dogs on leash. For everyone's safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Haven't looked into it, doesn't affect me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Haven't looked into it, doesn't affect me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not entirely clear where this applies.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Rising number of "professional" dogwalkers, some excellent, some not so excellent.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hussey View Walkway causing huge concern amongst dogwalkers of the North West. Needs clarity. Proposal is East of the entrance, inside the predator-fence is Prohibited. West of the entrance road (Willowbank end, for clarity) is Leashed. If I enter from the West, with dog Leashed, the Hussey View Walkway follows the river and ends up in the Prohibited East. Please clarify this anomaly? Removing that walk would *seriously offend many of the mature responsible dog walkers of Christchurch. Dog walkers requesting that this be specifically addressed in the WEBINAR, thank you. | Wendy Elizabeth Dore |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29976 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Serves no purpose at all. If the dog is under effective control then a short lead just creates less stimulus for the dog to enjoy its walk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>How is this policed? If my dog moves from grass to path is it an instant fine? Makes no sense. The red zone is one the only places that a dog can explore brush, bush and water. If under effective control then there is no threat to wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense as their is specfiic wildlife that can be easily effected by a rogue dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense from a safety perspective. | Zach Wallace-Bell |
| 30010 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What are you inplementing for the owners of cats and wild cats, they are more dangerous to our wildlife than dogs!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx mill reserve, I regularly walk my dog around the Styx mill reserve on leash as it's a leashed area. They do not affect the wild life, it is a safe area for myself and dogs to walk away from cars. The biggest rush and predator to birds and wildlife in that reserve are cats and wild cats! Yet there are no laws or restrictions put in for cat owners. Cats are allowed to roam the streets, shit in other neighbours gardens, lawns and not have to pick it up. They hunt birds, and yet nothing is done about that! Why do we continue to punish dogs and their responsible owners yet you do nothing about control the numbers of cats! I will be very disappointed rate payer if you restrict dogs from the Styx mill reserve! I live in this area and having that walk on my doorstep is great, if you remove the access it is yet another pour decision made by the city council. | Kim Mccusker |
| 30035 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Lee Kelly |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This question is too broad. The areas 'prohibited' are too extensive which is why I have said no. There are no provisions for the residents in the Heathcote, Mt Pleasant, Redcliff and Sumner areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>The areas 'prohibited' are too extensive which is why I have said no. There are no provisions for the residents in the Heathcote, Mt Pleasant, Redcliff and Sumner areas. There are no areas for off leash play and no dog parks. Redd Zoned areas have been fenced off so can not be used, why not let dog owner us there for off-leash play?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The areas 'prohibited' are too extensive. Summer 'restriction' period is too long in duration and leaves little places where dogs can swim and partipate with their family in water activities.<br><br>There are no provisions for the residents in the Heathcote, Mt Pleasant, Redcliff and Sumner areas. There are no areas for off leash play and no dog parks. Red Zoned areas have been fenced off so can not be used, why not let dog owner us there for off-leash play?<br><br>I'd prefer the same level of restitution be applied to cyclists. Most of the Lycra set often speed, run the traffic lights, near miss pedestrians, ride abreast at times up to 3-4. Ride up steep hills on tight roads with no ability for cars to overtake their slow gear peddling. I'm a cyclist. In Brisbane bikes are banned from the hills during certain hours to alleviate risk. Additionally cars are banned for a couple of hours to let the cyclists have the hill to themselves safely. | |
| 30172 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>it's essential for dogs to be off leash and under control for their well being. whilst I support dogs being on leash on busy inner cities foot paths lots of time I walk on oaths and see no one for over 30 mins and more so it should be at the discretion of the dog owner. can they control their dog is this foot path only busy on Saturday mornings ? each footpath needs to be looked at to see actually how busy it gets?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I really find that I have better control and my dog is happier on my longer leash. it allows him decent freedom but ultimately he's 100 % retrievable so I don't like you choosing my leash option. Sometimes if u pass an aggressive dog if you have them on a longer leash they have more space to get away. I've had this scenario and the ability for my dog to get some distance gave the other owner a chance to get his dog under control and pass.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>that seems reasonable will you fence that area away from the off leash zone?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I never walk there sorry<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Nicky May |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that is probably a good idea how3ver it varies so much with regards to the dog walker and the dogs? I think it would be better to advise this but not make it rule.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes I'm really dissapointed that the council has removed dog waste bins or just general waste bins all over the place then constantly condemns people for dumping their poos in bags all over the place. when you have a big strong dog and walk at least 1 and half hour a day it is really challenging to hold on to several poos on route. Sometimes u have kids with you and you meet many other dogs with yours on leash etc you should have more bins... not less...so people can do the right thing. it's like you're setting up people to fail. I want to ask you if you've tried walking for a long time carrying several poos in one hand and trying to hold on to you dog it's difficult and it potentially causes more problems. but certainly that is why people dump poos in bags not that i do i must add but its an utter pain as i used to plan various routes via bins knowing I would get both my hands back to hold in to my dog. Secondly I have a pointer that really needs off leash excercise... I can walk miles early in the morning and see no one often so what's the problem if he's off leash? also it's actually cruel not to allow a dog like this ample off meantime and space. So really if you're intending to stop people having anywhere in the next ten years to walk off leash because of the few people that simply dislike dogs or have a need to wag their finger at everyone...then really you should tell people that the type of dog like mine a pointer is no longer allowed in Chch...as I would argue its not in the best interest of this animal to be so tightly shackled. it's our pleasure the collective we and the wonderful friendship that many of us have with our dog that's beautiful, it's wrong to not let them and us have space for them to be free at least once a day. I feel like every year in Chch I've lived here there is less and less off leash space. Could we not alternate times with other ramblers e.g. at Vic park so a few hours on different days we can walk some of the paths like lattes spur or Harry e'll as long as the dogs under effective control on some of the tracks? why does everybody else get their way but we are confined to just off leash spots usually quite small only? it seems unfair and unnecessary to me. it's infact increasingly unfair and a real shame. As part of my tax paying monet goes towards many things that don't involve me but I don't mind as kind as I can go walking with my dog. You need dog owners on the panel not just people that are not keen. | |
| 30184 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Kia ora,<br><br>I agree with prohibiting dogs to protect wildlife in key areas of the Otakaro River corridor and Te Ihutai Estuary. And I agree that dogs on shared paths and pedestrians areas near roads pose a risk.<br><br>But what I've not seen is any data that supports the need to change to leashing dogs on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace<br>areas or in wetland and planted areas, such as in Te Kuru Wetland. I'd expect there's some anecdotal data, but what are the actual numbers? Where I exercise my dog (and I see many others exercising their dogs) on footpaths, shared paths and tracks in greenspace areas and Te Kuru Wetland I've never come across an issue with where anyone's safety or my dog adversely interacting with wildlife.<br><br>I disagree with the term "formed tracks" in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed. I could not find a definition of "formed tracks" in the proposed changes, only vague terms like "usually sealed" and "likely to be shingle or have a hard packed surface" and this is open to wide interpretation. Is it meant to mean Council built and maintained "tracks"? Also it is impractical to leash my dog as it steps from one grassed area across a track to another grassed area in parks, reserves and other open areas.<br><br>The proposal to regulate stormwater basins by allowing dogs to be off leash and under effective control in mowed grass areas but not in weltand and planted areas is impractical and the "areas" are open to interpretation. These basins are ephemeral and only provide limited natural habits for wildlife, unlike Otakaro River corridor and Te Ihutai Estuary. Please can you provide the supporting data on the specific protected wildlife that has been affected to date in the stormwater areas?<br><br>I'd appreciate a response ([redacted]) to my questions.<br><br>Nga mihi | Richard Young |
| 30233 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am sick of having to navigate my way around off-leash dogs ALL THE TIME. It is impossible to go for a walk now without dogs coming up to you. Not fair on people who suffer from dog phobias or are unsteady on their feet.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Claire Weyland |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As above. Please please please start implementing this rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This strikes me as a good compromise and will still protect walkers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This strikes me as sensible and will put the onus on professional dog walkers to be responsible.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>General feedback: please do something about the large number of dogs that roam EVERYWHERE off leash. One day a child is going to get killed or an elderly person seriously injured or a serious car crash will occur just to name a few examples and this could so easily be avoided by having a blanket rule that dogs need to be on a lead. Not everyone likes or is comfortable around dogs and it is becoming increasingly difficult for these people to venture outside without having to face off-leash dogs. It is also not fair on responsible dog owners who do indeed have their dogs on a leash. Please please do something about this. | |
| 30243 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Your survey respondents represent less than 2% of teh Christchurch population. As such it is as very poor tool and a very lazy way to review of the dog control by-laws. We use wetland areas almost every day of the week and note that the majority of users of these areas are people walking their dogs both on and off the lead. The number of cyclists is very very low but there are some just out for a walk. We also note that most users put their dogs on a lead if they see any birdlife (espscially).<br>If you took the time (espsecially in the weekends to survey those who actually use the walkways you would have a better foundaion for proposals to change. Te Kuru would be a good example but you cuold also survey users of the two wetland areas off Quaifes Road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense for dog an owner protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Off leash in these area makes sense but pPlease tell us how to stop dogs walking on mown areas from crossing over formed pathways!! See comments about the validity of the Proposed bylaws above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Keith Milligan |
| 30312 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What is the reason why the council feels this is a necessary change to the bylaw and what evidence supports the need for a change. | Rachel Kelly |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | The majority of dog owners will have control of their dog and use a lead when necessary. Those who don't have control of their dogs are unlikely to follow any stricter rules.<br>What defines a short leash?<br>This rule will limit dogs in their need to explore, sniff and behave like dogs. They need enrichment and variety to be healthy animals and responsible dog owners do not believe it to be in the best interest of their dogs to only walk them on a tight leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Is this for the protection of the dogs or humans?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What evidence is there that dogs are causing damage to the wildlife, river, wetland and planted areas?<br>Why are dog owners not allowed to use pathways? To expect them to walk across grass is likely to cause more damage and the erosion of 'walkers pathways' on grass. Is it really safe to expect owners to walk through grass away from the pathways. What about elderly dog owners or those walking their dog when it is dark?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>What is the evidence that dogs in particular are causing damage to birds?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See previous responses<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners who own more than 2 dogs should not be discriminated against. Neither should those who help dog owners walk their dog when they can't. Dogs love to play and explore in groups and it is enriching natural behaviour for them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I feel that many of the changes proposed are likely to be based on complaints from members of the community who would be happy to see dogs restricted to fenced areas only.<br>I'm sure the 45,000 dog owners, dog lovers and those who are ambivalent would outnumber the complainants if they were asked. Councillors should make an effort to visit dog parks and other areas where dogs are regularly walked to see for themselves that the majority of dog owners are responsible and witness the enrichment walking freely gives dogs. Animals are important to many people in the community - pets are meaningful as is wildlife so we must be sure the community spaces provide the enrichment dogs and dog owners need. | |
| 30363 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I would like to understand the evidence supporting this change and what 'problem' it is seeking to resolve. A 1.5m leash is quite short. For someone like myself (tall with a small dog), it effectively means the dog will be forced to walk at my heels. That defeats the entire purpose of walking the dog, where much of the evidence supports that dogs obtain the most stimulation from smelling their surroundings.<br><br>In my view, the leash length should not matter provided the dog is under 'effective control'. Responsible owners will know when to reign in their dog etc. I do not agree that a short leash should be rolled out universally.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As per above response.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again, if there is a genuine problem where wildlife is being hurt, then yes this feel reasonable. If the change is to prevent potential harm to wildlife that has never actually occurred (or a handful of | Tom Mckearney |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | very isolated events that could be dealt with without a universal ban), then I do not support it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Have not used this space. Cannot comment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>These are designated reserves (unlike the other areas above, which are not) and the proposal feels reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable. | |
| 30366 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I feel if there is wildlife to be protected, dogs should be leashed<br>I don't want to be harangued about how SHORT my leash is though!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Everyone should be safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Prohibiting in key areas is fine, but please do not make the corridor a no go area for dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I think prohibition generally is not right<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Seems like a reasonable compromise, wildlife needs protection and dogs need spaces to be off leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>OK with this, it seems reasonable and people need to feel safe: a pack of dogs unleashed may not!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am very unhappy about the proposal to prohibit dogs in the Styx Conservation area - as noted I understand the need to keep the wildlife safe and her the ducks and birds are well protected when the dogs are leashed.<br>I use the path in the morning and the evenings and it is rare (except on weekends) for me to see more than one other person<br>Prohibiting my dog on a leash and well under control and cleaned up after seems the definition of meanness - for no purpose<br>I feel very strongly about this proposed prohibition | Alex Goodall |
| 30403 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>In over twenty years of exercising dogs in public places i have not witnessed any major problem with dogs walking unleashed with owners. What is an ever increasing danger to everybody on these pathways is people, (young men mostly) riding bikes and electric bikes at well over 30 km per hour. - Why do you at council continue to ignore this ? | Brent Woods |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>AGAIN, the problem is excessive speed by cyclists --- take a walk at lunchtime today, guarantee you will witness this !<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Much needed, the wildlife need it now.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely, even if completely innocent or predatory, dogs have a very disruptive effect.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If you want this power, why do you refuse to regulate Cyclist speed on pathways. Where is any policy (at all) regarding cats. Cat predation is hugely larger than dog impact. | |
| 30451 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a responsible dog owner is is annoying when other poorly controlled dogs zoom up and harass others.<br><br>However a small % of owners have excellent voice and sign control of free walking dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As long as effective control maintained this derelict area should be available for free to run dogs - as should many beach areas and bays on Banks Peninsula<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is a developing ecosystem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Man made. As long as effective control and leashes in hand to facilitate immediate tethering.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Two is all most people can adequately control.<br><br>You have also not addressed muzzles where owners know their dog is snarly/nibbly (as distinct from aggressive biting)<br><br>This should be a rule on beaches free running - muzzles<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Jeremy Elvidge |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | More beach areas allowed for free running dogs.<br><br>Example: Cave rock. Locals simply ignore stupid did rules in that vicinity.<br><br>Paradise Beach Charteris Bay. Stupid Council Bureaucrats ignorantly facilitated the loss of 7 car parks to 3 with appalling foresite and planning. Locals/residents with boat sheds mainly frequent this secret jewel and dogs have always been part of family activities.<br>The current month exclusions are now ludicrous. This beach could be allowed free roaming under effective control and strict doggy-do retrieval enforcement. Max 3 families on the beach or rules revert to short leash when more than 3.<br>Boat shed owners exempt - under effective control. | |
| 30559 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As fair as I can tell the rhetoric given to describe the changes in bylaw are poorly worded and open to misinterpretation and misuse. If changes like these are to be implemented then much clearer wording and definitions are needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>To an extent. The leashing of dogs in public areas in important, but in open less populated areas that importance drops substantially. On another point I strongly oppose the limiting of dogs under on individual's control, one person who is experienced can walk multiple trained dogs with no problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Only if there are policies of very light penalties for first time offenders of the bylaw, though people who repeatedly break the rules and risk wildlife by mishandling their dog should be given harsh fines and penalties.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There should be certain areas of crucial importance to local wildlife that do require special restrictions to its care and use by the public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Only if there are policies of very light penalties for first time offenders of the bylaw, though people who repeatedly break the rules and risk wildlife by mishandling their dog should be given harsh fines and penalties.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I strongly oppose the limiting of dogs under on individual's control, one person who is experienced can walk multiple trained dogs with no problem. If anything we should be implementing the training of all dogs, and owners to be able to provide adequate care.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Only that the bylaw needs very clearly worded with properly defined changes, red lines, and penalties. | Jack Miller |
| 30576 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Yes to footpaths, shared paths. Formed tracks is a no. Many dogs are regularly exercised off lead on formed tracks in greenspace areas. There is no evidence provided by CCC to suggest this is an issue. Responsible dog owners exercise their dogs every day. Dogs need safe places to be exercised. They need the opportunity to be socialised and to be trained to be effective off lead. Formed tracks are the appropriate place for this.<br>I will reiterate, you have provided no evidence to indicate issues exist, so there is no reason to make this change.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Adrienne Sykes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This keeps everyone safe, including the dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Without evidence so show dogs cause an issue in this area, I do not support this claim.<br>If you are focused on protecting birdlife, you need cat control regulations in place. There is a multitude of evidence that exists to show cats are predatory animals, they roam 12-15 kms at night and they kill out wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Without evidence so show dogs cause an issue in this area, I do not support this claim.<br>If you are focused on protecting birdlife, you need cat control regulations in place. There is a multitude of evidence that exists to show cats are predatory animals, they roam 12-15 kms at night and they kill out wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Without evidence so show dogs cause an issue in this area, I do not support this claim.<br>If you are focused on protecting birdlife, you need cat control regulations in place. There is a multitude of evidence that exists to show cats are predatory animals, they roam 12-15 kms at night and they kill out wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This protects everyone, people and dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Reserve<br>I do not support your recommendation to ban dogs from this reserve. Again, I am a broken record - you have provided no evidence that dogs cause an issue in this area. This is one area I have personal connection to. I walk my dogs in Styx Mill reserve regularly, over the last 8-9 years I estimate we have walked the reserve over 2000 times. It is our local place, and it is a favourite of mine for two reasons. 1. It is a safe place to walk my dogs. Dogs are required to be on lead, so it makes it safe for everyone. 2. It is my dogs' favourite place, they lead me there daily because they love it. During the last 9 years I have witnessed NO issues, in fact no interactions between dogs and wildlife at all. I have never seen a dog control officer in this vicinity and I have only seen rangers on less than 5 occasions, never interested in the dogs. I have spoken to everyone in the reserve since your communication and no-one has observed any issues. None of my near neighbours have experienced any issues either.<br>I will also say that the one occasion I found a goose unwell and distressed in the reserve (nothing to do with dogs, to do with humans), I rang the CCC and was told it was nothing to do with you, you were not responsible for this wildlife and to ring ECAN. I then rang ECAN and they told me the same thing - nothing to do with them it was CCC. So in a practical sense it is my experience that the CCC does not take responsibility for this wildlife - the goose in question received no support whatsoever , as witnessed by us for weeks after.<br>If you are focused on protecting birdlife, you need cat control regulations in place. There is a multitude of evidence that exists to show cats are predatory animals, they roam 12-15 kms at night and they kill out wildlife. I have just cleaned up several dead hedgehogs in my driveway, killed by local cats. Real concern for local wildlife requires a good evidence of the issue and the cause, and a holistic response to preventing these issues.<br>These recommendations are solely focused on dogs, in a manner that seems unfair. Your initial survey was full of leading questions that were not substantiated with evidence. Evidence that is still noticeably missing.<br>There is much research evidence available to show you the benefits of dog ownership to our communities.<br>Including 10 science based benefits of owning a dog:<br>Dogs make us feel less alone - they offer unconditional love, emotional support, and constant cuddles that help stave off social isolation.<br>Dogs are good for your heart - studies suggest that dog owners have lower blood pressure levels and improved responses to stress. Research has concluded that the bond between humans and dogs reduces stress, which is a major cause of cardiovascular problems.<br>Dogs help you stop stressing out - your canine companion can offer comfort and ease your worries. Multiple studies show that dogs and therapy dogs help relieve stress and anxiety.<br>Dogs help us cope with crisis - dogs can help us recover psychologically from a crisis. Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine discovered that people with PTSD can do better both physiologically and psychologically when they have a service dog, with significantly fewer symptoms of PTSD and improved coping skills.<br>Dogs encourage you to move - a 2019 British study discovered that dog owners are nearly four times more likely than non-dog owners to meet daily physical activity guidelines. | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs make you more attractive - a dog's presence may make people appear more likable and attractive.<br>Dogs make us more social - researchers have found that about 40% of dog owners had an easier time making friends. Dogs can provide the perfect way to get to know strangers and form new friendships.<br>Dogs make us caregivers - A dog's facial features possess an "infant schema." These "social releasers" can trigger an innate caregiver response in humans. So the next time you can't stop watching that dog video, know those big eyes and floppy ears are scientifically appealing.<br>Dogs make us happier - just looking at a dog can lift your spirits. A 2009 study in Japan found that staring into your dog's eyes can raise your level of oxytocin, also known as the "love hormone."<br>Besides the general health benefits of owning a dog, dogs can be natural mood boosters. People with AIDS may be less likely to suffer from depression if they own a pet, according to a 2017 study.<br>Dogs have positive impacts on older people - one study found that pet therapy can improve the cognitive function of residents in long-term care with mental illness. Another study showed significant decreases in agitated behaviors in seniors with dementia, as well as improved social interactions. A dog provides unconditional love and support, which is especially important during tough times. Though people may think we're taking care of our dogs, it's mutual. Dogs also take care of us, and science confirms it.<br><br>These benefits are significant in supporting the health and wellbeing of our communities, and severely restricting our dog's access to exercising in our local communities makes no sense whatsoever.<br>There are already many rules and regulations in place. Given the evidence that significantly less enforcement notices are being issued suggests either there is no issue here, or your enforcement officers are not enforcing the current rules. If the second is the case, then you should be getting them to do their job rather than putting in place more rules. | |
| 30580 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is too restrictive. The wording could include where practical, and if not on leash under effective control. I always stand aside with my dog under effective control when bikes are passing ensuring cyclists are not compromised.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer to ensure dogs do not get frightened by traffic noise etc and run into traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What are we protecting, ducks, geese?? When wild cats, rats, possums and any other predator is prohibited and eradicated from this area I would agree in principle. However, my dog drinks from the river on our runs/walks which are long. I am NOT going to allow her to get dehydrated because of this nonsense rule. The river edge is mere meters from the tracks, the proposal of having wildlife species introduced and surviving when there is so much traffic is beyond hopeful. Wetland areas ok to prohibit dogs, IF they are fenced off and as previously mentioned are predator free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>far enough for the above reasons, nesting and feeding birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not in my local area so haven't researched the detail<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>sounds reasonable.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Kerrs reach area, to Avebury House/Richmond Community Garden and surrounds along riverbank tracks. The grassed areas are too hard to run through and I will be sticking to the tracks with my dog under effective control, having drinks when she needs it. On another note, the rules are making dogs very unwelcome in the area. Hundreds of dogs are exercised in this area on a daily basis. The dogs are important to our mental health and these areas are important to the health/welfare of the dogs. I have been seriously assaulted when running in this area prior to getting a dog and I will not be going alone or having her seriously restricted. She is always under effective control as very well trained/obedient. When running in areas where there is livestock(sheep), she is always on lead. Dog owners that exercise their dogs are not needing to be treated like fools. We can work out what is required/when required. | Michelle Bleeker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30597 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I am deeply saddened to hear of this proposal. I walk the Styx mill conservation reserve 1-2 times daily with my dog. He is always on a lead and I have never seen any dog posing a threat in this area. It is perfect for walking and for my recreation and living right beside this it is the closest walk to my house or place to walk.<br><br>I think fine dogs off a lead but I don't ever see dogs not on a lead in this area. I think this has not been well thought out at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I always keep my dog on a lead for his safety however do see some dogs off the lead and they are very well trained and don't pose an issue.<br><br>I can see why dogs should be on a lead but also feel it is case by case<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think again this is not well thought out, fine dogs off the lead but on the lead means they are controlled.<br><br>How do you intend to manage cats?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Seems more practical than the Styx MIll plan- a space they can't go while birds nest for like a season is reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>What one person can reasonably control is reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think this needs to have more thought placed on it. The Styx mill reserve I feel I can comment on as I use it daily with a dog. I have seen a cat chasing a bird but never a dog.<br><br>I think this track is wonderful and should be able to be accessed by dogs on a lead. Fine people for not or put areas up for protection in seasons but don't take people and dogs recreation away- its damaging mentally and sad for dogs. Ratepayers with dogs should still be able to access recreational activities in controlled ways | Melissa Hempstalk |
| 30623 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is so unfair for good dogs!!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Brad Baxter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just leave the bylaw alone and focus on your real work which is substandard. Do one thing well would be good. | |
| 30638 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 768 | Mary Bamford |
| 30699 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Standard leashes should be fine. How do you define short leash? It's too open to interpretation. Also dogs that are under control can often be more reactive on leash than they are off due to a feeling of inability to escape.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again short leash vs standard leash…seems very unnecessary and nitpicky.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs are one of the least of the worries for these areas. What about cats? They're responsible for more birdlife death in Nz than dogs by a long shot. Additionally, farming causes more pollution to our waterways than dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, I feel dogs that under control are less of an issue than cats and other predators like ferrets and stoats. Why are we scapegoating dogs?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See above | Nicole Knapp |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30796 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs have just aa much right to be free to run the same as humans, cats and wildlife do<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Alot of dogs are better off leash than on and again have just as much right as anyone else to roam free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Nearly the whole of NZ is set aside to protect the wildlife, it is unfair to keep putting restrictions on dogs and giving them nowhere to run except dog parks which will ultimately lead to dog fights and Iinjuries due to having g too many dogs I one small area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Please see response to previous question<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Please see respo se to 2 questions ago<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs deserve to be able to live in this country and be able to run free the same as cats, all of NZ precious wildlife, people walking, running, children and people on bikes and on scooters (who are more dangerous on footpaths as the scooters and electric bicycles go along footpaths at speeds up to 30kms) people need to learn to share this country not keep restrting dogs to suit the minority. | Stacey Frusher |
| 30825 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have written no , but really none of the answers is what I think is the right answer in my opinion .<br>Busy narrowish paths eg Harry Ell , paths shared with cyclists ; yes<br>Quieter paths , path in te Kura / Red Zone ;no<br>Certainly in areas with special wildlife considerations dogs should be on a lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>1.5 m leash is as long as you can really use and still be in control of an active dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think that dogs should be off leash if their owners can control them well , on the wide track .<br>Certainly restrictions around particular wildlife is good .<br>Animal lovers are almost always wildlife and nature lovers !<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Susan Kirkwood |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes , so long as dogs can still go on paths . It can be very difficult to find a route where you can take your dog within the city as things are becoming so restrictive<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>yes to areas where there is wildlife that truly is threatened<br>Otherwise I think that dogs should be off-leash on the paths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely a good idea to regulate the professional dog walkers . As far as I can see with my reading , the good ones will be very happy with that anyway .<br>All the dog walkers I have come across with bigger groups of dogs have been great , with the dogs having lots of fun and not paying much attention to any dog outside their pack .<br>Dog walkers are so great , and perform such a great service so please take care not to restrict their practice unnecessarily<br><br>*See attachment - page 770 | |
| 30844 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>See attached<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 772 | Paula Mcfarlane |
| 30846 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 775 | Olivia Burge |
| 30851 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Vikki Hart |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 777 | |
| 30862 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not, you are punishing the wrong people. I walk our 2 dogs off-leash most of the time, they have been well trained and obedient. What you are proposing is making me terribly angry. Your proposals are arrogant and shows your complete lack of ignorance. Where on earth are these proposals coming from, I would suggest no research has gone into these proposals at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>One of my dogs is leashed when walking alongside the road (responsible dog owner) our other dog is not. It should be the owners responsibility to know their dog and their limitations. You are implying that ALL dogs cannot be trusted. This is totally disrespectful and marks your sense of ignorance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Can you please be explicit, are there pathways in the mowed areas. So if my dogs wished to cross over a path to be on the other side, I will need to short leash them. I enjoy watching our dogs having their freedom, these implied policies are oppressive and cruel.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I would support this initiative as long as there will still be areas where dogs are allowed on the storefronts.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not. Not all stormwater basins have wildlife. Perhaps you should look at culling some of the geese instead or the eels who are killing off ducklings in some of these so called wetland areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Totally agree<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There is very sketchy clarity in these proposals. Firstly, you are allowed your dogs unleashed in grass areas but in the pathways they need to be on a short leash. Most areas have a combination of both, absolutely ridiculous.<br><br>I walk our dogs regularly at The Groynes, what you are proposing there will limit the dogs playing in the water and having fun. I do not walk our dogs at all in the dog park but walk alongside the river bank. Do you not want dogs to enjoy themselves. Do you know how rewarding it is for a dog owner to see their pups playing the water or for that matter off leash.<br><br>I am a responsible dog owner and very very rarely do I use dog parks due to health risks associated with them.<br><br>Your proposals are seriously punishing the dog owners who have taken the time and effort to have well trained and obedient dogs. The irresponsible dog owners will continue to flout the law regardless of the oppressive proposals you wou,d like to push through. | Lyn Allen |
| 30866 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There is and hasn't been any evidence that dogs off the leash have caused any issues with other users (walkers, cyclists, non dog walking pedestrians). It is restrictive and unnecessary. The survey question on this was biased towards leashing dogs, therefore feedback on this is biased.<br>The requirement to have dogs under effective control is more than sufficient, voice command is an effective tool. Voice control is proposed to be allowed beside the paths but not on it. If you are | S Spencer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | concerned about peoples safety, then dogs would have to be leashed everywhere once they leave your property. Dogs can run on to the proposed pathways from anywhere.<br>Those that want to leash their dogs because they cannot control them still can.<br>It is draconian to impose one rule for everyone, for an idea or a problem that doesn't exist.<br>We have one of the highest dog ownership per capita anywhere in NZ, the minority should not dictate the policy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Although this rule comes about with no evidence that dogs off the leash having caused any issues with other users (walkers, cyclists, non dog walking pedestrians, cars), the moving vehicles pose a danger. They can frighten dogs who would otherwise be under control, causing them to run into the path of vehicles. This is a different case from the one above, where no vehicles exist (if bicycles are present they should be giving way and staying clear of dogs, pedestrians etc. anyway).<br>The survey question on this was biased towards leashing dogs, therefore feedback on this is biased.<br>We have the highest dog ownership per capita anywhere in NZ.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I support the above except for the leashed pathway bylaw as per my comments above. Protecting the bird life is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting the birdlife is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I agree with this except the leashed bylaw on pathways as per question one (comments).<br>I note you use the word effective control here but ignore it for the pathway bylaw (first question above). If you don't have control of your dog on the mowed area, you don't have it on the pathways. Its either one or the other.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Can you have one leashed and two off the leash. Seems to be the same thought process here.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The city, Lyttleton and groynes changes are good.<br>The proposal to leash dogs on sports fields needs clarification. How close to the games/practice. If the fields are 300 meters from each other do the dogs need to be leashed? Do they have to be right beside the sports fields that are in use? If you want a law, you need to be specific.<br>You have a vague reference to meeting the criteria for a special license to have more than two dogs unleashed? Where is this written down and why is it not included in your bylaw?<br>Why are we looking at other councils and what they re doing? If we take the approach, then we should just rely on the dog control act and not have a bylaw, which you have already decided to specifically not to do. On one hand you are trying to bring us in line with other Districts, and on the other you say our make up is unique (bylaw review report). Which is it?<br>Unregistered dog estimations have no basis in fact, and in bullet point 5 you say basically say its a guess (bylaw review report).<br>Table on page 12 has generic categories and doesn't specify whether the attacks etc. were on public land or private property. The major changes should be concerned with public areas only.<br>And you explain that you use data but it has so many variables as to not be reliable. Why use it in your decisions then?<br>A vague number of 'examples' relate to playgrounds and people not picking up faces from their dog. Again, another vague comment about 'themes'.<br>If the majority said no to leashing on formed tracks in parks and reserves, why is it in the bylaw changes (page 17 Bylaw review report)? You then say the majority (page 18) said yes. Which is it?<br>In short, you throw numbers around with no basis, but use them to justify changes. | |
| 30869 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This seems an unreasonable restraint on dogs that are deemed under adequate control if NOT on paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Bruce Russell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Safety for all, including dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There will still be off-leash options.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of native species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Large mobs of unleashed dogs are a problem for all.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As a dog owner in Lyttelton I am well aware of the lack of safe options for dog exercise. The Rec Ground is unfenced, it is not a dog exercise area, its a sports ground. It is surreounded by roads that are often busy with cars and trucks, The nearest designated dog exercise area is Barnett Park, which is often inconvenient to access due to traffic and driving distance. If the Ihutai Estuary is to be closed to dogs we need a dedicated dog park somewhere easily accessed through the tunnel. Halswell Quarry is great but it is miles away. Places like Rangiora and Pegasus have good dog facilities but these are not accessible to residents of Lyttelton or Heathcote. The new proposals are sensible and I feel most dog owners will respect them IF there is an adequate accessible dog exercise area created nearby. I own a Springer Spaniel, he MUST Be exercised off the leash. He's not dangerous, he just needs to run. Please provide a safe space to allow this. | |
| 30877 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I thought this was already the case anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Yes I support leashes on roads for safety aspects. I don't however support the length definition. As a person who suffered a stroke in 2017, I adopted a dog as an emotional and physical support. Due to this I have poor mobility and coordination. I often use a hands free leash which clips around my waist. An arbitrary length measurement would make it very difficult for my dog and I to leave the house.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The only birds I ever see in this area are the large amount of Canadian Geese which are pests anyway. These are a far greater environmental issue which the council needs to get a hold on controlling. I see them all over Pages Rd, it's super dangerous.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I need to see a map of this. Plus how would it be practically enforceable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This should have the same mown grass rule as the red zone. The inconsistency is hard to understand and creates confusion.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Vanessa Irvine |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Does the CCC get many complaints about this? If it's a knee jerk reaction to what happened in Auckland, I don't think it's a good use of resources to enforce an unnecessary rule down in chch. Dog walkers with groups only ever operate during the work week when a majority of people aren't around to see them. You're wasting time on a non issue.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>A rule is only ever as good as how well it's enforced. In 4 years of being a dog owner I've only ever seen animal management officers driving past in their Utes a handful of times . I think that making any unnecessary rules that aren't going to be effectively enforced in reality, would result in the CCC being seen officious and ineffective. | |
| 30883 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 779 | Jemma Lee |
| 30884 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 782 | Michelle Lee |
| 30914 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A short leash gives the dog no chance to exercise. My walking pace is very slow, and I rely on her to get extra steps in.<br>Plus she sniffs heaps.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I walk on paths as I need a stable surface to walk on. I have control of the length of my dogs leash at my fingertips. My rights and dogs rights seem to be inferior to cyclists rights.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>walk on.<br>This red zone is perfect for walking dogs, and the chance for dogs to meet other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Birdlife that are special, and have special areas are of course very important. The areas should have protection. And a dog owner should respect this decision. Butit should be tempered with | Tanya Archibald |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | not restricting areas that are not a concern.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Common sense of course. Large wetlands that are actively trying to get birds in, then they should have signs up. But most are not suitable for birds, anymore than a basic park is. Full cover restrictions are just frustrating for dog owners who know their dog and it's temperament best.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I feel a little intimidated when I see multiple dogs (of a certain breed) with an owner (of a certain demographic) but recognise that this can be stereotyping. Any dog, and especially multiple dogs are uncontrollable, even on a leash, if that dog decides to bolt. If a dog proves to be uncontrollable, it needs to be restricted to home.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Sometimes the complainant is just a "Karen "<br>Common sense needs to be used, as always. | |
| 30917 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 784 | Candace Bobier |
| 30919 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 786 | Karen Carcamo Fernandez Veraud |
| 30923 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Margaret Anne Sissons |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 788 | |
| 30942 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 791 | Jan Egan |
| 30957 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Why short leash?? Doesn't make any sense. Dogs are not robots, they need to sniff and stop and go and stop and trot and so on!!<br>Short leads are awesome for a lot of occasions, but especially in a place when dogs can be off lead right next to the path, why adding "short" to the law???<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, why short leash?? Lots of dogs are on the long line, way better for them, allowing them to sniff, adapt to their speed and stops (dogs do not have the same speed as we do), building trust and bond with their humans, much more respectful for the dog's behavior.<br>The length of the lead should be adapted, of course, but why putting it in a law!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Why not having the dogs on leads on these areas??? Be clearer on the signs, especially during nesting season, educate people, but please stop putting all the blames on pets!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Finally one that makes sense! | Nina Romain |
| 30971 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The term 'walking the dog' is an anomaly... really dogs are taken out to sniff around, yes there is some exercise involved but happy dogs are those allowed to explore and sniff. To allow the dog to sniff and explore then the owner would also need to walk off-path to ensure the dog stays off-path. Very easy in summer, not so easy in winter and it will impact other areas in parks with dog owners tramping and creating dirt paths (which in turn become unintended formed tracks). For areas like Spreydon (Barrington Park especially) where water already doesn't absorb easily it is going to create a lot of mud. Also when you throw a ball for a dog and it goes further than intended they may cross a path, you can't have them on a leash to chase balls). The suggestion isn't practical at all. | Tania Howard |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | When does an unformed track start becoming formed because all the dog owners are off-path?<br>Also annoyed about beaches being until 7pm. Corsair Bay loses the sun by 5.30ish is summer so no point having a no dog policy until 7pm. The dog should be allowed to go for a swim too and it is already hard enough to work around tide times. Know this hasn't changed it's just really unfair. Means I miss out on going to the beach altogether over summer because my dog isn't allowed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety around cars and more regular footpath use, as well as cars reversing out of driveways... just more comfortable for everyone to know it is easier to control the dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is completely fair that wildlife should be protected over and above dog rights. Still don't necessarily agree with pathways (depending on how close they are to river and wetland areas).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above wildlife area should be protected and many dogs can't be called back once they get the scent of wildlife, better to not give them the chance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above protection of wildlife comes first... but still don't agree with leashed on pathways in stormwater basin areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Stops any 'pack' behaviour. Though it would be good to know how you will measure 'appropriate skills'.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hansen Park - many people walk through the park as exercise while the dogs say hello to each other then keep on moving. Having leads that will tangle especially with multiple dogs will become more of a hazard than not having them. Yes owners could walk in parallel to the existing pathways so as to not be on a formed pathway... but all that does is create another 'formed' pathway. Again mud and mess over winter.<br>Avon Loop, this pathway is very wide, it used to be my regular park and has lots of width for bikes, pedestrians and dogs. The area floods very badly around 4x a year, during these times you can't get through at all but there are other times that if dogs owners are required to be off-path with their dogs it will become a muddy boggy mess. Suggest storm water work needs to be carried out prior!!<br>Sumner Beach it appears someone has written this in wrong as being the prohibited area being South... it has always been the North. The South was always the dog end... mistake perhaps since the other end isn't mentioned at all?<br>Halswell Quarry - the allocated dog exercise area needs to stop being given to 'events' that take over the space without any warning, no signage, and no diversions (I get pretty pissy when I've walked all the way up a path to find I can not continue any further, without any warning, and no diversion in place). If this is our dog exercise area then stop letting others use it! | |
| 30975 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keeping my dog on a short leash on footpaths, etc, is common sense to me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Keeping my dog on a short leash on footpaths near a road, is very important as dogs can be unpredictable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I do want wildlife protected and do support this as a priority, but I would like to have an area I could take my dogs to play in the water. Could a defined dog park with water/stream access for dogs be developed?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Adele Geradts |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>I do want wildlife protected and do support this as a priority, but I would like to have an area I could take my dogs to play in the water. Could a defined dog park with water/stream access for dogs be developed?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I do want wildlife protected and do support this as a priority, but I would like to have an area where I could take my dogs to play in the water. Could a defined dog park with water/stream access for dogs be developed?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes, two dogs on a leash are the maximum I would feel comfortable with (same as off the leash). I think 4. When leashed, you would want someone very experienced with dogs. It also comes down to the size of the dogs - 4 German Shepards are very different to 4 cocker spaniels or 4 Pomeranian | |
| 31007 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as they are under effective control no difference.  And also come when called. Dogs like to sniff and run around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Although I would keep my dog on leash on footpaths to keep dog safe from Road otherwise if have good recall then okay off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to be able to run and sniff as long as they have good recall and under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Stupid idea. I love birds also and would make sure dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As long as dogs under effective control don’t see a problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Unsure about this. As long as under good control okay - I would hope that the dog walker is qualified to look after the number of dogs they are walking. | Sue Elliott |
| 31009 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are areas such as Draytons Track where dogs are allowed currently on the shared track off lead. I think these need to stay with off leash allowed as there is so little opportunity for dogs to be on a track and allowed to sniff and walk at their own pace.<br>If dgs are constantly made to be on leash then its difficult to allow enough oopportunities fo r owners to pracise recall and good manners on shared tracke.<br>This track isnt suitable to say w the dogs can be off leash away from the track as its all scrubby and you are unable to access the off track areas.Lets see more signage that promates dogs off leash/ under control  so other track users know this is a dog friendly track.<br>We need many more of these tracks for the increasing dog population to exercise and learn manners, and we need to educate other users to know that dogs are welcome in these areas and to expect to see them off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should not be allowed on the long extendable leads on these areas at all. they cause havoc.... | Gill Newman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Please also protect our dogs by having better signage to deal with scooters, electric bikes, skateboards and other users who can scare dogs and cause an altercation when it could be avoided by being a sensible user of the areas.<br>Signage regarding keeping at least 1 meter and pass at walking pace only when dogs are around. Its not all the dogs fault that there are disputes between users on shared spaces.<br>The new signage on the Esplanade shared walkway is great but it has no mention of dogs and protecting them from getting a fright. If we are going to allow them in the area then get some signage up to support them being there.<br>We need our dog owners to be out walking their dogs so they become social well mannered dogs. We need to encourage this at all times.<br>Scooters and fast bikes are an absolute menace on this walkway, and are dangerous to walkers as well as small children and elderly persons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I dont use this area but as a general rule of thumb I believer everytime we remove a space where dogs can exercise freely off lead then we need to replace it with another space thats equally as suitable.<br>We know from Covid that dogs that don't get out and get socialized and exercised are a problem and if we keep taking away opportunities for owners to train our dogs then we are asking for trouble.<br>I'd like to see these areas at the very least divided up so you have areas such as the paddock at the back of Barnett Park, Redcliffs that is fenced and suitable for dogs to be off leash with no interaction with bikes, scooters etc. It does have runners and hikers coming through but its mainly a dog friendly area.<br>It just needs more signage so people know to expect dogs off lead and running free. They will also be in different stages of their develpoment and training so they may jump up or chase things. If we have signs in these areas to let people know, they are entering a dog friendly area, then it gives people a warning and they can go to one of the many dog bannned areas if they dont want to be with dogs.<br>We must cater for our growing dog population, many of whom live wuth small yards, and having working owners so they rely heavily on dog friendly exercise areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As with my previous answer, every prohibited area thats brought in must be replaced with a dog friendly area that has signage stating its dog friendly.<br>We can't keep making the areas that dogs can use smaller and smaller when we have more and more dogs.<br>We need more and more dog areas without other users being able to use those areas. No cars, scooters, bikes, skateboards etc.<br>Signage and expectation are key to success.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not sure but as per my previous answer. If you prohibit from one place find an alterative thats dog friendly not just making the areas smaller and smaller.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People need to be applauded for using professional dog walkers..<br>These are the good dog owners who are paying to get their dogs exercised.<br>Instead of making it harder to do this we need specfic areas where larger groups of dogs can go to run and be exercised. Other users should be either limited or banned to minimise negative interactions.<br>Many more areas like Barnett Parks back area or tracks such as Drayton Track and areas in Burwood Forest could be adapted to cater for these activities.<br>Proect these dog walkers, don't limit them to the point they can't operate.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In summary, rather then constantly limiting opportunities for dogs to get out and about, we should be trying to make more dog friendly areas. Some of these need to be dog exercise and training areas for dogs exclusively but also as the dog population grows then the available places to take them needs to grow in proportion to the number of dogs in the area.<br><br>Dogs are not alway the problem. Our city is full of things that trigger dogs such as scooters, bikes and generally silly people. Our dogs need protection as well.<br>We can only get people to value dogs if its led by the way we plan for them in our cities. If we cater for dogs in a planned way and if they have rights to use particular areas over other users then peoples attitudes will also change.<br>If we do this, we will have less chances for problems to occur in the busier places. | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31021 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is unsafe for unregulated and or improperly trained people to walk more than two dogs under their control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>See attached feed back. I propose the Council introduce curfew periods on certain shared tracks during which times dogs must be leashed but outside these times dogs my be off leash but under effective control. I also propose that council change the definition of its proposed " mowed grass" to simply "grass" areas. See attached for reasons why.<br><br>*See attachment - page 793 | Matthew Clayton |
| 31023 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>see attached - too restrictive<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>see attached - too restrictive and unclear proposal without map<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>unsafe without regulation<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes - Curfews introduced for on and off leash as an alternative to council proposed leashed requirement.<br><br>*See attachment - 796 | Emma Jackson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31035 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The value of walking a dog is not just for the physical exercise. Dogs also need mental stimulation, and experience the world through partly through sniffing. A longer lead allows a dog more freedom to sniff and as a result enriches the walk for them. Sniffing is also calming for dogs and gives them something to focus on. As a result, more opportunity to wander and sniff will lead to better behaved dogs both on walks and also at home (because they will be more tired). A longer lead is a way to provide for this behaviour whilst keeping the dog under control,<br><br>Whilst I agree that shorter leads are better in some situations (eg where there is a traffic danger, or overcrowded urban spaces), parks and greenspace is not one of these. As there are distinct benefits to allowing longer leads in these spaces, they should not be be restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>In these areas dogs can be a nuisance and space is restricted so owners should keep them close and under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Off leash exercise is particularly valuable for dogs because it allows them the freedom to run and explore, exhibit their natural behaviours and to tire themselves out so they do not cause a nuisance for neighbours. This need is increasing with housing intensification, because many people do not have large yards where this is an option and so must rely on public provision. The need for good dog walking facilities is only going to increase.<br><br>There are a very large number of dogs and dog owners in Christchurch and there are not many good areas to walk dogs off leash. If we compare the facilities offered to dog owners (a small number of often quite small and crowded dog parks) with the outstanding provision of sports facilities, the contrast is quite stark, and yet dog walking is one of the main forms of exercise many people undertake. Dog walking is also very beneficial because it creates social connections. It also provides a form of surveillance for public space, because it gets people out into public areas throughout the day. This means dog walking in the red zone is something that increases its safety and usability and should be encouraged for the public benefit it provides, as well as the benefit to dog owners. Instead of recognising these benefits, the Council is treating dog walking purely as a problem to be managed because it sometimes causes annoyance.<br><br>Indeed, there are parts of the red zone where dog waking appears to be the principle activity. These include the areas around the Shirley / Burwood Red zone at Avondale Road and Broomfield Terrace. Where I walk my dog at Avondale Road, we share the space with Rowing instructors (which does not seem to be a problem) and a small number of walkers, which again does not seem to cause much conflict. The proposal would have the effect of marginalising the main users of the park for reasons which are not clear.<br><br>As dog walkers seem to be the main users of this space, and it doesn't seem to be causing a problem , I think it is entirely reasonable that we should be allowed to continue to use the space.<br><br>The proposal to restrict dog areas to mown areas is flawed. It is not clear why dog walkers are expected to do without paths when everyone else seems to need them. Any walk with a dog is going to involve multiple crossings of paths, which may involve putting the lead on and taking it off, which is an inconvenience which will interrupt the walk. It might suit people who throw balls for their dog, but that is not many of us. It would be more workable to restrict dogs off leash to certain areas (for instance the periphery of the Broomfield Terrace area and to the area west of Avondale Road, for example. This would allow those who want to avoid dogs to do so (by walking on one side of the river for instance) and those who want to walk off leash to also do so.<br><br>I understand that the Council is trying to reach a compromise with these proposals. But I also think they marginalise dog owners, who seem to make up a very large proportion of the population and have very few facilities devoted to them compared to other groups. Of course we could walk our dogs in the beach, the same way that rugby players could also play on the beach. But we provide good (and very expensive) facilities for that group because we see the value in it. I really don't see why dog walkers should be marginalised when it is such a good activity for people to be undertaking.<br><br>The red zone provides an outstanding and well used facility as a dog walking area, and one that is not replicated elsewhere in the city, and a huge number of people use it for this purpose. Dog walking facilities are otherwise poorly provided in the east and the Council would be letting down a large number of ratepayers by reducing its usability without providing alternative facilities.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | David Hattam |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>There are often large groups of dogs in dog parks which are not under control and a pack of dogs can be quite intimidating for a single dog, even if controlled quite well. Dog walkers also often do not pay enough attention to their dogs and leave poo unpicked up. | |
| 31049 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree that dogs should be required to be leashed on footpaths, however not all shared paths and formed tracks should require dogs to be leashed. As per the Council's definition, dogs under effective control should be able to be recalled effectively and not cause a nuisance to other people. Most dog owners are responsible and considerate of others and will give way to other people on shared paths. Owners should be able to use pathways while their dog can safely explore off leash. Requiring dogs to be leashed here is overly restrictive and will inhibit responsible dog owners.<br><br>I also oppose the further restrictions on leash length. Dogs are still able to be under effective control on a long leash (3m or more) and can easily be shortened as necessary. Public safety can still be adequately maintained regardless of leash length and this blanket rule will unfortunately inhibit responsible dog owners. Restricting the leash length will also negatively affect the welfare of dogs, particularly those who are unable to be safely exercised off leash and can not easily access off leash areas. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter (https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I support dogs being on leash near roads and footpaths along roads, but not on all shared paths or pedestrian areas (although further clarification on pedestrian areas would be useful). Responsible dog owners should be able able to walk their dogs off leash on shared tracks, with their dogs under effective control.<br><br>As mentioned above, I oppose the further restrictions on leash length. A long line is a sufficient way for dogs to be restrained and under control, while allowing them the freedom to exhibit natural behaviours crucial for their mental and physical well being. The majority of dog owners are considerate of others and follow the rules. I would encourage more emphasis on education and enforcement for people not following the rules, rather than a blanket rule that overly restricts the majority of dog owners. This would better serve the public as well as responsible dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I understand the need to protect wildlife and support this concept, particularly with the Council's intention to create a green corridor here. It would be useful to be provided with a map outlining these new areas, as it's difficult to make an informed decision without one. Without a map for guidance, I currently don't support restricting dogs to the mown areas and requiring a leash for pathways. People not able to easily travel to these designated areas will also be disadvantaged (e.g. families with small children, elderly people, those with physical disabilities). Where there are threatened birds, perhaps smaller areas could be cordoned off during nesting (or leash restrictions in place), rather than a widespread rule prohibiting dogs from being anywhere other than the mown areas.<br><br>By the Councils definition, being under effective control means " the dog does not create a nuisance to any other person, or to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife". Under this definition, dogs under effective control should not pose a risk to wildlife, so further restrictions should not be necessary, provided targeted enforcement measures for problem owners are in place. I would encourage more emphasis on education and enforcement of this rule, rather than a blanket rule restricting dogs from the vast majority of the red zone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Rather than prohibiting dogs here, perhaps we could implement a leashed rule. One of the great benefits of Christchurch is the number of areas dog owners can take their dogs. Prohibiting dogs in these areas would be disappointing, particularly as leashing dogs would negate any effect of dogs on wildlife. A more balanced approach would be supported, rather than an outright ban.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As previously mentioned, I understand and support the need to protect wildlife. Where there are threatened birds, perhaps smaller areas could be cordoned off during nesting (or leash restrictions in place), rather than a widespread rule prohibiting dogs from being anywhere other than the mown areas. It would be useful to be provided with maps of the proposed areas. Without a map it's difficult to make an informed decision of how these changes will affect dog owners. | Lauren Piket |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs under effective control should not pose a risk to wildlife and should still be allowed on pathways. Responsible dog owners will give way to more vulnerable members of the community, or those travelling at greater speeds. I believe more emphasis on education and enforcement would be a better approach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For the average dog owner, these limits should be sufficient. I appreciate the implementation of an exemption process.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't support the proposal to keep dogs on leash on sports fields during games and practice sessions. Sports fields are very large and there is often ample space for dogs to be exercised well away from games and practices in session. I can understand and support keeping dogs on leash when they are close to an active game, but there's often plenty of free space in between active fields and fields that aren't being used. Dogs should be allowed off leash and under effective control where there is ample space to do so.<br><br>I don't support the increase in areas where dogs are prohibited. Rather than prohibiting dogs altogether, as is proposed at a number of locations, I suggest a leashed rule where dogs aren't able to disturb wildlife, but are still able to explore a variety of areas around Christchurch. Christchurch is a fantastic place for dog owners and it would be very disappointing to see a reduction in the number of places dog owners can take dogs.<br><br>Rather than creating an overly restrictive blanket rule for everyone, I would encourage more emphasis to be put on education and enforcement. The majority of dog owners follow the rules, are considerate of others and aren't the ones causing problems for the public. These proposed rules will unfairly inhibit these owners (and ultimately affect the welfare of their dogs), regardless of the smaller portion of problem owners (who will continue to do what they want regardless of the rules). I feel the Council can better serve the public by educating dog owners while enforcing rules in a more targeted way towards problem owners. By implementing the proposed blanket restrictions, it's feels like a fairly blunt response which will negatively affect all dog owners unnecessarily.<br><br>I would encourage the Council to take advice from dog experts and available data, rather than placing too much emphasis on public opinion. | |
| 31058 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do not support this as it would prohibit people from walking a dog on an extendable leash. An extendable leash is a great way of letting a dog have good exercise and stimulation. I often walk my dog with nobody else around so let her roam on a long extendable lead. If other people approach I shorten the leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I do not support this as it would prohibit people from walking a dog on an extendable leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposed changes say they will provide people with a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off-leash. Many people currently exercise their dogs in the Avonside area (between Retreat Road and the river) of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor. I walk there almost every morning and see these people and dogs enjoying the space. The new rules mean that dogs would be required to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths, and tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed. Reading through the questions and comments it appears this applies to all the old roads in that area too and the only areas where off-leash effective control would be allowed are the mown areas. This area is stated as being 200 hectares. While this sounds large and gives the impression that this would be adequate for dog exercise the fact is that the red zone is a tangle of old streets, planted areas, new paths etc so the mown areas are small disjointed areas that often don’t link. To walk your dog in these areas you would be constantly taking your off and on leash to pass through areas in between the mown areas. I propose that a dedicated dog space be made between Retreat Road and the new city-to-sea path that is being built where dogs can be off-lead and under effective control in a large enough area to make it logical to take your dog for an off-leash walk there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is a positive step for the protection of wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Elizabeth Caygill |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 31071 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Often when we are out walking there are not many (if any) other people around. Unjustified to restrict dogs movement on the off chance we come across someone else. We currently use a 4m lead which gives our pup a chance to have a bit more freedom without being restricted close to us. He is currently 7 months old and not got good enough recall yet to be off lead so that extra bit of m's means a lot for him. when we see people approach we just pull the lead in shorter.<br><br>Once he has grown we also think it is a little difficult to manage keeping an off lead dog off foot paths. Walking with friends and their pups they enjoy running off-lead and then walking alongside us on the track. Seems like this is a way to limit a dogs ability to run free. When she sees approaching people she is sure make sure her dogs are out of the way. Limiting dogs on foot paths seems like a way to punish the many based on the few who don't watch/ control their dogs<br><br>It should also be up to cyclists/ scooter riders to keep an eye for potential hazards, like drivers of cars. If they are moving that fast through shared spaces (e.g. Hagley Park) that they aren't aware of dogs/ peoples movements they probably shouldn't be in shared space as they would likely cause injury also to pedestrians. Personally I have nearly been knocked over by people on bikes and scooters while enjoying shared spaces, without having our pup with us, dogs aren't they sole issue but seem to be the scape goat that is easier to control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This is an unnecessary restriction with no proof of harm.<br><br>A short lead length is not enough to give dogs freedom to move, sniff and exhibit natural dog behaviour<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do not agree with the general leashed rule, especially for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor.<br><br>What proof is there of wildlife being along this corridor? I would like to see some facts and numbers of said wildlife before the introduction of such resrictions<br><br>There are also no limits on where cats can go. DOC acknowledges that cats have a major impact on native birds, bats, lizards, wētā and other insects. Cats (not dogs) are also listed on their list of animal pests and threats. Again it seems that dogs are the scape goat, if dogs are under restriction then so should cats. If cats are allowed to roam free and cause potential harm then dogs should be allowed in these areas if they are under effective control and watched by their owners. Less likely to cause issues then un-supervised cats<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is only a small area under restriction. There has been actual proof of threatened and at-risk birds using this area. There are other beach spaces which are useable nearby. Still having access to South shore Spit is good.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>These are man-made water basins, built for storm water catchment not wildlife. We frequent these wetlands often and haven't seen wildlife aside from ducks and geese which certainly don't need protection. I would like to see some sort of wildlife survey to see what wildlife we are supposedly protecting by prohibiting dog access.<br>Again we don't agree with the leashed rule for the pathways in these areas- dogs should be free to walk next to owners on foot-paths in these areas<br>These wetlands like Te Kuru are surround by new housing developments with many households with pet cats, I question what is being done to protect the wildlife from these cats? Again dogs are the scape goat, the easy target to control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sarah Whiteman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I think three off-leash is acceptable restriction. The friends I have with 3 dogs are able to keep their dogs under control quite easily. I think there is a difference on whether you own the dogs or if you are a dog walker.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Agree with lifting the leasing restrictions in central city- as property sizes get smaller it is harder to adequately exercise dogs<br><br>In general it seems that overall dog access is getting less. I am concerned that there is a general push to getting people to taking their dogs to dog parks if they want them to run off lead. I am concerned that this will increase the number of dog attacks/ restrict dog natural movements as some dogs don't cope well in over stimulating situations but can be well behaved in less busy environments. | |
| 31073 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Firstly all of these questions feel as if they are writen by people who do not like dog. 2ndly This has not been thought through. Based on this. The off lead area at the Halswellquarry has a new formed track. This would mean we have to have dogs on lead in the off lead area. 3rdly if the dog is off lead and under effective control there shouldn't be an issue. Shouldn't be off lead otherwise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above. On the roads make sense. Outside of that leave it as they are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Leave it as it is. There is no proposal to restrict cats which arguably do more damage to wildlife than dogs. Cats still have right to roam. Dogs are only getting more restricted<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Leave things as they are. | Gareth Popplestone |
| 31081 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dear Sir/ Madam,<br>I would like to make a submission regarding the draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024.<br>I will keep this short, addressing my main points, since the deadline for submission is only in a couple of hours today.<br>Short leash requirement<br>I believe the short leash requirement is a blanket rule that does not take into account a dog's welfare at all and is based on the presumption all dog owners are not responsible.<br>1,5 metres is very short, especially for small dogs, essentially requiring the dog to be in the heel position. Short leashes promote leash pulling, a non-desirable behaviour. Dogs will not be able to explore and sniff around on a short lead. Our dog is being trained to not display "free roaming" dog behaviours if held on a short lead, meaning if I hold him on a short lead he will not be able to do what he wants, his natural dog behaviours. This will ultimately lead to frustration and behavioural issues.<br>In my view, the rule should rather be to keep dogs away by a certain distance (e.g. 2 metres) from people who do not want to interact with the dog or wildlife/ places that need to be protected. Otherwise, the dog should also be able to be walked on a longer short leash or a long line to be able to exhibit natural dog behaviour but still enabling the dog owner to exert control and "reel" the dog in as and when required to adhere to the min. distance rule.<br>Have you thought about what you want to do about the retractable leashes? Will these count as short leashes because people can lock them? If yes, this would favour (owners of) small dogs who are able to control their dogs with those, not fair on (owners of) larger dogs or strong breeds. | Judith Erren |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Long lines can be looped and used as a short lead, the same as pushing the lock button. Why would I need to carry 2 leashes during my walk if I can perfectly control my dog on the long line. Therefore I would rather go with the minimum distance rule we have all gotten used to and happily adhered to during Covid-19.<br>I would also propose you introduce a rule that people do not approach dogs/ keep their distance, unless invited to. If you startle the most well behaved, good character dog, this can lead to undesirable consequences.<br>Last, I would propose that you police the current rules properly before implementing even stricter changes around leashes. This will only disadvantage the law-abiding citizens. People who walk their dogs off leash on busy roads in residential areas need to stop. This is dangerous for everyone involved. Possibly you are relying too much on people reporting. I personally dislike confrontation. An educational approach from the people who made the rules would be much better.<br>Avon-Heathcote Redzone changes<br>I walk my dog in the Bexley Red Zone almost every day. I believe the new rules will be a huge loss to the Christchurch dog community, especially those who have dogs who do not like other dogs or dogs in training.<br>It will condense the areas dogs can be walked freely down even more for these types of dogs, making undesirable interactions more likely. People chose walking their dogs in quiet areas for a reason! For example, what do people do who can no longer walk their dog in the neighbourhood because people are scared and the dog is reactive (i.e. scared himself), where do they go? A dog park? Certainly not. They will drive even further, contributing to congestion and not environmentally friendly, not productive either.<br>Mowed grass: Most of the fields are only being mowed two or three times a year. It is random. Currently I am not able to tell if the fields which were mowed 4 weeks ago have actually been mowed. If I did not walk there every day I would not know.<br>The Council will be able to make the available areas even smaller by deciding not to mow any more in the future, e.g. due to budget restraints. This is unfair on the dogs using this area.<br>The protected bird life is in the estuary itself. I agree no dogs in there and only on (in my view long) leashes along the foreshore paths etc. In the Bexley Red Zone, I can see almost no protected bird life in the grass paddocks. To be honest, there is more birdlife on the mown areas. Perhaps make the rule no dogs in the swampy areas or in the areas that have been actively restored to natural habitats?<br>The red zone is almost empty. Most of the time when I walk there during the day I meet nobody, on a very busy day perhaps three people. Who would I have to leash my dog on a short leash while walking on the broken, liquefied paths? This should be “under effective control”.<br>Nuisance<br>I strongly propose that you clarify what types of barking are actually considered nuisance barking.<br>I would like to be heard during a meeting.<br>Thank you for your consideration.<br>Kind regards,<br>Judit<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>See above.<br>Dear Sir/ Madam,<br>I would like to make a submission regarding the draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024.<br>I will keep this short, addressing my main points, since the deadline for submission is only in a couple of hours today.<br>Short leash requirement<br>I believe the short leash requirement is a blanket rule that does not take into account a dog’s welfare at all and is based on the presumption all dog owners are not responsible.<br>1,5 metres is very short, especially for small dogs, essentially requiring the dog to be in the heel position. Short leashes promote leash pulling, a non-desirable behaviour. Dogs will not be able to explore and sniff around on a short lead. Our dog is being trained to not display “free roaming” dog behaviours if held on a short lead, meaning if I hold him on a short lead he will not be able to do what he wants, his natural dog behaviours. This will ultimately lead to frustration and behavioural issues.<br>In my view, the rule should rather be to keep dogs away by a certain distance (e.g. 2 metres) from people who do not want to interact with the dog or wildlife/ places that need to be protected. Otherwise, the dog should also be able to be walked on a longer short leash or a long line to be able to exhibit natural dog behaviour but still enabling the dog owner to exert control and “reel” the dog in as and when required to adhere to the min. distance rule.<br>Have you thought about what you want to do about the retractable leashes? Will these count as short leashes because people can lock them? If yes, this would favour (owners of) small dogs who are able to control their dogs with those, not fair on (owners of) larger dogs or strong breeds.<br>Long lines can be looped and used as a short lead, the same as pushing the lock button. Why would I need to carry 2 leashes during my walk if I can perfectly control my dog on the long line. Therefore I would rather go with the minimum distance rule we have all gotten used to and happily adhered to during Covid-19. | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I would also propose you introduce a rule that people do not approach dogs/ keep their distance, unless invited to. If you startle the most well behaved, good character dog, this can lead to undesirable consequences.<br>Last, I would propose that you police the current rules properly before implementing even stricter changes around leashes. This will only disadvantage the law-abiding citizens. People who walk their dogs off leash on busy roads in residential areas need to stop. This is dangerous for everyone involved. Possibly you are relying too much on people reporting. I personally dislike confrontation. An educational approach from the people who made the rules would be much better.<br>Avon-Heathcote Redzone changes<br>I walk my dog in the Bexley Red Zone almost every day. I believe the new rules will be a huge loss to the Christchurch dog community, especially those who have dogs who do not like other dogs or dogs in training.<br>It will condense the areas dogs can be walked freely down even more for these types of dogs, making undesirable interactions more likely. People chose walking their dogs in quiet areas for a reason! For example, what do people do who can no longer walk their dog in the neighbourhood because people are scared and the dog is reactive (i.e. scared himself), where do they go? A dog park? Certainly not. They will drive even further, contributing to congestion and not environmentally friendly, not productive either.<br>Mowed grass: Most of the fields are only being mowed two or three times a year. It is random. Currently I am not able to tell if the fields which were mowed 4 weeks ago have actually been mowed. If I did not walk there every day I would not know.<br>The Council will be able to make the available areas even smaller by deciding not to mow any more in the future, e.g. due to budget restraints. This is unfair on the dogs using this area.<br>The protected bird life is in the estuary itself. I agree no dogs in there and only on (in my view long) leashes along the foreshore paths etc. In the Bexley Red Zone, I can see almost no protected bird life in the grass paddocks. To be honest, there is more birdlife on the mown areas. Perhaps make the rule no dogs in the swampy areas or in the areas that have been actively restored to natural habitats?<br>The red zone is almost empty. Most of the time when I walk there during the day I meet nobody, on a very busy day perhaps three people. Who would I have to leash my dog on a short leash while walking on the broken, liquefied paths? This should be “under effective control”.<br>Nuisance<br>I strongly propose that you clarify what types of barking are actually considered nuisance barking.<br>I would like to be heard during a meeting.<br>Thank you for your consideration.<br>Kind regards,<br>Judith<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>See above.<br><br>*See attachment - page 801 | |
| 31097 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Delia Teesdale |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>*See attachment - page 803 | |
| 31099 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As per my feedback comments below<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am writing to express concerns regarding the growing dog population in Chartries Bay and the ongoing lack of enforcement of dog control regulations, particularly on the beach and cliff track areas. Despite clear signage and regulations in place, the current situation is increasingly problematic, and I believe urgent action is needed to address this.<br><br>Non-compliance with Dog Regulations It is rare to walk the cliff track without encountering dogs well before their owners are in sight. Many dog owners let their pets off-leash, despite clear signage indicating dogs should be leashed. For example, there is a specific sign located 50 meters from the beach at the junction of the cliff track, instructing dog owners to keep dogs on a leash. Despite this, dogs are often seen running freely, sometimes up to 200 meters from their owners. This is a frequent occurrence during busy months and poses significant risks, especially when dogs are sprinting uncontrollably in an area with young children present.<br><br>Safety Risks to Children and Pets Earlier this year, I had a frightening encounter when a pitbull charged at me and my 2-year-old toddler. In an effort to protect my child, I had to pick them up, and the dog then lunged at us. This type of encounter is terrifying, especially considering the number of toddlers and young children in the area. The layout of the beach, combined with dogs being allowed off-leash, offers very little time to react when a dog suddenly appears, and the consequences can be severe.<br><br>Moreover, we have experienced personal tragedy. Our pet was mauled on our property by a roaming dog and dragged into the water in front of children. I have witnessed other dog attacks on the beach and, on multiple occasions, stray dogs have entered our home—leading to safety concerns for our children and an intrusion on our private property. These incidents, while not isolated, | Michael Palmer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | are becoming all too frequent.<br><br>Dog-Related Incidents and Confrontations I understand that dog control officers face challenges with enforcement due to limited resources, but the current enforcement measures do not appear effective. I have made numerous complaints to the dog enforcement team, following their guidance to confront owners, take photos of the dog's ID tag, or record the vehicle number plates. Unfortunately, this has often led to confrontational situations. Dog owners frequently claim they were unaware of the rules or insist their dogs are under "effective control," even when their dogs are far from them, running uncontrollably. On one occasion, when attempting to take a photo of a dog's collar, I was verbally abused and threatened, creating an unsafe environment for all involved.<br><br>In another instance, I confronted a dog owner at the North Avon BMX park when her German Shepherd was chasing my toddler. When I attempted to photograph her dog's collar to report it, the owner physically assaulted me. This aggressive response illustrates the personal risks of trying to enforce the rules myself.<br><br>Effectiveness of Fines and Impact on the Community I also have concerns that the proposed fines will not be a deterrent for many dog owners. There are people in the area with significant financial resources—such as owners of multimillion-dollar properties—who allow their dogs to roam free without concern for the fines. For these individuals, a fine is unlikely to influence their behavior.<br><br>Environmental Impact The impact of this unchecked dog population extends beyond personal safety concerns—it is also having a detrimental effect on local wildlife. We are losing local species such as oyster catchers, herons, and spoonbills, which flee the beach when chased by dogs. These birds have disappeared from the area during peak dog activity times. We also have a local free-range dog that constantly barks at a spoonbill, preventing it from returning to the area. The lack of dog control is not only a safety issue for humans, but it is also contributing to the decline of local wildlife.<br><br>Conclusion I understand that resources are limited, but the current approach to enforcing dog control regulations is clearly insufficient. With the growing dog population in Chartries Bay, I urge the council to consider more effective strategies, including better enforcement of existing rules, clearer communication with the public, and stronger penalties for non-compliance. The safety of residents, particularly children, as well as the protection of our local wildlife, should be a top priority.<br><br>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing meaningful action taken to address these growing concerns | |
| 31105 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 806 | Alex Earl |
| 31110 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Dean Jellyman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 808 | |
| 31115 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>*See attachment - page 809 | Patricia Wallace |
| 31120 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 813 | Katya Houghton |
| 31124 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 815 | Fearga Jellyman |
| 31130 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Daniel Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 816 | |
| 31319 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Derrick Webb |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

### Organisations / Businesses who do not wish to speak to the Hearings Panel

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| 29395 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>By requiring dogs on a leash you lessen the conflict between dog owners and others. Ensures dogs are controlled<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>By requiring dogs on a leash you lessen the conflict between dog owners and others. Ensures dogs are controlled<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>By requiring dogs on a leash you lessen the conflict between dog owners and others. Ensures dogs are controlled<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is increibly important to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This is totally about safety and I fully endorse this decision.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We are most thankful that Riccarton House, Bush and the environs are still covered by the Policy. | Shona Willis<br>Riccarton Bush Trust |
| 30508 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Hi CCC,<br>Thanks for the care you are taking in updating the dog by law. I was part of the group of three that met with a couple council reps to discuss the survey results and find out more information about what the exemption process might look like for professional dog walkers. We have reviewed the proposed by law changes and have some feedback as below.<br><br>I'm against requiring dogs to be on-lead on paths in green spaces where off-lead is allowed. It risks creating unnecessary conflict with those who dislike dogs and adds confusion for owners. I can imagine people on their bikes or walking and a dog is off lead on the grass and then they cross the path and people complain and it becomes very niggly.<br><br>I'm also concerned about how this affects people who rely on stable paths for safety/mobility (eg elderly people) but still want to walk their dogs off lead. They may have a pulley dog and if on lead might risk them falling over.<br><br>Thanks for considering our feedback<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Stephanie Watson<br>Chch Pet Sitter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think it should be at least three per dog owner in case someone has two dogs and wants to help a neighbour or grandma etc with exercising their pooch. | |
| 30652 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Board agrees that safety needs to be a priority and on that basis support the limits on the number of dogs one person can control on a public place. However, we submit that the process to apply for an exemption needs to be easily understandable and based on fair, objective criteria.<br><br>The Board seeks clarity on the requirement for dogs to be leashed on footpaths and formed tracks, if that track is formed inside a dog park or dog exercise area. The Board is also concerned that monitoring and enforcement needs to be prioritised to ensure compliance.<br><br>The Board asks that clear guidance is provided to people who want to make a complaint about a dog, particularly regarding being unleashed on a footpath.<br><br>The Board seeks confirmation that dogs are required to be leashed in the vicinity of organised sport games. | Nicola Mccormick<br>Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board |
| 30901 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>We see a great deal of disturbance being caused by dogs off the leash in the estuary area. | Redcliffs Residents Association<br>Redcliffs Residents Association |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Redcliffs Residents Association strongly supports proposals to increase protection for wildlife by improving dog control in the entire Avon-Heathcote Estuary and we support the Estuary Trust in their detailed submission. Dogs must be entirely excluded from the mudflats and only allowed to exercise on a leash on the surrounding footpaths and the estuary edge at South Shore.<br>We would like to see greater public education and notices around the estuary edge.<br>There is also a need for more dog exercise areas in our part of Christchurch.<br>We would also like to see more effective enforcement action and better signage. | |
| 30945 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>We agree that dogs should always remain on-leash in designated areas and under effective control. These measures are critical for reducing unwanted encounters and enhancing public safety. We do recommend that there is some clarification regarding what a "short leash" means exactly since there can be many variations in the length of a dog leash with various options for extendable leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>We agree that dogs must be under control at all times whilst on shared paths and in pedestrian areas in order to enhance public safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>We recommend dog walkers undergo professional training and obtain certification. This ensures they possess the necessary skills to manage multiple dogs effectively and responsibly. We would like to see some further details on what the exemption process would look like, what training would be provided and by whom. We would support this training being delivered by Companion Animal New Zealand Accredited Professionals: https://www.companionanimals.nz/accreditation<br><br>*See attachment - page 818 | Sally Cory<br>Companion Animal Veterinarians Branch Of The New Zealand Veterinary Association |
| 30964 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please see our attached documents 'Christchurch City Council submission Dec 2024 - Let's Talk about Cats' for answers regarding the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw.<br><br>*See attachment - page 820 | Nicola Mcdonald<br>Companion Animals New Zealand |
| 30979 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We do not agree with the requirement for dogs to be leashed on paths in areas (parks etc) where off-leash exercise is permitted. We feel there is an increased risk for confusion surrounding what is and isn't allowed and it creates an environment for unnecessary conflict between dog owners and other people using the spaces (if a dog happens to run across a path, are they expected to be leashed even if they are crossing from one grassed area to another etc.) It also poses risks for those who are unable to walk their dogs on leash due to mobility issues. They rely on these off-leash areas to allow their dog to get proper exercise, and may not be able to have them on leash for long periods of time while walking down | Theresa Karg<br>Head To Tail |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| | paths for their own safety.<br><br>Greetings between dogs are often much calmer off-leash, and we feel that removing the opportunity for dogs to engage with one another in a relaxed/calm manner will increase the risk of avoidable fights and incidents on these paths. If there is not space for the dogs to move around (i.e. they are stuck next to their owner on a short leash having to walk past another dog on a short leash) it may lead to instances of aggression between the dogs - totally avoidable if they are off leash and able to interact on their own terms.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dog safety on the road is important so we agree with dogs needing to be leashed in these areas to protect themselves, their owners and people who may be driving/cycling past etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of our native flora and fauna is important so we agree with most of this, however do not agree with the general pathway leashed rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This will negatively impact dog walkers who take out multiple dogs at a time and have them under effective control. Decreasing the number of dogs allowed off leash at a time will create a lot of stress, concern and uncertainty for dog walkers who manage larger groups safely and efficiently.<br><br>More information is needed on what the exemption process entails and how difficult the process will be for companies with many employees. In that scenario does each person apply? What if someone is denied within the company? Is it just one exemption that covers the whole of the company provided they meet the criteria?<br><br>I think it is unfair to put restrictions on everyone who is responsible when handling multiple dogs at a time, just because some people do not exercise effective control when they have multiple dogs on a walk. | |
| 31103 | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Ruth Littlewood<br>Forest & Bird Protection Society Of New Zealand |
| 31104 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am the secretary of Whakaraupo Football FC, a football team that has been playing competitively on the Lyttelton Recreation Grounds since 1976.<br>We have over 40 members from the Lyttelton community and we play and train on the Lyttelton recreation grounds all year.<br>Sunday League Division One games: April to September 2 to 4:30 pm<br>Training: October to April Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm; Sunday 2 to 4:30 pm<br>As a club we strongly oppose the proposed lifting the leashing requirements on the Lyttelton Recreation Grounds to enable a flat space for people to exercise dogs.<br>The recent improvements to the recreation grounds has unfortunately come at a costs of removing ~25% of the recreation grassed area, hence with less recreation grass left we need to ensure that the grassed area is preserved for all year recreation and not spoiled by being covered in dog faeces and dogs not under control.<br>We have had numerous incidents in recent years of dogs not under control disrupting our matches and training sessions and often have to undertake dog faeces removal before we play on the pitch.<br>We have witnessed dog owners dropping dogs off and staying in their cars<br>Phil Lindsay | Phil Lindsay<br>Whakaraupo Football Fc |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name - Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| 31141 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 851 | Callum Ward<br>Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

### Individuals who do not wish to speak to the Hearings Panel

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 28868 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Under effective control should be good enough, but most dog owners don't have their dogs under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Under effective control and within a 2 meter radius around the owner should be good enough, but most dog owners don't have their dogs under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Under effective control should be good enough, but most dog owners don't have their dogs under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Under effective control/short leash around nesting areas should be good enough, but most dog owners don't have their dogs under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Under effective control should be good enough, but most dog owners don't have their dogs under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'd say generally less restrictions, but more effective enforcements and policing of those restrictions in place. The problem is that some dog owners don't even obey the current rules - nor do some have their dog under control. | Sebastian Heise |
| 28870 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Joon Kim |
| 28871 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Better protection for reactive dogs and for people | Emily Mcdonnell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Do not ban dogs in Styx Mill Reserve. Spaces that already function well as on-leash spaces should not be restricted further | |
| 28873 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This will be hard to define. What is a formed track? This will be unenforceable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Do not agree with leashes at The Groynes | Mark White |
| 28874 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As your picture shows. Bikes and scooters are a far bigger hazard than dogs. Ask any walker on Christchurch streets. There are a lot of pathways and tracks through parks and in wet weather sometimes they are the only alternative for walking to expect dogs to be leashed on these is over the top control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As an elderly person i would be more interested in controlling bikes and scooters<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Suzanne Goodwin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>I am not familiar with this area but imagine that a lot of people walk their dogs there who would be more suited to comment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Perhaps if the council had not removed most of the rubbish bins from parks and walkways there would be less dog poo left around | |
| 28875 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>how short is the short leash?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>what is the definition of short leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mary-Lou Watkins |
| 28876 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Frank Goorhuis |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No further feedback, but please consider the effects of roaming cats on wildlife as well. | |
| 28877 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support this in part. On footpaths and walkways and in natural areas. But as I live right on Avonhead Park, I see no problem with dogs being loose in an area like this. The park is full of people enjoying themselves with their dogs. This smacks of a minority being pandered to. Why not put a time on parks and allow dogs, unleashed before say 9am? or some such. These spaces are meant for people to enjoy, not heavy handed beaurocracy to take over. Avonhead Park is not a wildlife area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Obvious common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds like common sense, although there may have to be an exemption for dog walkers<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As I have a close connection with Avonhead Park, my knowledge of it makes me think that to limit this park is overkill. What would be wrong with banning unleashed dogs at certain times, eg When the kids are playing soccer etc. | Peter Robertson |
| 28878 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Marie Vilmay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28879 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Some children are nervous around animals and don't want to be approached. Also, some dogs may react differently if touched. This way people will also see their dogs do number twos and therefore we may actually have more picked up.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as the above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bryan Walker |
| 28880 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Definition of a short leash will vary from person to person<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the dogs safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protection of species is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>We have 4 dogs - all can effectively be controled when out walking at various parks - it would be cruel to them to have 2 on a leash when they cannot run and play with their pack. Although we do walk 3 at a time - still that is 3 off lead at the same time so they can run and play with their pack.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>it seems like all the areas where dogs have freedom are being removed | Lycia Rice-Auringer |
| 28881 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I understand the issue around dogs being in control and the associated health and safety issues. It seems that owners whos dogs are trained/ well behaved are being penalised for those small numberof people whos dogs are not meeting an acceptable standard. Its a hammer to crack a nut. There is already legislation to enforce owners to sort their dogs out or loose them. There are also people around who exagerate the issue of dog control, you have only to look on social media to see some fairly outlandish claims around attacks to people just "feeling | Andrew Nugent |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | uncomfortable" around dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense, my dog would chase trailers if given the chance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28882 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stephen Munns |
| 28883 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Some quiet footpaths, when a dog is well behaved, I think they're okay to be off leash, same with some greenspace tracks, but Shared Paths they should be on leash (nothing worse than running over a dog and crashing on your bike).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Again, some footpaths should be fine off leash. Shared Paths, on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think near the river where most of the birds are, definitely. Some of the open spaces (ex residential streets and sections) I see no problem with well behaved dogs running free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Richard Earl |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on the wildlife present.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because people with too many dogs may not be able to control them all. | |
| 28884 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>All responsible owners should leash their dogs on paths. Helps particularly for dogs who don't like to be greeted by other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What is the point of prohibiting dogs from Styx Mill Conservation Area when the predator control fence does not go the entire way around? Cats are the main issue in the reserve, not dogs. And there are no bylaws to control cats. There will be no easy way to reach the dog park from Regents Park, except by driving. Why would I drive when the point is to exercise a dog. Having dogs on a leash in the reserve is more than adequate. Those that walk dogs off leash in the reserve will continue to do so even if dogs are prohibited. By prohibiting them, you are punishing those responsible dog owners who enjoy walking through the reserve. | Annabelle Coates |
| 28885 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I believe the wording should still allow dogs in these areas to be off-lead but under effective control. Most dog owners prefer to walk their dogs off-lead. I feel this is penalizing good dog owners and bad owners should have larger consequences instead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Thomas Bosma |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28887 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't see how this will practically work. E.g. in Hansen Park, I ride my bike or run on the footpath, and my dog usually runs on the grass, off leash. Occasionally he'll cross the path: does that mean I have to leash him?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bridget Gilden |
| 28888 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Desiree Lennon |
| 28889 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It will make myself and my dog feel safer if other dogs are on effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It will make myself and my dog feel safer if other dogs are on effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Lauralee Mather |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28890 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Heather Clark |
| 28891 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because not everybody likes dogs and when you're sharing a path with a walker / biker you need to be considerate of their needs too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>My dog was viciously attacked two years ago and the man that was supposed to be in control of it wasn't. He had two dogs "in his care". When I see a dog walker with more than 4 dogs at the forest, etc it worries me for the dog walker's safety but also if one or more of the dogs decided to attack another dog, the dog walker won't necessarily have full control - especially if the dog's not actually theirs. | Hannah Nixon |
| 28892 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have a small dog who us reactive to other dogs but who is controllable and less frightened of dogs on a leash. I feel anxious when large dogs run at us and not at all reassured by the | Susan Clark |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | owners saying "they are friendly". While I accept that in a park, which I can choose to avoid, I consider I should be able to safely walk my leashed dog on a public path or alongside the Heathcote River.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I note a lot of large dogs are exercised along the roadside beside the Heathcote River (Beckenham and St Martins loops). I think it is not safe either to other users or drivers in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Provided it's confined appropriately. This is a very extensive area and it should be possible for owners of active, well-controlled dogs to widely use this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's an important wildlife area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect tge planting and native habitat<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because it is highly unlikely that a person can safely control more than 4 dogs. To exceed the bar they would need to be professionals and the dogs would need to be fully trained, which is unlikely in a doggy daycare, dog walking situation. | |
| 28894 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is fine to change it but doubt it will be monitored in any effective way to make a difference.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Maps would have been helpful to know which parts of the corridor are covered here. I use the Richmond area of the red zone and it seems to work well for all so keen for that not to change. The dog walks on the road part which is no longer in use for vehicles or the grassed area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely! Dog walkers are a pain for other people there with their dogs, it is a safety issue and often feels like the dog walkers do not have things under control esp if more than one of their dogs kick off. It makes it safer for all<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Re Abberley Park - why is it the eastern lawn where dogs are allowed? The western lawn makes much more sense. The eastern lawn has a picnic table and a playground on it so dogs and | A D |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | children are right next to each other. It is also not ideal when children are playing cricket or the like on that lawn. Makes more sense to have dogs being allowed off leash on the western lawn where there are 2x bench seats but no playgrounds or swimming pools with children near by<br><br>Abberley Park, St<br>Albans<br>Leashed /<br>under effective<br>control<br>Dogs must be on a leash in the Park to protect heritage gardens,<br>but are allowed off-leash / under effective control on the flat<br>eastern lawn area only (note that dogs are prohibited from within<br>one metre of playground equipment and paddling pool) | |
| 28895 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Agree is safer for all as we have noted some dogs off leash while ours on leash have been somewhat agressive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Stated reasons for the rule change are logical<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>AS above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have noted a few persons trying to control six dogs up Hackthorne Road to limited degree so agree that good policy to limit numbers as above.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dont think the changes are onerous o dog owners. | Paul Wilkins |
| 28897 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Tracey Mclean |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 28898 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The 'shared paths' and 'formed tracks' definition is too wide. I often walk the Diamond Harbour coastal track with my dog. I am assuming that this track would fall under the 'shared path' category but the path is too narrow to allow a person and a leashed dog to walk safely side by side (i.e without one of you being too close to the cliff edge).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This rule is sensible for both dog and driver safety reasons.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Defining where birds may be nesting (and therefore where dogs are not allowed) would be a very complex process. Would this bylaw mean that the Council would be carrying out regular surveys of bird nesting areas and adjusting the prohibited areas accordingly?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>My elderly spaniel has been attacked several times. Once by two Schnauzer brothers in Victoria Park dog walking area and twice on the Diamond Harbour track by three pig dogs who were off-leash and not under the control of their young owner. To be honest, I would be happy if the maximum number of off-leash dogs per owner was reduced to one, as multiple loose dogs can hunt as a pack (this was the explanation the Schnauzer owners gave me for the attack on my dog before I took him to the vet.....) | Susan Robinson |
| 28899 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and relaxed enjoyment of the areas for all - people and dogs alike.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife and bird life need protecting<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife and bird life need protecting<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Beth Rouse |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Wildlife and bird life need protecting<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Totally reasonable proposal | |
| 28900 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I fully support dogs being required to be on a leash in these areas, but the owner/person in control should be able to choose whether this is a short or adjustable leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I fully support dogs being required to be on a leash in these areas, but the owner/person in control should be able to choose whether this is a short or adjustable leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jack Boers |
| 28901 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>A long leash should be acceptable if the owner shortens it when walkers and cyclists are present<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>A long leash should be acceptable if the owner shortens it when walkers and cyclists are present<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sarah Ledingham |
| 28902 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Linda Templeton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28903 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kirsten Ward |
| 28904 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is overreach on already suitable rules. This will just get ignored and penalize responsible dog owners. This change is a knee jerk reaction and allowing a minor aspect of poor behavior to influece the majority of people.<br><br>Has anyone considered country roads where working dogs are ? You cant expect working dogs to be on a short leash. There should be reference to working dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This is overreach on already suitable rules. This will just get ignored and penalize responsible dog owners. This change is a knee jerk reaction and allowing a minor aspect of poor behavior to influece the majority of people.<br><br>Has anyone considered country roads where working dogs are ? You cant expect working dogs to be on a short leash. There should be reference to working dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>sensible change | Brent Thomas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>sensible change<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>support concept - but should be three when off leash and five when leashed<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Majority of dog owners are responsible. Christchurch is a great city to enjoy owning and walking a dog. Dogs love being off leash and many behave very well with no trouble. These proposed changes are example of more regulation and restrictions that the council seem intent on making in response to a small number of problems.<br><br>I do not support such changes and increases on the burden of regulation the council want to continue with. | |
| 28905 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most dogs are fine, and most people like to interact with them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There is no need to further regulate every aspect of life. The red zone is lightly used, and does not require any further regulation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There is no need to further regulate every aspect of life. Everything is fine as-is, stop looking for problems to make it look like you are doing something.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There is no need to further regulate every aspect of life. Everything is fine as-is, stop looking for problems to make it look like you are doing something.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This would almost never apply to anyone. Most people have one or two dogs. Stop looking for problems to make it look like you are doing something.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Kiwis love their dogs, and dogs are an essential part of life, and valued members of the family. Instead of imposing further short-sighted rules, look to Europe, where dogs are allowed pretty much anywhere, including shops, public transport etc. The result is a population of well-socialized, friendly dogs who are a welcomed part of the community, and who help provide a family atmosphere wherever they go.<br><br>Please confine yourselves to dealing with the issues we pay our rates for - power, water, rubbish, and not ideological social engineering projects. | Peter Morris |
| 28906 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I'm happy with this idea but not in dog parks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Saves a dog running up to you or running onto the road | Cherie Lovell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs have some where to run, they don't need to be by wild life unless the are on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>No, if they are on a leash there shouldn't be a problem. Punish the ones that don't have their dogs on a leash not the ones that have there dogs under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If they are on a leash there shouldn't be a problem. Punish the ones that don't put there dogs on leash's not the ones that are responsible and keep there dogs under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are on a leash there shouldn't be a problem. Punish the people that don't use leashes not the ones that are responsible and keep there dogs under control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More needs to be done about unregistered and out of control dogs. How about rewarding good dog management. Theres plenty of people that are responsible dog owners why should they and there dogs be restricted because of the small few that are a-holes that think they can do what they want with there dog. | |
| 28907 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If on a rack how can we take our dog? Paths and footpaths I understand.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Agree<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not sure what evedince there is on this as don't walk my dog there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No except how can you control all this as some owners won't abide and makes it un fair for those that do.<br>I also want to state that most dog attacks happen when a dog feels threatened by another dog and his restricted on a lead and have seen this many times.So the good owner gets an injured dog.<br>A well socialized dog will always be more relaxed off a lead. | Michaela Jackson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 28908 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No, Strongly against this. Many dog owners are able to effectively control their dogs without needing to leash them. CCC should enforce existing regulations on irresponsible dog-owners, not create new legislation that will be ignored by those who create the problems these rules seek to solve.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Current regulations are sufficient<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Current regulations are sufficient, responsible owners will already be controlling their dogs in this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Current regulations are sufficient, responsible owners will already be controlling their dogs in this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Current regulations are sufficient, responsible owners will already be controlling their dogs in this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This looks to be a sensible proposal although likely to be ignored by those who need it most.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>General feedback: responsible dog owners already control their animals effectively. CCC need to look at better enforcement of existing regulations on irresponsible dog owners. We should be creating more freedom for people to enjoy their outside time with their animal, not seeking to create more rules and by-laws to curtail that enjoyment. | Gerard Coulson |
| 28909 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs spend most of their walking time sniffing scents particularly in greenspace areas. I have 2 small dogs which I walk on  self adjusting leads for past 10 years with no problems, on a short lease they would be very frustrated<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as previous question<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems very sensible and obvious<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible idea<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Good idea | Tony Quinn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have seen incidents of dog walker losing control when 5 or more dogs on leases<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | |
| 28910 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need exercise off a leash and particuarly in winter to walk on a formed path in a park suits everyone.<br>dogs not being excersies enough will then be unsettled- bark etc at home<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>pedestrian areas on or near roads- yes completely<br>Shared paths- are shared for that reason, people without dogs have a lot more options to walk than a shared path particularly in a park area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protect wildlife is very important but also offers a suitable alternative to excersie dogs off leash, unlike the first blanket rule to have all dogs on a lead in shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>completely agree to protect wildlife and a very valid reason unlike prohibiting unleashed dogs under effective control in shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>protect wildlife is very important but also offers a suitable alternative to excersie dogs off leash, unlike the first blanket rule to have all dogs on a lead in shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>but however there will be soon very limited areas a person can have even 1 dog off a leash to wak to from their own residence.<br>We wuld then need to drive to a suitable location at 5.30am in the morning to abide by the new rule to have all dogs on a lead in shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There are a number of very suitable parks- Avonhead, Edgar MacIntosh that are more than pleasant and large enough for all to enjoy with a dog under effective control off an leash.<br>Responsible dog owners are being punsihed by non dog owners or non responsible owners. | Kate Franken |
| 28911 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>i am elderly and though unsteady on feet I enjoy being able to walk without woorying about being knocked over by unleashed dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Christina Hill |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28913 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Many dogs do not need to be.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The existing regulations are strict enough. Dogs that are problematic should be leashed by their owners so as not to endanger wildlife or people. | Susannah Kenton |
| 28914 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God. | Gin Green |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>It is ridiculous to try and regulate nature to this degree. Local government gone crazy. Stop playing God.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am saddened that this is where your efforts and resources are going. At least I can rest easy knowing that while people may be dying, trafficked, imprisoned, and exploited, at least we have no dog shit on the shimmering footpaths of suburbia. Yipee, great job team. Just what government is for... | |
| 28915 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>When you are walking a dog and an unleashed do comes along it becomes very stressful as to whether they will cause an issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I believe dogs should be allowed in all areas as long as leashed and with a responsible dog owner. Dogs should not be allowed unleashed in any of these areas and therefore can not harm the wild life. Cats cause way more damage and issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Alison Van Lent |
| 28916 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Elderly, children, sick people and smaller dogs are quite often approached by other dogs who can attack or bowl them over when not under a short leash. You do not have effective control not on a leash. NY fear is,who is going to police this,as there will be dog owners who refuse to acknowledge this law.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Vicki-Anne Parker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Yes too many times dogs pack attack another dog or person | |
| 28917 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robin England |
| 28918 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A well controlled dog should be allowed off their leash on paths in parks such as Hagley Park etc. A well behaved and contented dog is one that can be curious about its surroundings and explore, stop and sniff more than they can when on a short leash. We are yet to have any issue with any dog that is off its leash anywhere in Hagley Park.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>It depends on the busyness of the road and how well controlled the dog is.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Too many out of control dogs can roam too far from their owners in these areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wendy Blay |
| 28919 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Mark Staiger |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog regulations are too restrictive as they stand, the proposed bylaws have very little benefit or advantage, but will be a waste of taxpayers money to implement. | |
| 28920 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Most responsible owners already do so, and the few people that dont, spoil it. The people that dont keep them on leashes, tend to feel everyone should love their dog, and so can spoil it for everyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above, and safety reasons for dogs and vulnerable or people who fear dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife protection is absolutely paramount, snd well above peoples desires for their dogs to run free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above 2. People dont need to be in wildlife areas when safer options in mowed areas are available to them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on how much control they have. There are some very good neighbourly dog walkers about<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No, but I would be interested in knowing how you plan to police the changes especially with increasng self entitled people who will not be told what they can and cant do | Sophia Harris |
| 28921 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Tony Hay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28923 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because some dogs are dangerous and need to be under good control by their owners and also a lot of dogs do not like other dogs and get nasty. Plus it gives people a safer feeling.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes people feel safer who are using the paths etc and we certainly dont want dogs running all over the street and annoying people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Too dangerous<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Too dangerous<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs should be on a leash anywhere, as they are too unpredictable and so are their owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Im not happy when confronted by a mob of dogs leashed or otherwise.Some dog owners just DO NOT CARE.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What happened to the fines for not picking up their dog poo? There is a ton of it everywhere and I have watched dog owners mainly with large dogs leave their mess and carry on walking regardless-DISGUSTING. | Barbara Crofts |
| 28924 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>My dog has had some problems with larger dogs off-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>My dog has had some problems with larger dogs off-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife | Mark Atherton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Difficult for one person to fully control many dogs... | |
| 28925 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Max 2 large dogs when leashed. 4 Large dogs are uncontrollable for most people if there is any problem (ie dog fight / aggression).<br><br>Max 1 large dog unleashed in public place. We often walk our dogs on Sumner beach and see many large dogs uncontrolled and running well beyond "effective control". Sometimes these dogs are up to 100m or more from their owners. We have seen these out of control dogs attack or harass the smaller dogs on the beach and also go charging up to other members of the public. Agian if anything happens a single owner would not be able to control 2 large dogs.<br><br>The definition of "under effective control" needs to be made clear and also needs to be policed better. | Peter Newton |
| 28926 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think that on fall paths and tracks it's safer for everyone for dogs to be on a leash, and in particular a short enough leash to be able to limit the dog's ability to interact with other people and dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as previous answer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I enjoy going for walks in the red zone and often take my dog there to run around off-lead. However I still support restricting the areas that dogs can be off-lead in the red zone in order to better protect wildlife along the river corridor. There is still ample space for dogs to be off-lead in the mowed grass areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is very important to me so any measure that helps with this goal has my support. | Mike Fulcher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As previous answer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think it makes sense to ensure that only people with the appropriate skills can be in control of many dogs, for the safety of everyone.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I was pleasantly surprised to see that the Groynes would be accessible to dogs (on-lead). I think this is great. | |
| 28927 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree with it in such places as hagley park where the number of people and bikes is high, however in general parts or storm water parks the sometimes there is no one else this rule seems archaic and out of touch.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Roads and footpath is fair. How is “near a road” going to be patrolled. It’s ambiguous. Am I near a road on my own front lawn that’s next to the laneway I live in? Is my dog not allowed on that because of that despite her getting into our car? Seems silly and unnecessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not an area I live in or visit<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not an area I live in or visit<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There is limited to no wildlife in this area. When there are the owners need to take responsibility and be policed if they are not. Plenty of owners that keep their dogs under effective control in this area but we seem to have to bring in rules and punish others. Even if you do put this rule in, the people who do not have effective control will continue to let the dogs off the lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This comes down to indervidual dogs and their owners and again you are restricting people’s rights. I walk my dogs and my sisters dog at times and this means I won’t be able to anymore. Why should you restrict my rights. Maybe the number should be higher, like 4 unleashed. One thing we love about chch is the dog friendly atmosphere.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Leashed on sports fields makes sense, however during practice seems harsh. Would it not make sense to have this has you must stay so many metres away from the field as a park can be pretty big and just have a few kids kicking a ball in one corner meaning you have to be leashed under this rule.<br><br>Agree with amendments to “under effective control” | Olivia Webster |
| 28928 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have a  rescue,nervous anxious dog. I go to great lengths eg do not pet harness and muzzle  and leash in outdoors shared spaces to protect her and others. Not all dog owners have control of their dogs . | Julie Robinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all involved<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons explained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons explained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons explained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all | |
| 28929 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>better control of dogs<br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sam Palmer |
| 28930 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Laura Coulton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 28931 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog is calm, well behaved & I am a responsible dog owner.<br>I also understand the neuro diverse community and their needs. I am aware of these. Because of my dogs nature I ensure his approach to those unsure so they may enjoy the pleasure of owning a fog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs near major roads do need to be leased for dafety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It's not the dogs that are the problem…it's the owners<br>Recently holidayed in the zoo….dogs are everywhere…on train, busses, hotels, pubs, libraries etc…because owners are used to 'looking after' their dogs they are no problem to wildlife ,people , children or habitat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Two dogs are all one person with two arms are reasonably able to control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Tame the human element …the dogs are fine | Jo Geary |
| 28932 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This seems unnecessary, cyclists are way for more dangerous on a shared pathway at the speed they go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Potential danger to the dog as the can bolt if suddenly scared by a loud noise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife should be the priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife should be the priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Jo Spillane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Protection of wildlife should be the priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Professional dog walkers are the only people that regularly walk more than two dogs and I feel this would be detrimental to their work.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | |
| 28933 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths and shared paths yes, formed tracks no. As a responsible owner of 2 or more dogs for over 20 years we commonly take our dogs to green spaces to walk dogs on formed tracks away from vehicles and off lead. If necessary, for other pedestrians or cyclists, domesticated animals or wildlife, we may put our dogs back on lead if warranted. The onus should be on the owner to maintain effective control of their dog(s) would support fines for breaches where an animal has not been kept under control. Would also support full/total bans of dogs to key wildlife habitats.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>The risk of the animal responding unpredictably to an event adjacent to any road is too great to the animal itself as well as reactive effects of the driver - potential damage to property and humans.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As stated above, wildlife habitats need to be preserved. Additionally, there are plenty of other options or places where dogs can be walked on/off lead within 5km just about anywhere in Christchurch.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As stated above, wildlife habitats need to be preserved. Additionally, there are plenty of other options or places where dogs can be walked on/off lead within 5km just about anywhere in Christchurch.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As stated above, wildlife habitats need to be preserved. Additionally, there are plenty of other options or places where dogs can be walked on/off lead within 5km just about anywhere in Christchurch.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depending on the exemption process and how difficult it may be. Will the owner of more than two dogs have to pay for this process? | Tim Stark |
| 28934 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Paths aren't wide enough for a dog on leash to walk by another dog and owner if they are off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Sandy Otway |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Currently their are people walking up to 5 dogs (both on and off leash) without any idea of the impact they are having on walkers. I have experienced the owners ignoring their dogs and totally unaware of their toileting while chatting with their friends.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see some kind of consequence when a violation has occurred. | |
| 28935 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>When they are under effective voice control, they do not pose a problem. I don't want to unfairly restrict responsible dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See comment above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Sensitive wildlife need to be protected at all times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See comment above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See comment above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Two is as many as anyone could handle at one time. | Rick Vandertie |
| 28937 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that these tracks are for everyone. While dog owners have a responsibility to keep their dogs under effective control, what about children who don't have spatial awareness - what are their parents doing? What about people who do not slow down on bikes for those who are vulnerable walkers and worst of all, what about those who ride their e-scooters at dangerous speeds - why is active management of these and only dogs and their owners are being 'managed' and restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Agreed - but more and more, we are experiencing cyclists on paths at dangerous speeds and e-scooters - what about regulating these?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I cannot see any evidence that dogs are creating a problem for wildlife in this area. | Emma Hayes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I personally own two dogs and support another family friend with their dog from time to time. They are all well-behaved and controlled dogs, so limiting to two has massive implications not just for us but for many others I am expecting. We regularly meet people with 3 dogs, usually small dogs like ours as well and it is a non-issue.<br><br>Do the results you reference come from dog registration numbers? Personally, I've been trying since July to register a new dog with the council (over two communications attempted) and am still waiting as well as re-registering my existing, so I would like to know that these stats are genuinely up to date.<br><br>I agree about accreditation for dog walking services, but please don't penalise the majority who are doing the right thing. | |
| 28938 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sara Hinz |
| 28939 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog is under effective control on the path and should be allowed as that is where I am walking. There are cyclists and electric scooters riders doing excessive speed on these paths, referring to the rail line path in Papanui, particularly St James Park, and there is no control of them. That is the most dangerous thing to watch out for on this path. Elderly and children are in more danger from these users, than dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Why is a short leash necessary? Again, I obviously don't want my dog to get on the road nor in any people's way, but I have effective control over the leash and can shorten it when necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Karen Maher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 28941 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is an absolute farce, Forcing free roaming dogs and owners with effective control into a denser area which then creates similar issues to the groynes. More dogs than is needed in smaller areas and you will still get owners with out of control dogs. I live on the doorstep to this and see this getting smaller and smaller which in turn creates more and more dog issues. The fact you have put a walk way through this which effectively cuts this in half now means there will be more pedestrian, cyclist and dog interaction.<br>You have even taken out the water bowls alongside the bridge from medbury.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support this if done correctly, If you build a pathway that is dog proof from the end of the road of rocking horse road and limit dogs in the reserve area this is a great idea. But dont take away access to one of Christchurch's best dog areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nick Lawson |
| 28942 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It should be effective control. If a dog is leashed it doesn't mean its under effective control either.<br><br>If people can control dogs off the leash then thats fine but if not then should be leashed but BOTH should be effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It should be effective control. If a dog is leashed it doesn't mean its under effective control either.<br><br>If people can control dogs off the leash then thats fine but if not then should be leashed but BOTH should be effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What is the issue with a dog walking with someone if its on a leash or controlled. I agree with no dogs harming wildlife but a dog under control wont do that. Why ruin it for dog walkers that will appreciate the area probably the most as they will be the biggest group of walkers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>What is the issue with a dog walking with someone if its on a leash or controlled. I agree with no dogs harming wildlife but a dog under control wont do that. Why ruin it for dog walkers that | William Porter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | will appreciate the area probably the most as they will be the biggest group of walkers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>What is the issue with a dog walking with someone if its on a leash or controlled. I agree with no dogs harming wildlife but a dog under control wont do that. Why ruin it for dog walkers that will appreciate the area probably the most as they will be the biggest group of walkers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Should be 3 off the leash not 2 i think<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The mountain bikers in the quarry should have to go up the right top side not through the dog park area. | |
| 28943 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because long leashes can be an issue getting tangled up with walkers, bikes etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Buses. What happened to the suggestion of trialling dogs on buses? This would be a game changer for a lot of people. We should be able to take Leashed dogs on buses at non peak times. We are so behind overseas with how we accept dogs. I would certainly hope that hasn't been dropped. | Jo Hampton |
| 28945 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keep all dogs safe instead of having my dog who is on a leash, put in danger.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Make dogs be on leads but this proposal stops people enjoying this area. This will not have any benefit!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Elizabeth Eddington |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>You are jeopardisingthe livlihood of professional dog walkers!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No matter what you do these proposals are punishing the good dog olwners and the bad ones will take no notice!! | |
| 28946 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because it is safer for everyone and the dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again it is safer for everyone. Not all people like dogs and some are afraid of dogs so if the dog is on a leash and under control makes it pleasant for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I feel all dogs should be on a leash in public<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It makes it safer for all the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>It makes it safer for the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I believe it should be limited. To maintain control of the dogs the number you can have should be limited. You can't maintain control if you have large number of dogs. They can form a pack and it could easily get out of control in certain circumstances and this can become dangerous for the animals and people. | Pauline Hague |
| 28947 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Far too many people walk their dogs OFF leash on roads and footpaths. As a dog lover (and owner) I find this incredibly frustrating! I should be able to walk on a public footpath - with or without my dogs - and not be accosted by someone else's dog. Even if "it's just saying hello!" My dogs can be reactive to strange dogs running up to them. And I know MANY children who find loose dogs very intimidating.<br><br>It just makes sense to have (and ENFORCE) much clearer/tighter rules around dogs being on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be leashed in all these places. For their safety, and for the safety/comfort of those around them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can not be prioritised over native wildlife. And again, I say this as a dog owner and LOVER.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Greg Stubbings |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and sanity must prevail. It is not practical to manage more than one dog... let alone two. Two is more than enough. And four large, strong dogs on a lead could easily over-power some owners. Fewer dogs just makes sense.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please ENFORCE these rules. It would be better for all involved. | |
| 28950 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No, this is over reach from council and dogs have varying degrees of trainability. Being heavy handed with this limits well behaved dogs being under control and not on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is prime dog walking space, this should not be removed as it is already hard enough for dog owners to exercise their dogs off a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Paul Saltis |
| 28951 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Every persons saftey<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I am a bike rider and dog owner. Safety is paramount<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Obviously for the safety of wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Totally for the protection of wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Jill Horne |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Protection of wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just make the changes.<br>Everybody has the right for safety away from uncontrolled dogs. My dog is on a leash all the time unless in a fenced designated dog park. | |
| 28952 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | James Lynch |
| 28953 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Apart from occassional mild inconvenience to others, we've never had a problem in 15 years of dog ownership. We've never had an accident despite living in a high foot and bike traffic area, where bikes are often on the footpath. It is important for dogs mentsal health for them to be able to sniff and explore.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Apart from occassional mild inconvenience to others, we've never had a problem in 15 years of dog ownership. We've never had an accident despite living in a high foot and bike traffic area, where bikes are often on the footpath. It is important for dogs mentsal health for them to be able to sniff and explore.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Requiring dogs to be on lead - even short lead should make a difference. (But maybe research shows that even this is too disturbing for birds to flourish?)<br>Although some dog owners have effective control of their dogs when they are off-lead, dogs do sometimes chase birds, which can easily cause harm.<br>It would be nice if there were some areas where dogs could swim and owners could feel relaxed and enjoy the environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Where an area is known to be a habitat for at-risk birds, precautions seem warranted<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Requiring dogs to be on lead - even short lead should make a difference. (But maybe research shows that even this is too disturbing for birds to flourish?) | Carolyn Mason |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Although some dog owners have effective control of their dogs when they are off-lead, dogs do sometimes chase birds, which can easily cause harm.<br>It would be nice if there were some areas where dogs could swim and owners could feel relaxed and enjoy the environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28954 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am sick of off lead dogs running up to my on lead dog.<br>The Sunshine Coast in Australia requires all dogs to on leads and this seems to work very well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As abpve<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br>Most people have no idea what effective control means<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sue Van T Veen |
| 28956 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Daisy Cassels |
| 28957 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Retractable leads are no issue for dog walking - trying to limit this to 1M long is not practicable at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Steve Amstad |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>Retractable leads are no issue for dog walking - trying to limit this to 1M long is not practicable at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Not at all - if you are going to do this, then you HAVE to also restrict the area to cats as well - how do you manage that part as cats wander off and kill wildlife. At least with your dog in control on a lead that will not happen<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Professional dog walkers manage their packs no problem at all. The Council should be more focused on the basics for ratepayers like roads/water issue. | |
| 28958 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Kirsten Roberts |
| 28959 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners and behaved dogs should be able to enjoy exercise in all green spaces! Where people are clearing up after their dogs, fixed penalty fines should be issued!<br><br>Shared paths in parks, especially Hagley, are a joke. Next you'll be asking for children to be put on a leash so the cyclist / electric scooter can continue to race through there at high speeds putting any relaxed walkers at risk from injury. Parks should be safe places for all pedestrians what ever their age and animals to enjoy casual recreation, not to remain on high alert for lunatics to race through….<br><br>Protection of wild life - rather than banning a large proportion of Christchurch residence from using green spaces, maybe educate and restrict to leash only areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Jo Thomson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28960 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Example - Bottle Lake Plantation and the Resource Recovery mound. This ruling would place doing owners in serious jeopardy of breaking your rules as there are multiple paths, tracks etc. Some of these are formed by council staff some not. An all encompassing ruling such as that proposed for ALL areas is, in my humble opinion, overkill for the sake of simplicity.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Define roads and footpaths please.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kelvin Tibble |
| 28961 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are many unused green spaces where dogs benefit from being off leash.<br><br>Dog behavior is very often better when of leash than on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dog behavior is very often better when of leash than on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I understand the requirement for balance between protecting wildlife and allow pets to be themselves.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It'd be annoying, but I understand<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | David Brouwers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This sounds reasonable | |
| 28962 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nicky Trainor |
| 28963 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Why dont you focus on strongly enforcing the bad (small minority) of dog owners that ruin it for everyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It s not really a proposal is it... if it is already a requirement!<br><br>(but agree that they should be under effective control)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Of course, everyone wants to protect wildlife - but not all dogs eat/kill wildlife! (you are tarnishing everyone with the same brush here!)<br><br>(but agree that dogs should always be under effective control....this doesn't always mean they have to be on a leash)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Why not enforce against the bad behaviour rather than prohibiting everyone else with good dogs.<br>(Perhaps prohibit some people...they cause more problems than some dogs!)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Same as the answers above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rhys Chesterman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 28964 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I disagree with the rule in some spaces, in particular green space areas where dogs are allowed. It's confusing and seems unnecessary. If the owner is walking beside the track on the grass then is that alright? If dogs are allowed in those places then why restrict them specifically on the path?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There aren't many mowed grass areas here because the terrain is mostly wetlands/planted areas/unmowed grass so this doesn't make sense.<br>At least mow more of the grass if you're going to enforce this please!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>2 off-lead dogs is too limited. 4 would be more appropriate | Alex Winsloe |
| 28965 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are safer while on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs and vehicles safer. My dog would dash out on to the road if he saw  something of interest on the other side.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Better for the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think 4 is too many to be leashed. Two is plenty. | Linda Mclean |
| 28966 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Footpaths, shared paths and proper tracks are for many different users so safety must be foremost. | Elizabeth Harrop |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety, firstly for dogs and also for the users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible precautions to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Four dogs is plenty of work to keep under control and calm.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No - it's all very sensible and still gives a lot of freedom for dogs. I am a dog owner and fully support the changes | |
| 28968 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Need to know how it will be determined who has the "skill" to manage more dogs. I own 3 dogs with a licence to do so, and they are all off leash when there is open area and low distractions around. Bringing this in could mean I can't exercise my own pets appropriately without the necessary "skill" to do so. Would a licence to own 3 suffice? This requires clarification. | Theresa Jarrell |
| 28969 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am unsure of the definition of 'formed tracks'. We often walk in parks with semi formed tracks that are away from wildlife and is an opportunity for the dogs to run. I wonder whether it has always been considered that dogs 'sort their own shit out' when off the lead with other dogs in open spaces but sometimes it can be more dangerous with the owner on the end of a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Maggie Meeks |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Safety for dogs / owners and traffic<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I do support a limit but feel that this limit is unrealistic as quite a few of my friends / neighbours help each other out by walking each others dogs and this may stop that happening - I think 4 off leash BUT there should be demonstrated control (ie dogs responding to call back)<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I also appreciate the minor admin changes and expansion of places for dogs. The beaches do not seem to have been mentioned ? | |
| 28971 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As someone with a leashed dog, it can be extremely stressful when off lead dogs approach with no owner close by.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for people who are scared of dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kamla Phal |
| 28972 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think dogs should be under effective control, if this means they can be recalled by their owner without a leash then that is suffice.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs are part of the family, you don’t require children to be on a leash when taking them for a walk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Anna Wells |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 28973 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I currently avoid some places as Im worried my dog will be attacked or stressed by an off lead dog. This will make me feel safer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for pets and people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Still lots of space for the dogs and wildlife is better off.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Seems like such an empty area so people will likely still take dogs there, you will need signs in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds good. Safer for dogs as algae may be in wetlands, gives people more of a chance to check out the area before letting dog off.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Am worried one of their dogs could get loose and my dog could be attacked, that person cant help the situation if theyre holding multiple other dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More rubbish bins in residential areas would be great! :) | Megan Colmore |
| 28974 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Izzy Busby |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There is a need for better enforcement for dogs on leash at the Halswell Quarry. I have lived in Halswell for three years now with a two-year-old dog and every time I have visited the Halswell quarry I have encountered off-leash dogs (separate from dog park - we do not visit the dog park). I stopped visiting at the start of this year as the number of rushing dogs has caused my dog to be leash-reactive. I tried one more time last week as I heard they were now fining off-leash dogs to no avail - we were rushed by the same dog twice within ten minutes. This area is desperately in need for more signage (people unaware) and better enforcement. | |
| 28975 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be under effective control, but this doesn't mean that they need to be leashed. This is just punishing well behaved dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Happy to not walk dogs here. More concerned about the enforced use of leashes everywhere<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable. Has an exemption process.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't agree with any of the ones that enforce dogs to be leashed, wording should be effective control | Laura Kissell |
| 28976 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because I don't want the restrictive rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Because I don't want the restrictive rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Because I don't want the restrictive rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Benjamin Lawrence |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Because I don't want the restrictive rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Because I don't want the restrictive rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Because I don't want the restrictive rules. | |
| 28977 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Trained dogs should be allowed off leash. People use common sense in this situation and read signs from their dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Aubrey W |
| 28978 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's safest for everyone concerned, including the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safest for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife safety is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife safety is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Caroline Bissey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As I have experienced myself, even when leashed walking multiple dogs who have their own personalities (and some breeds can be stubborn), can be challenging.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No, all looks good and sensible. | |
| 28979 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am both a dog owner and a cyclist and I know how difficult it can be to cycle round loose dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Unless experienced owner or dogwalker it can be difficult to control a group of dogs. | Sheena Henderson |
| 28980 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would think it makes cycling and foot traffic easier if dogs are controlled on shared paths. Just as it makes it easier to let them off leash in the grass. I would want to be sure thay I can still off leash my dog to run I'm the grass when safe to do so.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Mandating a short leash when a long retractable can do the same job means my dog wouldn't have as much freedom on the walks. Seems sad to reduce that wiggle room that extendable leashes offer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems great. I love the idea of protecting the wildlife better and offering other spaces to dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Annabelle Rae |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Some owners of more than two dogs haven't trained them and are a genuine danger to people and other pets in public.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would support the groynes change if it meant i could access the picnic areas with my dog on leash. Perhaps the wording needs to be clearer on the change. | |
| 28981 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are plenty of low-traffic (or not-through traffic) paths where the pathside placement of seats and other utilities mean the dog owner couldn't use the seat while the dog is enjoying the park. This rule is too restrictive and not necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This barely changes what's there already so just qualifies as a minor extension in my view.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In general, I feel the combined effect of these restrictions is oppressive, even though I and neutral about or mildly support most of them. As usual, owners of well-behaved dogs are being penalised because there is limited to no enforcement of problem dogs. Adding new rules will do effectively zero to improve that situation - what is needed is better enforcement when there are genuine safety issues, and less in the way of pointless rulemaking when safety issues are actually minimal. | Peter Hyde |
| 28982 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Cheri Larson-Tizzard |
| 28983 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Kirsten Gunn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28984 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Paul Stevens |
| 28985 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Billie Macgibbon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 28987 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To protect other dogs and humans... also long leads are tripping hazards<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Are there rules for dog ark uses?.my small dog has been attacked by large dogs twice at Victoria park, the owners were not nearby nor interested both times, | Mary-Clare Clemence |
| 28988 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog is under effective control regardless of the lead. He is infact, better controlled off lead as he is ex-working dog and not used to a lead but follows commands well. The lead makes him more anxious. I take him to wide open spaces away from other dogs and people so he can run around and play ball. The reason I moved to chch was because of how dog friendly it is comparatively to where I had moved from. I'm all for protecting wild life and avoid taking my dog to those areas but I would hate to not allow my dog some freedom to run around and play in wide open spaces such as the redzone and/or beaches void of wild life protection etc and feel that owners who donot take responsibility for their dogs should be punished as opposed to all dogs and their owners who are responsible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Around populated areas, streets etc yes (I do anyway) but wide open spaces and/or parks that allow dogs, they should be allowed to be off lead so long as they are under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes is areas where wildlife are protected but I would hate to loose access to the rest of the redzone where I like to take my dog off lead to enjoy running around and chasing ball<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes is areas where wildlife are protected but I would hate to loose access to the rest of the areas where I like to take my dog off lead to enjoy running around and chasing ball<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes is areas where wildlife are protected but I would hate to loose access to the rest of the areas where I like to take my dog off lead to enjoy running around and chasing ball<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that's reasonable but would be nice to have special license for those who conduct doggie day care to be able to still manage/take groups of dogs to wide open spaces for play and exercise | Megan Broad |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'm all for protecting wild life but a big reason I love living in chch is the amount of green spaces I can take my well behaved dog to run around and play free off lead and it would be very disapointing to loose this aspect or chch that I love. | |
| 28989 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be leashed when in populated areas, I do not walk my dogs around town anymore as I have had to many run ins with my dogs leashed and others not leashed running at my dogs aggressively and owners oblivious to what is going on as their dog has run off. | Shaun Mahon |
| 28990 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>my dog is always on a lead, many dogs rush him, also owners are walking aj<br>head, and dont see or want to see when their dog  does a toilet stop.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>again owners walk ahgead no idea or dont want to know what the dog is doing. i lways clean up after my dog,<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>i often walk there with my son and his dog, our dogs love the area they are always on a lead and do not hurt widlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>higher is risk of birds nesting<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>because its a win win<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>some people cant control 1 dog, others manage well to control more | Irene Kiernan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I m happy with laws surrounding dogs, i own a dog, walk him x2 daily , on a lead the entire time . i clean up after him , annoyed when other people just ignore the dog and i oofer to give them a bag, they get cross | |
| 28991 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>very hard to police formed tracks in greenspaces vs off formed tracks in greenspaces - agree with footpaths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Courtney Mcguigan |
| 28992 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people do not have their dogs under control when not on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people do not have their dogs under control when not on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>As long as the dogs are under control no need to limit number | Sharon Creamer |
| 28993 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I see to many dogs with out leash's walking on our street with. The owner following behind them, all dogs should be on leash at all times while in a public area, and or footpaths, and public walking areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Andrew Birrell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Good ,this is one rule I am happy about<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To manage storm water overflow<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think 3 small dogs is enough | |
| 28994 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's a great start to help keeping social spaces in the community safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's a great start to keep shared spaces safe and usable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely insane this isn't already in place. Yes I support.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely. This should have always been the case<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Honestly its probably not firm enough. It's a great start! | Jade Alfeld |
| 28995 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Betsy Macdonald |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 28996 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For the sake of already on leash reactive dogs who don't like when strange dogs approach them. Will prevent injuries.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The red zone areas are still generally empty most of the time aside from a few dog walkers and Joggers. Most dog owners going through that area have a strong control of their animal and pose no risk to the wildlife. Perhaps have fines in place for those that do not have control rather than punish those who do<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I was already assuming this was the case<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Mainly wanting to say yes because the annoying fat woman in my neighborhood with the 5 off leash Shih Tzu and Bichon Fries' running up and barking at every dog they see is driving me up the wall. However I do see dog handlers that are more than capable of handling 4+ large dogs effectively which would be unfair on them if this was to go through. | Tyler Jordan |
| 28997 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | John Ascroft |
| 28998 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I do not like dogs and on a number of occasions have almost been tripped up by owners not taking effective control of their dogs and letting them on very long leashes. | Gillian Hunter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs should always be on a very short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting the wildlife in their natural habitats should always be a number one priority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 28999 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think this is all well and good. But I sincerely hope this will actually be enforced and not just words. | Mikaela Cunningham |
| 29000 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I understand why this is being proposed, but I think that people running or cycling with their dog would find this difficult to abide by and it might make it difficult for them to enjoy this activity.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Soraya Nicholas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is very important to implement, given the number of dog walkers with so many dogs that they can't control! I see this regularly in dog parks or at McLeans Island.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the proposals are overall very good. | |
| 29001 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners either are unaware of, or don't care, that their dog may appear threatening to other pedestrians, especially small children.<br><br>Proper enforcement and/or consequences is imperative for these policies to be effective.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs have many, many areas they can go. Our threatened native wildlife does not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs have many, many areas they can go. Our threatened native wildlife does not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Proper enforcement and/or consequences is imperative for these policies to be effective. | Erin Stewart |
| 29002 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Dennis Cox |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29003 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There is nothing here that exempts controlled dogs, dogs cannot properly exercise if they have to remain on leash, especially a short leash.<br>What are the rules for port hills tracks, formed or otherwise?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>there is nothing here to exempt controlled dogs, some owners have gone to great lengths to train their dogs how to behave on and off roads, and there should be something that excludes/rewards them for this effort or no one will bother training their dogs and they will all be badly behaved, on and off leash. most untrained dogs are still a liability whether on a leash or not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Maybe in some areas, but they have to be clearly marked. This is one of the few traffic free areas with walking paths and is used by a lot of dog walkers and shouldnt be changed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>again, there needs to be exceptions for controllable dogs, whether you have 1 or more, if you cant control them, they should be on a lead, if you can control multiples then the rules should support that.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think that instead of making one rule for everyone, you should be able to apply for an exemption, through proof of recall and training. Some owners have spent a lot of time and money to ensure they have a well behaved dog, so they can enjoy not having to walk on a lead - now that freedom will be taken away from the dog and owner | Jasmine Earnshaw |
| 29004 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dog owners do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is.  Time to say stay on leach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dog owners do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is.  Time to say stay on leach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dog owners do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is.  Time to say stay on leach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dog owners do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is.  Time to say stay on leach. | Daria M Martin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Too many dog owners do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is. Time to say stay on leach in these areas to as often paths are too narrow for others to avoid their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>People do not understand what their responsibility is when off leach and what under effective control is. | |
| 29005 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>None of this matters if there is no enforcement.... | Courtneay Whitt |
| 29006 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Zane Macdonald |
| 29007 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I always have my dogs on a short leash on footpaths and others should to. I have a dog that gets very upset if random dogs rush up to it. It will keep everyone's pets safe. | Jane Meaclem |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above. Safety for humans and pups alike<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29008 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Owners have more control of their dog(s)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>good initiative to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Do not know this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Do not know this Wetland<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One person can not control more than 2 off leashed dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Groynes - the statement "Change The Groynes to leashed in the whole of park (except in the dog park)" this is a large area, so would be good for the dog park to be identified on a map? does this apply to the Ōtukaikino Track at Clearwater? | Kim Booker |
| 29009 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Greenspace areas are usually exercise areas, so not suitable to take dogs on a leash, happy for dogs to be leashed on footpath.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Heidi Griffiths |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29010 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Our dog loves the formed track in Hagley Pk next to the golf course being off leash. Fully understand the need for a leash on the footpath, but object to the formed tracks. Nearly got hit by 2 cyclists at the weekend on the track, how much more are you giving to the lycra brigade? I'm a cyclist and think far too much already has been given to them, but that's another argument.....<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>My road is fine for dogs walking off leash, but would always leash on busier roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Never go there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Never go there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Never go to them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with reasons council have laid out | Jim Porteous |
| 29011 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Don't want dogs jumping on me<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Birds are more important and need to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Ellen Hoy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I was there on Saturday and saw at least 2 people with off leash dogs near the godwits roosting. I am sick of being abused by dog owners when I tell them not to have their dogs there. The birds need to rest undisturbed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29012 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>How are large dog breeds that need a lot of exercise supposed to get ample daily exercise? As long as people know their own dog's limits (i.e. leash your dog if you cannot effectively control it), should be sufficient. For those of us who have spent time and money training our dogs to respond to commands, we should be able to exercise our dogs off leash in local parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I don't go to the Avon River so does not affect me/my dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People should be able to take more than this amount - for example, I exercise my parent's dogs at the same time as my own to help them out.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I thought Christchurch was trying to become more dog friendly (e.g. cafes allowing dogs, buses/uber eventually allowing dogs to travel,). The proposed changes are going backwards and will make the city LESS dog friendly. Thriving European cities are allowing doges in more places, not less. Don't go backwards Christchurch! | Stephanie Rachel |
| 29013 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because we shouldn't be sharing FOOT paths with cyclists and it's the only way I feel safe because u am partly disabled and when bike speed past with no bell we both get a fright and a dog can bolt.  STOP MAKING WALKERS AND RUNNERS SHQRE OUR BLOODY FOOTPATHS.  THEY HAVE CYCLE FUCKING LANES AT OUR EXPENSE<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because we shouldn't be sharing FOOT paths with cyclists and it's the only way I feel safe because u am partly disabled and when bike speed past with no bell we both get a fright and a dog can bolt.  STOP MAKING WALKERS AND RUNNERS SHQRE OUR BLOODY FOOTPATHS.  THEY HAVE CYCLE FUCKING LANES AT OUR EXPENSE<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Obviously to protect flora and fauna | Melanie Sherborne |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. No person can control more than 2 dogs unless they have perfect recall<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>START PATROLLING DIG PARKS. PEOPLE HAVE NO RECALL AND THEIR DOGS ARE A MENACE<br>REMIVE THE WATER FROM STYX MILL DOG PARK. ITS YUK AND IT WOUKD BE BETTER TO HAVE A LARGE DOG AREA AND A SMALL DOG AREA WITHPUT STAGNANT WATER | |
| 29014 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What's a short leash? There's no details given?<br>I would support a fixed leash of less than two meters in any public spaces. The leashes that are retractable can be problematic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Again, no details as to what short is. Retractable leashes are more of an issue than fixed leashes around traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think the limits are too restrictive. If I take my neighbours two and mine, or vice versa we are breaking rules. I think 4 dogs per person In general whether leashed or not.<br>Dog walkers would then be limited to four or have a licence which is reasonable. As they would usually have 6+<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I like leashed dogs through the Groynes.<br>I don't like not being able to walked leashed even if limited to a 1.5m or less leash, around Styx. I love that walk in summer. Especially with so many trees having be removed at the groynes so there's very little shade. It's so nice to hear the birds. I totally appreciate not everyone is good about the rules but don't ban everyone for a few! | Charlotte Lacey |
| 29016 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense and protects old and young people from unwanted dog attention<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense and protects old and young people from unwanted dog attention<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | John Burton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>It makes sense and protects wildlife from dog attention<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense and protects wildlife from dog attention<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense and protects old and young people from unwanted dog attention | |
| 29017 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I feel this way as it will be safer to use said footpaths for walking and cycling. It will also be safer if children are around as well. A short leash will mean more control of a dog if anything was to arise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I feel like this will aid in the safety of others as well as the dog, especially around roads where it is more of a concern for potential danger.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I feel like this would be a good proposal as the wildlife need protecting and dogs are natural hunters. We need to do all that we can to protect what we have been given.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I feel this is fair and will protect what wildlife go there or live there. It is a great idea.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I feel this way as these aspects need protecting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I believe some dog owners may not have the know how or means to properly control their dogs. I feel like this is a good decision as the more dogs one has at a time, the less likely they may be able to control them or keep an eye on them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>nil | Ashleigh Archbold |
| 29018 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Karen Upton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29019 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bob Frame |
| 29021 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have spent years training my golden retriever to walk / run to heel without a leash. She is amazing. Under effective control at all times is good enough. When dogs are not trained they should obviously be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I have spent years training my golden retriever to walk / run to heel without a leash. She is amazing. Under effective control at all times is good enough. When dogs are not trained they should obviously be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems like a reasonable compromise of wildlife protection areas and off leash areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Alison Cook |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Definitely needs more regulation here maybe with a course / certificate to be allowed more dogs | |
| 29022 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As there is a lot of big dog's that go on footpaths & I have<br>only a very small little dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>They should always be on a LEASH were we walk & on the roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>well I do not go there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>yes should<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>the same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As there is 2 many now running around. They can have up 2to 2 dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes why do we get changed more for a very small dog that has been fixed<br>& we pay as much as the ones with big dog's or the next size up<br>from a very small one. | Ruth Kitai |
| 29023 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This is a no brainer. Any dog, even mine, should be kept away from people, prams, elderly etc., and also you should be able to safely pass other dogs, without them lunging at your dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, because it is for safety reasons, if your dog gets a fright from a another dog on a property you are walking by, then they can shy away, if they got onto the road this would indeed create a traffic problem, and possibly an accident.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>For the corridor itself, relating to wildlife, but NOT in the red zone area, where residential houses were. There they should be allowed off lead, but under control. This land is not being utilised for any purpose, and the dogs are well away from useable roads and traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I believe dogs should always be on a leash, except in specified dog parks, the beach at the allotted times or red zones, away from traffic. | Jenny Crooks |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I believe Dogs should always be on a leash, except in specified dog parks, the beach at the allotted times, or red zones<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I show my dogs, and there is no way a person can control 4 dogs, unless the dogs have been successfully to obedience training. I have large Dogs, Great Danes, and many small dogs have "small dog syndrome" they will charge, bark, or threaten large dogs. Which is generally a laughing matter to the owner of the small dog, but if my dog/s were to retaliate - then I would get the blame, it is not a laughing matter.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As above, Dogs should be on a lead at all times, except in designated dog parks, the beaches during the allotted times, or in the red zone, away from traffic, and nesting birds/wildlife etc. | |
| 29024 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>You would be creating another level of bureaucracy for people who walk dogs for a living. Adding more cost which would effectively wipe out hard working kiwis trying to make a bit more money<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The part about signage not being a reliable form of information is wrong. We have dog owners in Chch from all walks of life and ages. Who have different levels of access to information. Signage should still be key in the main areas discussed. Wetlands, estuaries etc. you can't expect people who don't have access to technology to know what's going on. | Luke Mehlhopt |
| 29025 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all formed tracks in green space areas should require leashing, particularly where there are multiple tracks or separate paved tracks available for pedestrians. Requirement to leash on formed tracks in green space areas should be decided for that specific track based on whether this is a reasonable requirement for the safety and enjoyment of others. users. Rather than taking a blanket approach to formed tracks and stormwater basins, the policy should take a nuanced view within each community area to ensure families with dogs still have some options to take their dogs to natural areas that are not a grassed park (particularly dog parks which are often unsafe due to poorly controlled and unsociable dogs).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs near cycles are very dangerous.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Laura Campbell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Unlike parks and lawns, stormwater basins are one of the only green areas where dogs can be off leash without many children or people around. The general effect of the changes proposed in this bylaw/policy update already significantly restricts the places people will be able to let their dogs sniff around in nature in their communities too much. To remove stormwater basins leaves dog owners with limited options in their communities to let their dogs roam freely away from children. Rather than taking a blanket approach to formed tracks and stormwater basins, the policy should take a nuanced view within each community area to ensure families with dogs still have some options to take their dogs to natural areas that are not a grassed park (particularly dog parks which are often unsafe due to poorly controlled and unsociable dogs).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In general the proposals are good for the safety and enjoyment of people and protection of wildlife. However, dogs need natural spaces to explore that are not park lawns. The changes as a whole unduly restrict dogs to grassed areas which are also heavily used by children and families. Rather than taking a blanket approach to formed tracks and stormwater basins, the policy should take a nuanced view within each community area to ensure families with dogs still have some options to take their dogs to natural areas that are not a grassed park (particularly dog parks which are often unsafe due to poorly controlled and unsociable dogs). | |
| 29026 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Overall I just believe wildlife need to be better protected from dogs, we have so many endangered species that need all the help they can get. I also own a small dog so I strongly support dogs being better controlled as out of control big dogs pose a big risk to my small boy, as well as my mother who is older and often walks him. She has been bowled over before and some people are thoughtless of others when exercising their dogs. I think overall these changes are positive. | Tyne Becker |
| 29027 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed off-leash on tracks - there is not enough off-leash walking tracks (only small dog parks).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Lisa Trimble |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>There are not enough large off-leash spaces that dogs are allowed in Christchurch.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Dont know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This is a great open space for dogs to have a little bit of freedom if they are under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It depends on how many you are proposing to limit the number to. | |
| 29028 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You won't be able to enforce. Does this include paths that run through off-leash areas...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Morgan Lowe |
| 29029 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Alena Riordan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29030 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>They are shared spaces so it makes sense for dogs to be on a short leash to ensure everyone can enjoy the path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the dog from running on the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This greatly restricts an area where dogs can be exercised off leash near the city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>If they can still walk on the pathway on leash, that's fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There are already limited spaces where you can walk a dog off leash and this is too restrictive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It makes it safer for everyone.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In regards to lifting the leashing requirement in the central city in three key greenspace areas to enable dogs to be exercised off leash and under effective control (Latimer Square, Rauora Park and on the grassed area in the Avon Loop) - allowing them off leash in Latimer Square is dangerous for dogs and motorists as it is surrounded by roads. For Rauora Park, similarly, too close to roads and children. Fine with the Avon Loop. | Victoria Walker |
| 29031 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Short leash makes sense for footpaths and shared paths so that dogs don't block the way. Short leashes in greenspaces is unnecessary since these are typically much larger and dogs on longer leashes won't be blocking the way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The definition is not clear enough. How many dogs can someone be in control of when they are a mixture of on- and off-leash? Is it four (2 on leash, 2 off) or six (4 on leash, 2 off leash)? The exemptions are too strict. Are people with an existing permit to own more than two dogs already exempt? Will the exemption process be too much of a hurdle for people to start a dog | Joseph Wynn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | walking business? I am also concerned that this limit may prevent people from exercising their dogs enough, increasing the frequency of bad dog behaviour.<br><br>I assume this change is trying to prevent incidents arising from owners not being able to control their dogs, but it seems like it is too broad a measure. | |
| 29032 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>control of dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>numbers adequate | John Campbell |
| 29033 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | James Boulton |
| 29034 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense for where pedestrians are walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Margaret Pegley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | For the safety of vehicles and pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29035 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree that in heavily populated areas, footpaths dogs should be leashed. COMMON SENSE should provail<br>However, in areas such as the port hills that have very limited foot traffic, mainly dog walkers that COMMON SENSE should be used. Dogs should be allowed off leash where there are no sheep, no walkers and if they are able to be well controlled.<br><br>I DO NOT agree with this blanket proposal and I DO NOT agree that due to a minimal number of bad dog owners ruining it for the majority that manage their dogs well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Generally yes - however there are roads with no traffic and elderly dogs that do not need to be on a leash as they waddle along beside their generally older owners<br>Again I think COMMON SENSE should be used and that rules aren't made to ruin it for most - because of the minority of people how lack common sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It saddens me as a rate payer and very respectful dog owner that myself, my friends and family who are all respectful good dog owners will have our recreation time heavily impacted by some of this proposal. The bad dog owners will not follow the rules and it will only impact the likes of myself and my friends and family. I think common sense is missing from this proposal. The dog parks are great for people who want to stand around and watch their dogs play, my dogs have been attacked so many times at dog parks that we do not visit them as a rule. I have an athletic dog, non aggressive, and we are respectful to walkers, bikers etc - the impact on us having to leash our dog on ALL tracks is devastating. I truly hope that common sense prevails . Thank you for considering my feedback. | Justine Scott |
| 29036 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Jaques Elfer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It's too prescriptive. It would be better to encourage responsible dog walking. There are many leash reactive dogs and this can exacerbate incidents if dogs are forced to feel that they can't escape.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as it's clear that dogs are allowed off leash in some areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>No-one can control multiple dogs or keep track of multiple poos.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>New Zealand isn't very dog friendly generally but it is good that there are dog parks and areas that dogs are allowed. Please don't continue to contract the number of places and spaces that people can take their dogs. Not everyone has access to a lifestyle block! | |
| 29037 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>these are too restrictive and will lead to people not following the rules. Because this rule is unenforceable due to the huge amount of people and dogs, and the lack of logic for it, it is highly unlikely going to become completely ignored.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>this rule is more understandable from the perspective of the dog owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>in other places wehre there are similar arrangements, these aren't respected. mixed used areas are very difficult to limit, people do not have actual control over their dogs 100% of the time. it is unrealistic to expect that.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Mariona Roige Valiente |
| 29039 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Emily Postlethwaite |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29040 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that if your dog is under effective control in shared footpaths, it wouldn't be an issue. However, the dog needs to be under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Joshua Sollamuthu |
| 29041 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Some dogs are under sufficient control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the changes to the definition of under effective control are good. Now to get people to actually read the definition, haha! | Holly Phillips |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29042 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I regularly walk my dog in Avonhead Park. This is a large park with a footpath around its perimeter. If the new proposal is confirmed, it would mean in order for me to let my dog run unleashed, I would have to walk over the grass. This is fine in the summer but in winter, the fields are frosted and sometimes the grass is quite long and becomes very wet. Many people use Avonhead Park to walk their dogs unleashed including people with buggies and children on bikes. We would all be unfairly disadvantaged if the proposal is confirmed as we could no longer use the footpaths if we want to let our dog run unleashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I'm unsure of what exactly the proposed change is ?? It seems we already have the requirement for dogs to be leashed on or near roads?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Because you are only applying the prohibition to key areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting our birds is important work and prohibiting dogs from their nesting and feeding areas is key.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Again if there are key areas to be protected, then protect them but leave plenty of area for people to freely access with their dogs unleashed. We want to encourage people to be outside and exercising - good for them and vital for their dogs - and making that difficult for people is unhelpful planning by the Council.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Seems to be a good idea - but I'm not sure about having too many rules as who is going to 'police' this?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Avonhead Park | Diane Macdonald |
| 29043 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | James Dinh |
| 29044 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Ben Hylands |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | To many dog attacks in this city. So many in my area spreydon addington. That I'm pretty much scared to walk my dog at all. Especially on the foot paths around the suburban areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as my previous answer to the question. To many dog attacks because of off lead dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yeah all good but plenty of signage saying to pick up your dog poo ect I think is a good idea.. maybe a few rubbish bins placed around also signed for dog poo bags to go into.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I think all dogs I'm these areas should be on leash due to irresponsible dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I see alot of people with two off lead dogs running around like idiots while owners stand around on their phones not watching the dogs. I've had my dog attacked twice now because of that. My dog was on her lead<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think all dogs in public areas should be on leash. To many irresponsible people in this city | |
| 29045 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because when I walk my daughters dog and come across one off the leash I'm worried it's going to attempt to come over and a purebred staffy can be a bit unpredictable hence why he's always in a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robyn Rodgers |
| 29046 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Sun Kyung (Cathy) Eom |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29047 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some dogs are fine off leash as they are easily controlled. Or some dogs are leashed with a shock collar so easily controlled with this. Some shared paths are soo quiet that it would not change the outcome of the usage of that path. Owners should know whether they can or can not effectively control their dog or if they are aggressive or not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If the path is open to the road yes but if there is fence sperating the road and path then no. such as the northern corridor pathway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on leash. They cant hurt wildlife if on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on leash. They cant hurt wildlife if on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on leash. They cant hurt wildlife if on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>In a public place yes in a dog park no.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Groynes should reamain as is. Its a large space and so therefore poses no threat to others if dogs are off leash but under effective control. | Leon Van Der Plas |
| 29048 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have an issue with the word "SHORT". This would seem to not allow a standard 5 metre retractable leash which allows a bit of freedom but also good control of the dog and can be locked in to be a short leash as and when needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I have an issue with the word "SHORT". This would seem to not allow a standard 5 metre retractable leash which allows a bit of freedom but also good control of the dog and can be locked in to be a short leash as and when needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Darin Eder |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29049 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Deana Lyons |
| 29050 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>But all dog shit must be picked up by owner immediately.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>And owner must pick up dog shit immediately and put in bin or take home.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>for safety and sharing with everyone. Not just thoughtless people who let dogs run free in public spaces.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All owners must pick up and take dog shit home. Dogs on leads at all times while bring wslked on suburban streets. Dogs must not wander off path or berm onto private property and scratch snd toilet! Not fair. | Ann Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29051 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rose Crossland |
| 29052 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Currently poorly-controlled dogs, and those on long leads, pose a hazard to walkers and bikers. I have had close calls myself.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This is an excellent step towards protecting our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Another excellent move towards protecting vulnerable wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Roy Britten |
| 29053 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpath -yes<br>Greenspace areas i feel is fine for dogs off leash but under control' who determines control is being met?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Shared path needs control, cyclists are normally out of control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>You are very focused on control, i have control of my dog (until she sees another animal). I need to really work on gaining full control. | Chris Falgar |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29054 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nicola Browne |
| 29055 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think you just need to be sensible about this. With a busy pathway, sure you would. If there is no one around as is often the case where I walk my dog then she should be allowed to run free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>see above. Plus, if there are certain identified areas where you don't want dogs to protect wildlife that is there, I'm ok with that<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't go to these areas so I'm not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ewan Grant (Called Grant) Midgley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I've seen professional dog walkers with so many dogs together it seems a bit crazy to me. If something happened I don't see how they could control them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please be sensible about rule changes. I understand there needs to be some control but change just for change sake or because of one or two unfortunate incidents is over kill. | |
| 29056 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because long leashes can trip you up or if you have a pram, the dogs can get underfoot or in the way in shared spaces, unfortunately most dog owners don't have their dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Fiona Bond |
| 29057 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have issues with poorly controlled dogs when I'm out walking my dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as dogs can be taken on all pathways while on leash, I'm happy with this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as dogs can be taken on all pathways while on leash, I'm happy with this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as dogs can be taken on all pathways while on leash, I'm happy with this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems like a sensible measure | William Minish |
| 29058 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because at riverside locations and with a bicycle a dog on a lead is impractical. My dogs come back on call but roam the grassed areas close by me. The shared pathways with bicycle | Graeme Spinks |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | routes, I understand this need, but I think river and park side walking in wet weather and particularly in winter on grass completely soaks footwear and deteriorates the grass. I usually lead my dogs to pass other dog owners who have theirs leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safe for all, a cat might startle the dog and cause an accident if a chase occurred.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As above in bad weather and in winter its too wet, and that deteriorates the grassed areas, just a requirement to lead dogs in passing other dogs on a lead would suffice.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>care for wild life. But the area on North Shore by the beach is a popular dog friendly off lead walk zone. This should continue.<br>Its obvious around seals or penguins etc there should be a requirement to lead you dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I think pathways could be sub defined by a track like walkway (compacted hardfill) dogs be allowed off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29059 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because all dogs are unpredictable, we have a dog who is reactive to other dogs (sometimes) so it's frustrating when off leash dogs bound up to her.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Plenty of places to take doggo's, and if this protects wildlife I'm all for it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Again dogs are unpredictable so I think the likely hood of one person being about to control more than 2 off leash and 4 on leash is highly unlikely. | Bridget Scherp |
| 29060 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because not all dogs are friendly to people or other dogs. I know this from experience.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Janet Potaka Robson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It's important for our wildlife. They need protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>If one dog gets into a fight the other dogs in the pack might attack too. I do not believe one person could control so many dogs by themselves.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>N/A | |
| 29061 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>safer for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Cheryl Wright |
| 29062 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>i love dogs so i don't mind them coming up to me as i always want to say hello. however, as a biker and a dog owner of a dog who prefers the company of people over other dogs I think this is a good idea. Its safer for everyone. i always have to yell out to people that my dogs is scared of other dogs so will sometimes growl if they come up and please make sure you have control of your dog. Not every dog owner has effective control off lead in tight spaces like paths and tracks so i think this is a good idea for footpaths and shared paths. i think the formed tracks in greenspaces is a hard one and is not always needed. i think if there is good visibility of over 200m i think long lead or off lead is fine as you have time to pull the dog in before another dog or bike or person. Where you cannot see more than 50m due to vegetation i think short leash should be used.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Melissa Crowe |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | what is classed as near a road? a path within 5m or 20m? for example south hagley park i dont think its needed there a the distance between the path and the road is plenty<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>My dog likes to chase birds so i think its a good idea. We are always on a lead when in areas of stormwater basins.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I really see anyone walking with more than 4 dogs unless they are a dog walker and they generally always have a good hold on the situation. So i don't think it changes much having this new law<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think having the leash at the Groynes (not the dog park area) will be great I will take my dog there using a long and short leash. | |
| 29063 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner. 1) many of these tracks are multi-use e.g., bikes and walkers, and leashes would reduce the risk of accidents. 2) dog owners often fail to pay attention and miss the fact that their pet has done a poo and leave it. 3)good for wild life<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and makes sure owners do not forget/miss dog poo. Current regulation is not enforced so not sure a new one would have any impact.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>it would be great to see the area thrive as a wildlife sanctuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>it would be great to see the area thrive as a wildlife sanctuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>paths next to mown areas??? Could create issues with dogs briefly straying onto or across paths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>essentially limits packs to professional dog walkers. Some people may have several very small dogs that are no risk while others have 3 big dogs which are higher risk. Would you be requiring people to get rid of excess dogs?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As a dog owner in NZ for 3 years I was unaware of the existing rules. Having been through this questionnaire I now know that the rules are broken very frequently. Plenty of people walk or run around the city with dogs off leash and people frequently leave dog poo behind. Having said that, I would also say dogs are well behaved and unless there is going a change in the enforcement process I would not bother changing the rules, just go for a few more signs especially in wildlife sensitive areas. | Ben Guest |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29064 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>By requiring dogs to be on a short leash in greenspace areas could limit the enjoyment and exercise opportunities for both dogs and their owners. Dogs benefit greatly from a sense of freedom to explore, sniff, and roam safely within controlled environments. For well-trained dogs, a long leash or off-leash allowance in suitable areas can promote their physical and mental health without posing risks to others.<br><br>Additionally, this restriction could undermine responsible dog ownership. Many owners already ensure their pets are under effective control through proper training. A blanket rule might unfairly penalise responsible dog owners and create unnecessary tension without addressing the underlying issue of improper supervision or poorly trained pets.<br><br>Finally, greenspaces are designed for diverse recreational use, and part of that includes providing dogs and their owners with positive outdoor experiences. Instead of mandating short leashes, a balanced approach could involve better public education about responsible dog handling.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Requiring dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas near roads may not always be the most practical or beneficial solution. While safety is a valid concern, a blanket rule could unnecessarily restrict responsible dog owners who already manage their pets effectively, regardless of leash length.<br><br>Longer leashes, such as retractable ones, allow dogs more freedom to explore while still under control. This can lead to better behavior, as dogs are less likely to feel restrained or frustrated. For well-trained dogs, a longer leash does not necessarily mean a loss of control or an increased risk to others.<br><br>Additionally, implementing such a rule could burden dog owners without addressing the root cause of problems like poor training or lack of supervision. Public awareness campaigns or targeted enforcement of reckless pet handling may be more effective and fair approaches.<br><br>Finally, shared paths are meant to be enjoyed by a variety of users, including dog walkers. Imposing strict leash regulations might detract from the experience for responsible dog owners and their pets, potentially discouraging outdoor activity and undermining the inclusive nature of shared spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Restricting the number of dogs a person can manage in public places may unnecessarily penalize responsible dog owners and professional handlers who are capable of controlling multiple dogs effectively. The proposed limits (two off-leash, four leashed) seem arbitrary and may not account for individual skills, training, or the behaviour of the dogs involved.<br><br>For example, professional dog walkers or trainers often manage groups of well-trained dogs without issue. Imposing a general cap would disrupt their livelihoods and may even lead to less exercise and socialisation opportunities for dogs whose owners rely on these services.<br><br>Furthermore, the behaviour of dogs is influenced more by their training, temperament, and the owner's competence than by the number of dogs present. Instead of blanket restrictions, efforts could focus on educating dog owners, enforcing existing rules on control and behaviour, and targeting irresponsible ownership.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Christchurch should embrace becoming a dog-friendly city to foster stronger community connections, boost local businesses, and promote public health through active lifestyles. Welcoming dogs in parks, cafes, and urban spaces enhances the city's livability, attracts tourists and new residents, and builds its reputation as an inclusive, compassionate community. | Claire Isitt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Thoughtfully designed dog-friendly spaces and policies can coexist with environmental goals, creating a balanced approach that benefits both people and pets. By investing in pet-friendly infrastructure, clear guidelines, and public education, Christchurch can position itself as a vibrant, progressive city that values the well-being of all its residents.<br><br>As a separate comment, please ensure whichever reforms the city implements embraces please ensure to include the provision of adequate dog waste bins in public spaces. Accessible bins encourage responsible pet ownership, help maintain clean and pleasant environments, and reduce the risk of waste being left behind. Ensuring these bins are conveniently located, regularly emptied, and well-maintained will support the success of any new dog-friendly initiatives while promoting hygiene and environmental stewardship in Christchurch. Currently these bins are being removed and this has led to increased abandoned waste. It discourages responsible pet ownership and diminishes the appeal of public spaces and makes dog owners feel like they cannot enjoy these outdoor spaces with their pets. Restoring bins would address these issues, ensuring cleaner, more enjoyable spaces for all. | |
| 29065 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree they should be leashed on footpaths and shared paths however. Dogs should be allowed off lead on formed tracks in greenspace.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ashley Kempthorne |
| 29066 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Places such as Hagley Park are safe for dogs under effective control and it seems ridiculous to have a rule where is they are off the path they will be fine - such as sports fields or the golf course<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Brad Macdonald |
| 29067 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The definition of a short leash as 1.5m long is too short , and impacts the ability of people to walk their dog in a safe, ergonomic way. Increasing the leash length to a more reasonable length would make it safer and more ergonomically safe for people walking there dogs. | Nick Hobden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The definition of a short leash as 1.5m long is too short , and impacts the ability of people to walk their dog in a safe, ergonomic way. Increasing the leash length to a more reasonable length would make it safer and more ergonomically safe for people walking there dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29068 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>my dogs like to sniff the bushes and run on the field of wycola park.I need a level surface to walk on<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>have to be safe for everyone near roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife comes first<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>wildlife comes first<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I find two large dogs hard to control by myself if they've had a fright<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>pick up their poop | Darryn Ritchie |
| 29069 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Gareth Thomas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29071 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Stop punishing all owners when just a few are the issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>That's just common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense | Tony Hopkins |
| 29072 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Simon Forrest |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29073 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs can be under control without being leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs can be under control without being leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kevin Hasson |
| 29074 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs that are not behind a fence should always be on a short leash. I am a dog owner and still think this. I do not walk my small dogs in my area in fear of other dogs off leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again, a leash should be on a dog at ALL times no matter where they are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If a dog is on a leash, I think it is ok to allow the owner to walk them anywhere public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>If a dog is on a leash, I think it is ok to allow the owner to walk them along the river.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>You must always be able to control your own dogs. Sometimes owners are blind to the natural behaviors of dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't think we should be lifting any leash requirements at all accept within a fenced dog park. | Mandi Lawrence |
| 29075 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer and reassuring for small children and the elderly.  Some dogs are not socialised and can be unpredictable without the correct training. | Brenda Parlane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect our vulnerable wildlife especially during the nesting season<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Most definately. I have been in the dog park with supposed 'dog walkers" who are aggressive with their attitude toward other dog owners. Having a pack of dogs running freely together is very intimidating for other dogs and owners. Dogs in packs are very unpredictable and are very difficulat to control by a 'stranger' because basically that is what a dog walker is to a pack of dogs. | |
| 29077 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>So long as owners have effective control of all dogs in their care, as I know my 2 dogs like to play too much so need to stay on leash while we walk and it's hard when other dogs don't listen to command amd I need to try keep my 2 back as they have potential to get violent<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>By qe2 | Laura Ager |
| 29078 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Gina Nonumalo |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Long leashes alongside roads are dangerous as they don't prevent dogs running on to the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29079 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This would mean walking dogs around paved perimeters of public parks with dogs leashed. For example - Avonhead park, which is paved and used by hundreds of dog walkers daily, cyclists and joggers. Many are elderly citizens, walking on a safe paved area with their only, earthly companion.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I frequently feel threatened for my own dog's safety in public areas, especially dog parks, where people are walking a pack of 6 or more dogs with zero level of control (not their own dogs, obviously) and not carrying any leashes to contain a situation should it arise. | Colin Swift |
| 29080 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do a lot of of leash walking and I have effective control of my dogs. I'd hate to have to leash them on some of the shared tracks I use as I've never had any issues as I can control my dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Its safety for both dogs and people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Andrea Champion |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I've had my dogs attacked by a group of 8 dogs with a dog walker and had to stop going to that place because she had no control and didn't even know the attack happened as she was on her phone. You cannot control a pack of dogs effectively so the numbers absolutely need to be limited. This has happened to others and training a dog walker doesn't mean you can control a dog when the dog decides to attack when you have so many other dogs. There are too many of these people out there and I wonder if the owners of these dogs would actually approve of what happened on these paid for walks. | |
| 29081 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safe for general public and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife a must<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Less risk in those areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Large packs of dogs are intimidating to a person and single dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No at the moment | Brent Pearce |
| 29082 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You are making assumptions that dogs are causing all the problems. Dogs are part of our families and enjoy going to spaces where all can enjoy freedom to walk, sniff etc. Bikes are going too fast on small formed tracks and scare people and dogs all the time. As a dog owner I think it is unfair to put all dogs in one basket and make blanket rules. There have to be spaces and tracks where we can walk dogs as part of a leisure activity not just dog parks. We never visit dog parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I think the currently rule is sufficient. Dogs need to be socialised in all these situations to make them good all round dogs, they also need to learn what is right & acceptable. It is the few dog owners spoiling it for all the masses of good dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Most dog owners go for walks with their dogs on tracks because it is enjoyable to walk along and have your dog follow along having sniffs & fun along the way. Dog owners deserve some freedoms too. It is nice to have grassy areas of course but most of us walk with purpose for our health and for the dog. | Beverley Humpage |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I have walked this walk at Heathcote for over 10 years with my dog & friends with dogs. I have never been concerned for the birdlife from the actions of any dogs I have seen there. I am not saying it never happens but I have never seen. This is our favourite daily walk along with loads of people who we meet each day going for their walks with dogs. It is not that I dont care for the birdlife, I just think you are making a mountain out of a molehill saying that dogs are causing so much harm. I believe the stoats and the rabbbits are probably a bigger risk .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I believe some areas could benefit from more control and some of these newer areas may be a good place to start.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think you are making rules where we dont need them just for the sake of it. Dogs enjoy company and outings with other dogs, and I believe that the statistics of problems with dogs in groups is very little, there should be some lovely areas where dogs can walk with owners off leash. Not everyone likes bikes on the tracks so they dont walk those tracks, the same could apply to people who dont like dogs - surely dogs have rights too!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I walk mostly in the Heathcote area, it is local and friendly and dogs are generally well behaved. Maybe if some areas have high cause for concern more controls could be put on those individual areas and not a blanket rule for all those good folks too. I want to help keep people and dogs and birds safe but I feel you are just pissing off all the dogs owners despite most of them being good responsible people. | |
| 29083 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>NOt entirely. I understand having them contained in certain places is good but leashing them in all open spaces is becoming a bit unfair on the health and well being of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Roads and pedestrian spaces are unsafe to have a dog off lead- uncertain that they may not run out on road etc..<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It is rare a dog harms wildlife along the avon river. I also feel that it is refreshing to let them swim (when the water is safe to enter) ... cooling them down. Please understand that much of the limitations on dogs is strainig the well being of the dog and owners- We are pressed to let them off leads in smaller areas with LOADS of other dogs- which is generally unsafe for MANY dogs and owners, as lots of dogs create an untenable pack mentality that generally breaks out in dog fights. I can't say the number of times many dogs being packed into a dog safe space have ended up with altercations between different breeds of dogs. My dog has only ever been attacked (viciously) when in dog walking spaces.. by bigger dangerous breeds.<br>these alternative spaces give owners some room to move around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There are a number of times when the birds are NOT nesting. they are migratory so if you are concerned with walking along this space- maybe limit it to not allowed during nesting season. NOT A BLANKET RULE restriction overall. That is a fabulous space to let your dogs have a open run around. And get the exercise they need!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above . Taking away space for owners to walk with peace instead of being relegated into paddocks and forced to walk dogs with large packs in confined spaces and end up fighting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think when people are walking a large group of dogs off lead it can lead to potential trouble for other dog owners. So yes I am in favour of this proposal | Isabella Matthews |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I feel putting blanket rules in place to govern and limit the freedom owners and dogs have to enjoy our vast open spaces and wilderness is becoming outrageous. . I propose that owners and dogs be assessed by animal control etc.. for their interest in birds. As you may find some dogs are prone to hunt, harm wildlife and do indeed cause chaos in open spaces. but MANY do not. Provide owners of dogs that prove they are trained and not a threat to species a special license/ tag that shows the dog a special responsible dog status where they and owners can enter those restricted areas. | |
| 29084 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To stop dogs off the leash from hassling my dog on the leash. I'm unable to take my dog to dog parks owing to her unpredictable behaviour around other dogs. Also to protect nesting birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above. I live nearby but feel unsafe to walk my leashed dog on the paths owing to unleashed roaming dogs which owners seldom have control. On several occasions I have also witnessed unleashed dogs chasing birdlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dog packs are unpredictable and potentially dangerous.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As I am unable to exercise my dog in dog parks I often use the cashmere road/ Heathcote river walkway (opposite princess margaret Hospital) I often encounter uncontrolled dogs (not returning to owner when called) I would like more signage and enforcement to prevent unleashed dogs in this area. I have a right to walk my dog safely without hassle from other unwelcome dogs. | Brenda Qualls |
| 29085 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have a 3mtr leash and a miniature fox terrier. I don't believe small dogs are not under control on a retractable 3mtr leash. Yes larger dogs would be harder to control on a 3mtr leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>If there are other people walking on those areas at the same time as I am<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Lorraine Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29086 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think this needs better consideration as you are ultimately suggesting that any formed path needs a dog on the lead such as all the gravel trails around the back of North Beach and the Forest.<br>I often bike with my dog too and he runs beside me. I find having a dog on the lead at all times very limiting. I select the areas I go to during the week so I can have the dog off the lead and run with him too - such as Hagley Park, Lake Rua, Port Hill walks, Naval Point, Waimak stop banks, Bottle Lake and beach tracks. This all seems very limiting and restrictive for dog owners, when under the Animal Welfare Code an animal needs to be able to demonstrate its own natural behaviours, so some off leash time is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of other road users and dog/owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have an issue with dogs needing to be on leads at sports grounds, when games or practice occurs. Some parks are multi field parks and there is plenty of space to ensure a dog can be off the leash and not causing concern to the sports occurring, such an example would be Burnside Park. I feel people not picking up their dog shit to be more a hazard for anybody playing sport. Would this mean if a sports activity was taking place at the northern end of Burnside Park you cannot be off the leash toward the Tennis Courts or Southern End. Why not consider that dogs need to be on a leash within proximity to active sports being undertaken, so this better aligns to playground requirements too. | Lucy-Jane Johnson |
| 29087 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Ange Papatheodosiou |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We need more dog parks that are accessible to disabled and elderly, please look at kaiapoi dog park as an example of what is required. Thank you | |
| 29088 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>While I agree with restrictions in built up urban areas, I feel the formed tracks in greenspaces are more of a recreational zone and the under effective control rule is more appropriate. More encouragement and emphasis need to be put on owners to be registered as responsible dog owners with extra criteria that acknowledge a proper level of dog training has been undertaken or achieved.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I agree with restrictions in built up urban areas. the definition of 'short leash' needs to be clarified.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>While I agree with restrictions in areas to protect wildlife and wetlands, I feel the pathways in this area are more of a recreational zone and the under effective control rule is more appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>While I agree with restrictions in areas to protect wildlife and wetlands, I feel the pathways in this area are more of a recreational zone and the under effective control rule is more appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I feel this is appropriate with the ability to apply for exemption for those with proven skills.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More encouragement and emphasis need to be put on owners to be registered as responsible dog owners with extra criteria that acknowledge a proper proven level of dog training has been undertaken or achieved. | Simon Courtney |
| 29089 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This will protect dogs from traffic and will provide the general public with reassurance on commonly used walking areas. Unleashed dogs can be intimidating to other persons, and may also approach leashed dogs in an unwanted way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This will protect dogs from traffic and will provide the general public with reassurance on commonly used walking areas. Unleashed dogs can be intimidating to other persons, and may also approach leashed dogs in an unwanted way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife in these areas should be a priority. Allowing leashed dogs strikes a reasonable balance between protecting wildlife and allowing people to exercise their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Robin Wareing |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>This area has a large amount of wildlife and prohibiting dogs from these areas would be beneficial. Sufficient nearby areas exist to allow dog access to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In general I support these rules.<br><br>My main concern is if / how enforcement will be implemented. I have a large huntaway and frequently walk him on tracks where dogs are specified as "on-leash".<br>A substantial number of dog owners ignore the numerous signs and allow their dogs to run off-leash.<br><br>An example is the walkway on the south side of the Heathcote River between Ferrymead Golf and SH74. This is clearly signposted with a large number of signs specifying dogs must be on leash to protect wildlife. Whenever I walk my dog in these areas the majority of dogs I see are off-leash and often poorly controlled.<br><br>Without clear and robust enforcement these rules are unlikely to have worthwhile effects. | |
| 29090 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Blanket rules don't work! Don't penalise owners with well trained dogs. The rule, under effective control is great because effective control for one dog could mean a leash, and another it may mean within hearing distance.<br><br>In busy spaces like hagley park where many pedestrians and cyclists are already interacting on one path yes but small parks with walking paths not shared with cyclists no.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Blanket rules don't work! Don't penalise owners with well trained dogs. The rule, under effective control is great because effective control for one dog could mean a leash, and another it may mean within hearing distance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a great area for exercising dogs in a wide open space.<br><br>Restrict some areas so people can enjoy some dog-free zones but don't apply it to the whole thing and take away peoples walking routines and enjoyment!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Blanket rules don't work! Don't penalise owners with well trained dogs. The rule, under effective control is great because effective control for one dog could mean a leash, and another it may mean within hearing distance.<br>Restrict some areas so people can enjoy some dog-free zones but don't apply it to the whole thing and take away peoples walking routines and enjoyment!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Anna K |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Over reach.<br><br>Let people understand their own capabilities. These are adults, not children, treat your community as such.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Too much over reach. Let people be human and figure things out on their own.<br><br>work on serious issues.... | |
| 29091 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because I want my dog who is under effective control to be able to stop and sniff whatever he wants to ensure his brain to getting proper stimulation. I acknowledge that not all dog owners have put in the proper training to have dogs under effective control whilst off lead. My dog should be able to roam free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>On quieter back streets early in the morning or later at night I think it's fine for a dog to be off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | T R |
| 29092 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is unnecessary and hampers the ability to take your well behaved dog for a good run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It is unnecessary and hampers the ability to take your well behaved dog for a good run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It is unnecessary and hampers the ability to take your well behaved dog for a good run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>keep the wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>The paths restriction would make this unsatisfactory<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Dave Bergin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>Won't affect me, but probably not a bad idea | |
| 29093 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Greenspace areas are great for dogs and they should be allowed off leash, under control in greenspaces.<br>They need to socialise with each other.<br>They need to run free.<br>I cannot get a bus to take me and the dog to the dog park/s so need this option.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because so many dogs can get hit by cars so extra containment needed near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I thought we were only allowed a maximum of two dogs living at our place and even then had to apply.<br>Yes to two off leash and no to four on leashes. One person should have no more than two dogs at a time due to pack mentality.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Council have not mentioned why these changes are needed?<br>Are there statistics, complaints, concerns, safety issues that have triggered these changes.<br>I always find other dog owners very good and thoughtful. | Di Gordon |
| 29094 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Thomas Cronje |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29095 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Tanvi Toprani |
| 29096 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Strongly disagree with requiring dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths. This is discrimination, effectivly banning those with diabilities, the elderly and those with small children from walking thir dog off lead whilst those who are able bodied will walk in the mud alongside the formed path, preventing any percieved benefits of this bylaw. This will have a detremental effect on our community, please think of the wider effect of a small rule change and please do not discriminate against those who cannot walk on uneven ground. This rule change will result in many people with disabilities having to rehome their dogs all all the benefits to their health this brings.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Please provide a map for community discucssion before a decision can be made on this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jake Owen |
| 29097 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | J Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29098 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Too broad. A greenspace is a park, so can you not throw a ball for a dog anymore?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should always be on a leash near a road for the dogs safety, if nothing else.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>If you are providing off leash area of 200 hectares this sounds reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with the area, but agree dogs should not be in nesting areas or where birds migrate in mass.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again sounds reasonable, but there are dog walkers and although you mention 'appropriate skills' I do not trust you won't over regulate and/or put in some licencing fee.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I sound a little negative, but the survey you sent me that went on at length really started to make me uneasy. You started off neutral enough, but it wasn't very far in before the tone changed and I could tell what you were pushing me to answer and it was getting very OTT. It was a toss up whether to abandon the survey, or whether I was already too committed time wise that I needed to finish and to be honest I can't remember which I chose.<br><br>I was left with the feeling you are already decided what you are going to do, and it was a facade to even pretend to have a survey to get the publics opinion. I'm totally against over regulation. I no more want to see wildlife or other animals and people hurt by dogs, but people who feel that way already know and manage their dogs. People who don't care still won't and your bylaws aren't going to make a difference - you will invariably just over regulate and make things unpleasant for good dog owners. How about controlling cyclists who go on tracks where I take my dogs that is clearly sign posted no cyclists. My dogs could get hurt, not to mention any wild life on the track.<br><br>I found the survey over restrictive, and felt give you lot an inch and you'll take a mile - like you running around with tape measures to measure leads. Cats do more damage to wildlife but I'm against culling them also as common sense must prevail somewhere. And no doubt there is more than a slap on the wrist if you get it wrong, so perhaps talk about what happens if you accidently break these bylaws. | Christine Hazeldine |
| 29099 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I get sick and tired of dogs not a leash come running up to mine which is on a leash and the owners think it’s funny it isn’t actually as my dog is very placid and some owners think their dogs won’t do anything but it’s not nice for other dogs when they get rushed up on | Joanne Remi-Meiklejohn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same answer as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We still need our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some owners struggle to have one under control on a leash<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | |
| 29100 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's better to say, "dogs under effective control" as it should be up to the handler's discretion as to the controllability and temperament of their dog. Some dogs are more aggressive and less controlled on leash and many are very well trained and complaint off-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This should again depend on the dog and the handlers control, not for the council to police so heavily as a blanket rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes this is reasonable however, why the need for the council to so tightly control Christchurch citizens. This just seems like commonsense. | Kate Danna |
| 29103 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are many pathways/tracks around bays, and through bush areas, where not many people walk that are ideal to give dogs more freedom to sniff and explore along the path. This for safe dogs causes no concern to people and would be under effective control of the human walking them. The requirement to leash on all pathways is excessive. Effectively limiting dogs ability to run around to nominated dog parks which require travel to access. Dog parks also increase risk of disease being spread between dogs. | Richard Hamilton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Around roads being on a leash is appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense for wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29107 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>My dog is always on her leash. I feel very strongly against dogs off leash anywhere would be less alarming when dogs are allowed by their owners to bound upto my dog in an unfriendly manner especially in parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Once again my dog is on a short leash on footpaths & roads. It's safer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dogs for one person to control is too hard. | Margaret Anne Jordan |
| 29108 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths - yes. Formed paths - lots of areas are under-utilised by the public and does not make sense to enforce this restriction if there are no people using the spaces I.e. bottle lake/forest tracks etc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Sam Warren |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Why the difference between unleash and off leash. | |
| 29109 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Often 'friendly " dogs are walked off the leash and they tend together biggest issue with my children ( get in their face) and often owner makes assumptions ie. Your walking a dog so your kids won't mind my large dog running around them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Person can't keep track of more than 2 dogs many struggle keeping one under effective control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please tighten up what effective control mean | Elvina Clarke |
| 29112 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>People have the right to feel safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We must protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>We must protect wild life<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>We must protect wild life | Richard Rowe |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>2 should be max | |
| 29113 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's so dangerous for everybody concerned & dogs can be unpredictable & dart in front of bikes & people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer all round for everybody.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need to protect wildlife from dog attacks & since there are other areas for dogs to run free it makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Such a great idea protecting nesting birds, we need these changes desperately<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Makes it safer for wildlife again & still have a pleasant walk with ur dog on a lead but safer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It's important did are controlled at all times & walking too many is really dangerous to the public, the dogs & the walker | Debra Barltrop |
| 29114 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Key here is the path is SHARED<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes agree, the objective is to improve wildlife habitat<br>However, completely unresponsible to have no similar bylaws for cats<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes agree, the objective is to improve wildlife habitat<br>However, completely unresponsible to have no similar bylaws for cats<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes agree, the objective is to improve wildlife habitat<br>However, completely unresponsible to have no similar bylaws for cats | Ross Dickie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29115 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>if a dog is under command it is not an issue.<br>Train the owners to train the dogs. A dog is as good or bad as its owner.<br>However , some breeds do need to be as unreliable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>plenty of other places<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some walkers overdo it in the name of profit | Phil Griffiths |
| 29116 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths yes, the others no. Take away the ability to have your dog off lead or on a long line in safe areas will reduce quality of life and will cause more behavioural issues as frustrated under stimulated dogs arise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Te Kuru wetland is a regular walking spot for us and we've never come across dogs causing issue to birds or wildlife. 99% of the dogs are off lead causing no issue.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The council gives out a 3 dog license and then makes it difficult to take those 3 dogs you've said we are allowed out to have a run around, 1 has to be on lead well the other two run around and then switch how ridiculous. | Megan Ellis |
| 29117 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It feels like good dog owners (which are the majority) are being penalised for the poor behaviour of a few | Kris Burney |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The length of the leash should be irrelevant if the dog is under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The most important thing is not being addressed. People who cannot control their dogs and penalties for dogs who attack people and other animals. Stomp out the poor behaviour of owners and the changes won't be required.<br>99% of dogs and owners are good, a tougher stance needs to be taken on owners whose dogs are out of control (normally not the dogs fault) | |
| 29118 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Amanda White |
| 29119 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I agree with all the changes but only on the basis that more dog parks are provided. A fenced off dog park in Hagley Park or somewhere in the central city would be great. It is actually needed. The council are encouraging people to live in the central city but then we have to get in a car to drive to a dog park. We are in dire need of some in the central city. They don't need to be huge. In Brisbane they have them in lots of their central city parks. | Lindy Owen |
| 29120 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the dog is allowed to be off leash in the area, what difference does it make if the dog is on leash around paths or not? It should still be under effective control anyway, and requiring leashes in certain areas of the space may be confusing to owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Nicole Cochrane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29121 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do agree with footpath and shared pathway but do not on the formed tracks in green space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I often walk along the river with my dog. He enjoys the freedom to be able to jump in the water and run around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to be able to walk through the botanical gardens with my dog on a leash.<br>It's a lovely walk and he should be able to walk with me. | Baz Thompson |
| 29124 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Grace Mcewen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29125 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sheree Hayward |
| 29126 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Many dogs can be kept under control so they shouldn't be restricted to leash in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Many dogs especially older ones know to stick to pathways and don't need to be on a leash alongside roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Anna Gibb |
| 29127 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've had other unleashed dogs I'm not familiar with start fights with my dogs who are leashed. It's also safer for children.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for children.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Derek Perrin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think it should be two dogs whether leashed or not.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>* ban leashes longer than 2 m. An owner certainly has no control of a dog beyond that<br>* add more rubbish bins to Hagley park so people have more places to place their waste bags of dog faeces. | |
| 29128 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I would like those apply for exemptions to be tested by an impartial person, but done so fairly. Many dog walkers believe they have the dogs under cont5rol but too many incidents are happening.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Getting rid of the current stupid easy to loose dog tags and replace with the old strip tags (usually used on working dogs) is a lot more effective. | Pitena Parkin |
| 29130 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This definition is too broad. I agree in principle for Footpaths and shared paths - where different transport modes may be used. However, I disagree with the inclusion of "Formed Tracks"<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is an area that should expect users with reduced mobility, high traffic volumes, and increased danger being close to fast-moving traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | David Hills |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Noting that people should understand the law, should not excuse the council from sign-posting permitted areas. Particularly areas where off-leash and on-leash areas are close or overlap.<br><br>Care should be given to ensure off-leash areas are dispersed widely throughout the city - in particular in new develoments mix small yard spaces with narrow stretches of public grass with a single shared footpath - clearly unsuitable of off-leash activity. | |
| 29131 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think you need to define 'short' . I only ever keep my dog on an extending leash but rein him in as we approach wildlife or if others are using the path. Being free to sniff is vital for dogs wellbeing and this may be curtailed if you're only allowing dogs on a 1.5m leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Just makes sense especially near roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Don't prohibit dogs as that will effectively limit the ability of owners to enjoy the area. Just make it an on leash requirement across the board. We all want to ensure the wellbing of the wildlife and planting but we also want to be able to enjoy it ourselves. Also, be realistic about how this will be policed if you ban dogs altogether.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>^^Same reasons as for the red zone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Seems to make sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Being realistic it is not possible for one person to manage the weight of 4 or more dogs if they are pulling to get to something, which means they can't be controlled effectively. | Liz Foxwell-Canning |
| 29132 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I'm also not aware of this being an meaningful issue anywhere. However, If your dog is under effective control off leash then what is the purpose of the leash? and to counter this a leash does not mean a dog is under effective control...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Rules need to be followed to be effective. If the existing rule is to keep dogs "under effective control" and this is not working then people wont put their dog on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs are a large part of Kiwi culture and banning them from large spaces seems excessive. | Aimee Pavitt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs are a large part of Kiwi culture and banning them from large spaces seems excessive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have three well behaved and well trained dogs. To get enough exercise they need to have lots of opportunity to be off leash (in suitable areas). I would be disappointed if my dogs could not run and play together off leash at the same time.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think we need stricter rules on who can own a dog, It is detrimental to the community and to dogs themselves when irresponsible people own them. For example look at the number of dogs being surrendered or put down each year in shelters and you can there is an issue with people owing dogs who are not capable and educated. Reducing the number of irresponsible people owning dogs will have a more positive impact overall on community related dog issues. | |
| 29133 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have a very well trained dog who does not need a leash. People with big dogs should manage the training of their dogs. Rather ask if the dog has been trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above - you are focussing on people who don't train their dogs and punishing those of us who have trained dogs. It will make more sense to find out if the dog is trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know but I would think cats are a bigger problem here - again I don't think you focussing on the right things<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How will you know who is appropriate? And when exactly was this a problem. Was it an isolated case or something else?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Many of these problem seem more like isolated issues and some related to cats. Some actual statistics would be helpful when proposing these changes. | Deirdre Caren |
| 29134 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Feels safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense for safety of vehicles and dogs | Rowan Cooke |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support protection of the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support protection of the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29135 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Properties need to be fenced safely for containing dogs, and locks on gates to stop easy access or gates being blown open and dogs escaping.<br>A legal requirement that dogs be registered and chipped, dogs must also be vaccinated especially for parvovirus.<br>Fines or increased for those who don't pick up their dogs poo - if one can name or photograph them. | Pamela Absolum |
| 29136 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Firstly - control.<br>Secondly - as someone passing by foot or by bicycle, there is much more predictably when the dog is on a short leash.<br>I ride a bike. Frequently through Hagley Park, around the Avon River I(Red Zone) dogs on both a leash and unleash charge out in front of you, and almost caused an accident. Experienced it and seen it happen to others.<br>Not everyone likes dogs<br>Safer for preschools and young children who are afraid of dogs<br>Elderly who are less mobile will less likely be charged at a dog<br>Are no able to chase wildlife or swim in the Avon (or other city waterways)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Sue Parkes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Firstly - control.<br>Secondly - as someone passing by foot or by bicycle, there is much more predictably when the dog is on a short leash.<br>I ride a bike. Frequently through Hagley Park, around the Avon River I(Red Zone) dogs on both a leash and unleash charge out in front of you, and almost caused an accident. Experienced it and seen it happen to others.<br>Not everyone likes dogs<br>Safer for preschools and young children who are afraid of dogs<br>Elderly who are less mobile will less likely be charged at a dog<br>Are no able to chase wildlife or swim in the Avon (or other city waterways)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Firstly - control.<br>Secondly - as someone passing by foot or by bicycle, there is much more predictably when the dog is on a short leash.<br>I ride a bike. Frequently through Hagley Park, around the Avon River I(Red Zone) dogs on both a leash and unleash charge out in front of you, and almost caused an accident. Experienced it and seen it happen to others.<br>Not everyone likes dogs<br>Safer for preschools and young children who are afraid of dogs<br>Elderly who are less mobile will less likely be charged at a dog<br>Are no able to chase wildlife or swim in the Avon (or other city waterways)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs urinate frequently, they also pass faeces, and they are not always picked up by the owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dogs are gentle. Many are active, and dont know boundaries.<br>Management<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Not every one likes dogs.<br>Do not allow dogs on buses. Safety, hygiene (as dogs are not clean animals - some eat dead possums etc)<br>Buses are for humans not dogs. | |
| 29137 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Why do you need to regulate everything? People with common sense will know their dogs and will put a led on, stupid people won't regardless if you change the bylaws.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Why do you need to regulate everything? People with common sense will know their dogs and will put a led on, stupid people won't regardless if you change the bylaws.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Why do you need to regulate everything? People with common sense will know their dogs and will put a led on, stupid people won't regardless if you change the bylaws. You just want to regulate whatever you can, please focus on more important topics. | No Thank No Thank |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Why do you need to regulate everything? People with common sense will know their dogs and will put a led on, stupid people won't regardless if you change the bylaws. You just want to regulate whatever you can, please focus on more important topics.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Why do you need to regulate everything? People with common sense will know their dogs and will put a led on, stupid people won't regardless if you change the bylaws. You just want to regulate whatever you can, please focus on more important topics.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>yeah, more regulations, more burocratic overhead, more rules, that is what people need, everything needs to be regulated. what a waste of tax payers money.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Before you spend time and money on changing rules and making them more strict and come up with bans and rules, look what is already in place. What a reasons you want to change something? Because some people are not following rules? Guess what, those people will also not follow the new rules. Instead of making it more strict look, if the existing rules are enforced and used, of not, you have your answer. | |
| 29138 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps them under better control and more of a consistent rule<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can run onto roads when frightened and cause accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It’s nice for the dogs to cool off in the river. I propose that areas are restricted during beating season, or that some parts are signed as dog- friendly swimming.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some people have many dogs and no control, and some dogs, even nice dogs, become dangerous with pack mentality if not under direct control. | Robin Berthault |
| 29140 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Jennifer Sanders |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Some public green spaces (parks) should be dog free, those with specific dog parks nearby would be ideal as there isn't any need for dogs to be there. This would be good for people who have a phobia of dogs or would simply prefer not to be around them. Currently, it is hard to avoid dogs. I have stopped using my local park due to being hassled by dogs and then yelled at by irate dog owners. | |
| 29141 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It should be shared and respected by everyone.<br><br>How about controlling the bikers who bike to fast on the shared park walkways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Depends on the training of the dog and the handler who should have the doing under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Yet again effective control by owner of dog should be allowed on paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Effective control by handler again should come into this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Pack mentality for dogs is scary for some people.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs are like family to some people and you're not asking kids to be kept under a bylaw.<br>Some con coercion should go into this getting those that dont have animals like those who dont have bikes but have to be considerate to riders. | Leigh Figgitt |
| 29142 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is off a leash a responsible owner will still have it under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs Socialise in these areas. Often dogs on a leash are more aggressive due to feeling the need to protect their owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Andrew Clark |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29144 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Detta Donde |
| 29145 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is possible to walk a dog away from the footpath in summer but in winter it is wet and slippery under foot for the person walking the dog and dangerous. The person walking the dog should be able to walk on at least some paths. Often people walking dogs will walk with friends or children and that would force them to all be walking cross country, there are definitely areas where the lead is a good idea on shared paths but if you dont allow for dogs to be off the lead it is difficult for owners to be able to expertise their family dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Kirsten Fox |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29146 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs are a problem - we do not need more rules and regulations<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>What's with the short leash? Why the constant desire to have more rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Read previous response - I have walked my dogs in the red zones for years<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Is this already a bloody rule? it is according to the signs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>You must be dog haters<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Ridiculous rule | Trish Clarke |
| 29147 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>groynes - leave as it, it is a signifcantly large area and lots of problem dogs are in the dog park area but don't often walk beyond its boundaries, for well behaved dogs that require extra exercise, being able to be off leash in it's extended areas is beneficial.<br>protected areas for cultural reasons - allow dogs to be walked through on leash. Don't prohibit dogs altogether<br>styx mill - this space is often used for local residents to walk through to the dog park where the dogs can be off leash. keep as is where dogs can walk through on the leash. Particularly as there is significant expansion of residential housing near this area and there are no other spaces near for families to walk their dogs, the walk through styx mill is the best route to the dog park. | Jen Jones |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29149 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Harrison France |
| 29150 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>where a path goes thru a greenspace area its hard to expect a dog to understand that he has to have a lead on when he inadvertently runs on the path-for me i always put our dog on a lead when on pathways but equally no matter what is or isnt allowed if i see a problem i put her on a lead-personally i have never seen a problem with any rgistered dog on or off a lead in the city area -the problem is with unregistered owners who just couldnt care less -they are the ones who let the dogs do anything and dont pick up droppings -the more restrictions you bring in for responsible dog owners makes no effect on those who dont register-dog owners(who are pedestrians) now also over the last few years see their footpaths no longer dedicated to pedestrians but all forms of electric mayhem on cycles/scooters etc -all completely ungoverned by council -no restrictions for them at all- turning the city into a fun park ,appearing from nowhere at speeds up to 30kph,expecting pedestrians to move aside for them--any problems registered dogs cause around the city is insignificant in comparison<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>see my comments in first answer | David/Wendy Plank |
| 29151 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is impossible to operate. If the dog is free in a park, for example, it may spend some time walking with its owner (or without its owner) on a footpath during the time it is running free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Richard Entwistle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>A long leash is perfectly satisfactory in most areas of the city for most of the time. Dog owners manage this perfectly well without unnecessary regulations.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Subject to clear and appropriate signage that is kept up to date.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Subject to clear and appropriate signage that is kept up to date.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Is it a wetland or a stormwater basin? there is no need to protect stormwater basins that are not wetlands. If there is a specific area that warrants protection then protect it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29152 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dogs are under the effective control of their owners in these spaces and sometimes the dogs are not particularly friendly to people or other dogs. People using these close shared spaces (whether they are dog owners themselves walking their dogs or people without dogs) should not have to be anxious about if the off-leash dog coming towards them is going to be a problem or not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Please see above response.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is reasonable as it does then not allow the people with multiple dogs and a lack of ability to control them all, to monopolise off-leash areas for other dogs and their owners. | Jo Hall |
| 29153 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely yes! For safety of people and other dogs. Hard yes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above | Cath Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Hard yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is so important, dogs can walk in other areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For safety<br>If someone has over four dogs all pulling in different directions then this is a safety issue for the person walking , the dogs<br>Getting walked and other pedestrians and their dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Think this is great<br><br>Myself and children get a bit nervous when a dog is off leash and near us.<br>Our dog gets nervous with unleashed dogs when we go on walks on footpath in our area | |
| 29154 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can be dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I walk my dog in the city centre 30-45 minutes a day. A leash is a very important way<br>to keep control of a dog by drawing him/her closer if needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I have taken my dog to this area and often there are doggie messes. It would be good to have designated areas with trash cans/doggie bags<br>as they have in some dog parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with this area, but wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can be dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Candace Green |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>The number can be ridiculous and dogs, after all, are pack oriented. Not fair<br>to smaller dogs or those free to run while owners watch them play. | |
| 29155 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>A city is for people, not dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should not be allowed anywhere where the purpose is for preserving the environment and wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>They should be prohibited anywhere near these areas. Dog owners will abuse the rules and dogs will end up running free in the prohibited areas. It's much better not to have them near there in the first place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>No exemptions. | Kathryn Haines |
| 29156 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Cameron Mair |
| 29157 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Proven studies show dogs sniff  more and have a better life the long the lead. Studies also proven less dog fights happen when dogs are not on leads due to fight or flight situations.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Philippa Mclaren |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>I do not believe you are going to be able to police this and stop a dog running across the path - this is silly and a waste of money even trying to implement this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a great area where dogs can be off lead...most wildlife in these areas are ducks or geese. Most dogs do not disturb wildlife amd the ones that do - the owners generally have their dogs on leads. Very few people other than dog walkers use these areas so why bother changing it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Where is this. Having a map of these areas would help to identify them!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again, no one but dog waters generally use these areas amd they are a great area for dogs to run around and be dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense as how can a person control multiple dogs. But if you allow a trained dog walker to have multiple how do you know whoncan and who can't?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see dogs being allowed on busses like in Auckland. This will help with elderly getting their animals to the vets, local dog parks etc. Even limit how many one person can take on bus - but I believe this should be allowed. | |
| 29158 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think it’s safer for the dog/s to be on a short lead - in every space. Better control for owners although some would disagree. Footpaths are for people mainly so their dog should be on lead so they can also see when the dog has taken a dump that they have chosen to ignore and not pick up<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as previous answer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the wildlife at all costs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Neke Simeonidis Mcdonald |
| 29159 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I own a small dog who is always on a lead and I am sick and tired of big uncontrolled dogs aggressively running up to her. She has been attacked and needed thousands of dollars surgery. The owners all abuse me when I tell there dogs to back off. I'm sick of it. | Kerrie Ridrigues |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Please see above reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Please see my above reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Please see my above reasons plus we need to protect wildlife, cats should be on leads too<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife plus these dog owners without leads don't clean their faecies at all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Due to fogs in packs can be dangerous and attack small dogs and children which has happened to mine<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All | |
| 29160 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Longlines are an effective tool for training recall and allowing dogs to sniff and engage with their surroundings while remaining tethered and under control. Sniffing around is important stimulation for dogs and crucial for their development.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Similar reasons to above, I see many dogs who are extremely well behaved walk off lead / on long lines in the street.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Restriction rather than prohibition. Dogs on lead, perhaps certain times of year (native birds nesting etc). Responsible Dog owners should be able to enjoy these parts of the city too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm unfamiliar with this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense, unsure how council would enforce it<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Celeste Tindall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Generally disagree with creating more compulsory leashed areas such as the groynes, major city centre parks. These tend to be places people drive from far and wide to so that they can fulfil the need for free exploration and running for their dogs. | |
| 29161 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The wetlands are a key dog walking area due to the fact they are away from roads and car and therefore a safe environment to have your dog off the leash.<br>The inability to have a dog off lease in these areas will massively affect the options we have to exercise dogs. The wetlands were created for the whole community and the majority of people who I see using them are dog walkers. Having dogs leased in these areas would be a real negative impact on the use they have for the surrounding community. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal for the wetlands<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is a safety issue, and I agree that this is justified and reasoned<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>The wetlands are a key dog walking area due to the fact they are away from roads and car and therefore a safe environment to have your dog off the leash.<br>The inability to have a dog off lease in these areas will massively affect the options we have to exercise dogs. The wetlands were created for the whole community and the majority of people who I see using them are dog walkers. Having dogs leased in these areas would be a real negative impact on the use they have for the surrounding community. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal for the wetlands<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The proposed changes are going to severely limit dog owners options for walking and exercising their dog off a leash. I do not feel that dog owners should be further down the priority list than walkers or cyclists when it comes to using green spaces with walking tracks. | Lynne Robinson |
| 29163 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs roaming free can be dangerous and they defacate when and where they like<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dogs are friendly and they are a danger to all if they get into the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs don’t respect or differed between protected species<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Angela Mcdonnell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One person cannot control dogs when pack mentality sets in and they want to chase or attack | |
| 29166 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is overkill. Way worse than it is in the UK. Makes me want to go back there. Are you just trying to piss off dog owners? Because you're doing a good job. What about cat owners? They do more damage (cats) to wildlife, than we even know. And has the guts to tackle that. My dog is micro chipped and kept on a lead around wildlife. She does not stray from my property but you are planning to make it almost impossible to exercise her properly in Lyttelton in the summer. Shame on you.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Katz can go wherever they like. If dogs are under control (unlike Katz) what's the difference? And children? Same thing. This is overkill. I'm dictating and for some weird reason my phone makes Katz spelt with a capital K and a Z. But you know what I'm talking about.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think dog should be kept away from wildlife. Just the same as Katz. When are you going to control the Katz?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dog should not be allowed to kill birds. Neither should Katz. When are you going to ensure that all cats are micro chipped, registered and kept in at night like dogs?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>This also makes sense. It is not overreach – just common sense. Unlike the Council behaviour towards Katz. Gutless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It can be overwhelming when you encounter someone who is not in control of a lot of docs. Totally support this. There should also be a limit on the number of Katz that anyone can keep. Ideally none. But failing that one or two that are micro chipped and kept in at night.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Clearly, these rules are put together by crazy cat people. Sickening. | Andrew Wilkinson |
| 29167 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This could be restricted hours of high use by others(with appropriate analysis and evidence) but seems overly controlling for "shared use" paths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For obvious safety reasons around moving vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Leila Parbhu |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Seems overly restrictive we never see any wildlife in the basins near our property other than normal birds and the occasion adult duck<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This would greatly impact dog walkers by profession. There are already rules around owning so many dogs at one property. More evidence to support this would be welcomed. | |
| 29168 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>These shared paths can be busy areas and dogs need to be kept on a short leash and under control to keep them safe for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Charlotte Glen |
| 29170 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Well trained dogs should be able to work without leash near the owner in greenspace walkways / paths. Forcing dog owners to walk cross country seems unfair. Shared spaces are for all, including dog owners who are responsibly exercising their animals. Cyclists and scooter users seem more of a hazard to walkers / children than dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Roads are for transport, not recreation. Priority should be given for those using it as such. Dogs should be walked on short leash, giving way to other users, until a exercise area / greenspace is arrived at.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important, we can control where out dogs play, seems a sensible policy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important, we can control where out dogs play, seems a sensible policy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important, we can control where out dogs play, seems a sensible policy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Thomas Lang |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>No opinion | |
| 29172 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Stick to the basics as a council. Water and roads. Stop telling people how to live<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Henry Redmond |
| 29173 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Nothing wrong with a longer leash when no one else is around As can easily shorten the leash when people are nearm<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Nothing wrong with a longer leash when no one else is around As can easily shorten the leash when people are near.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mary Russell |
| 29174 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Rachel Wix |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29175 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long retractable leashes pose a tripping hazard to walkers and runners passing by.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long retractable leashes pose a tripping hazard to walkers and runners passing by.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As long as there is still a means of continuing your walk, albeit with the dog leashed and on a walkway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Please ensure signs clearly indicate dogs are still permitted on a leash on the paths provided. I use these areas extensively to walk my leashed dog, on paths, and given the risk this poses to the wildlife, is a fair approach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Geraldine Van Tromp |
| 29176 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog owners should be able to use judgement, keeping dogs on lead when it is busy, but if no one is around, I would like the option for my dog to be off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The Red Zone is a key place to be able to exercise dogs off lead in the cit area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes definitely, dogs can be unpredictable and need to be closely watched and monitored when off lead. | Louise Home-Dewar |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29177 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>No dog can be 100% under effective control unless leashed. My own dog especially.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Although my dog is always on a leash it can be difficult to keep him under control when other dogs are not leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Increasing amount of native fauna in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Roosting birds are under stress.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Differing areas need to be clearly identified on site.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Surprised there is not already a limit. | Ian Nouwens |
| 29180 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog along the Heathcote river in my area... passing many dog walkers along the way. The majority of the time my dog is under effective control, there are some short footpaths as we cross roads which would require putter her on and off leads for 5-10 mtrs at a time? doesn't make sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above we walk along the Heathcote river which the majority is not on Footpaths (Ashgrove tce etc) . This allows the dog to trot and sniff and explore under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I walk/ride that track and there is plenty of space, on lead if there is a concern in some protected areas but not a total ban<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>bird migrations change so a ban today could be useless in years to come. on lead again should be fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>on lead would be fine<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>does the size of the dog matter? 4 large/extra large dogs could be too much for 1 person yet 6 small dogs on lead would be fine... doesn't make sense for a blanket restriction | Duane Mcdougall |
| 29181 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Leonard Perryman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It's the right thing to do for every one usage of footpaths and tracks . I am a dog owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the same reason as before.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>DI to<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Di to<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29183 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner myself and leash our dog on all walks due to his anxiety and fear of other dogs. It is very frustrating when owners don't recognise their dog is being a nuisance because it is "friendly" and allow them to run up to my dog off leash, causing issues. I see this happen to others a lot too. Keep all dogs safe by keeping them on leashes. Too many people think they have control when they do not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There are plenty of places dogs can go so I support protecting areas for other animals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Professional dog walkers are fine but as above, there are a lot of people who think they have control when they don't. | Nicole Trenwith |
| 29184 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If dogs are allowed in the greenspaces, then what is the logic for requiring them just to be on short leashes?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety of pedestrians, motorists, dog owners and dogs. | Chris Archer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't think it's fair for dog owners to be aware of regulations at various areas - I still believe that signage is important, especially for out of towners who bring their dogs also with them to visit. | |
| 29185 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>stop dogs from straying<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>keep dogs and people safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>keep the wild life safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>keep people and animals out<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>always keep dog under control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | Anthony Edwin Mcdonald |
| 29188 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Sharyn Ruane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Safety. Controlling your pet<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>People have lots of options for exercising their pets. These are fair restrictions<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One person can not control and watch too many dogs. Stops packs being formed | |
| 29189 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too restrictive particularly in winter given that the paths are often the only areras not waterlogged/muddy . The danger in these areas is from cyclists travelling at speed - there should be cycle paths not shared walkways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Traffic is a danger to uncontrolled dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This should be based on skill/dogs. many owners have more than two dogs and this effectively prevents them exercising their pets to cater for a perceived poor behaviour. deal with the owners not make a prohibition<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The review should make attempts to normalise dogs in public areas including cafes. As the temperatures in Christchurch much of the year prevent owners from taking their dogs with them due to the unnecessary restricytions on palces they may enter. A normalised dog culture would be a far less frightened culture. Deal with bad behaviour by current regulation and law. | Kevin Prince |
| 29191 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If its a greenspace dogs should be allowed off leash- lots of green spaces have paths/tracks- you are severely limiting places dogs can run!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Peter Murison |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>same comment as above we shared pathways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29192 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I ride a bike and it is difficult to know or trust if a dog is going to move across in front of me when it's on a long extended leash so great idea to shorten leashes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect wildlife but not the Canadian Geese !<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes you have to do everything to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes so that dog faeces doesn't pollute these<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I know dog walker jobs are b important and I want to see these being permitted but controlling the number of dogs per person is good idea | Brigid Buckenham |
| 29193 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Its confusing - are you saying that in a park the dog should be on lead if walking on the path with you, but can be off lead if on the grass next to (but off) the path?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes proximal to roads with no barrier between this is logical.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Because as you start to progress this rule, it sets precedent to continue to shrink the area further. This is one of the limited spaces dogs can be free. | Alex Cartwright |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Unless you fence the areas, it is hard to create that boundary. Dogs that are under effective control do not know to only run on the grass area and not elsewhere. If the other areas are fenced, they do not need a lead. So no, do not agree.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>What are the skills required? How will these be assessed? | |
| 29194 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't agree that dogs should be leased at The Groynes or other big green spaces where wildlife habitats would not be affected. | Niamh Mcglade |
| 29195 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Don't want dogs rushing onto the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Effective control should be sufficient.  Ensure this policy is enforced, rather than making all dog owners restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Effective control should be sufficient.. Ensure this policy is enforced, rather than making all dog owners restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the dogs get a chance to get off lead which is important for them to fully exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Rosalind Brenssell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>I think if you have a dog walker that is keeping dogs under effective control, why restrict the number?<br>If the exemption is in place then I'm sure there would be enormous red tape for those people to jump through to prove they are adequately skilled.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't like the idea that all dogs need to be on leash for most of the time. Our dog is extremely well behaved, interacts well with people and other dogs. We have him under effective control, so he's no trouble to anyone.<br>Why prohibit people like us due to not policing / enforcing bad dog owners effectively | |
| 29196 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree to have dogs leashed in busy areas especially beside roads but I enjoy using the red zone as an exercise spot for both me and my dog and it's great when he can get a good run in with me. I do not believe high energy dogs get enough exercise just walking on a lead and there's no chance everyone is going to follow a changed rule so there will be more problems having some of them leashed and some of them not leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dangerous beside roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I love the red zone and if there's a way to protect some of it while still having ample space for dogs to get a good amount of exercise I'm supportive of that decision.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't use this area so not confident to comment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have had several horrible run ins with dog walkers not being able to control how many dogs they have off leash. Would maybe be ok with how many they're allowed now if they were all leashed if they don't listen to their commands from dog walker.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I really feel like the main issue I always see is small dog owners not following any rules and out to cause disturbances. They are always in spaces well known to have large dogs off leash and then cause scenes when they don't like the bigger dogs. I have been followed, verbally abused, followed home even, etc. it's always always someone with a small dog that does not require the same sort of exercise. It's a very dangerous situation and I feel like that's actually the main issue! | Sara Macdonald |
| 29198 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Daniel Van Beyere |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29199 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I own a dog. Seems fair and sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As per above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>So long as cats are forced to wear bell collars<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As per above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As per previous two answers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If they’re in control, then there’s no issue<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Excuse the pun, but in some of these questions, you’re barking g up the wrong tree. Cats are a massive issuearou d wildlife and birds. Bell collars need to become mandatory | Brian Ashby |
| 29200 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Justin Sintes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29201 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for both dogs & other path users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>A short leash is a more secure protection for dogs in busy & potentially dangerous areas for them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I value all wildlife along the river. I love dogs. Dogs and wildlife can be a disastrous mix, particularly for the wildlife. It's really a way to keep all creatures, great and small, safer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs do not need to be everywhere. Just as some places are reserved for dogs; some places need to be reserved for other animals and wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs still have access to areas that as allow them to be off leash and run free but not in all areas, specially where wildlife may be establishing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen and been around persons walking  up to 6 dogs at a time. I have no idea whether that person is qualified, competent and able to control the situation should things turnbto custard. It's common sense. | Elizabeth Peoples |
| 29202 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>My view is dogs are not causing a problem in these area.  It looks like more examples of centralised control by a council determined to create mindless self serving rules. | Graeme King |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More overly bureaucratic approach to a none existant problem. we need less rules not more more !!! | |
| 29203 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Totally not fair for responsible dog owners. Outrageously unfair in fact.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Not fair on responsible dog owners with well behaved dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that this is one thing I agree with.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'll say this. If you introduce these draconian laws, it's only the responsible dog owners that will abide by them. The irresponsible owners will continue to be bad dog owners. You'll be penalising the wrong people. | Darren Mora |
| 29204 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Everyone has the right to feel safe when travelling along paths and formed tracks. This change will allow for walkers and runner to not have to contend with unruly dogs which can become a tripping hazard or a menace to the generally public including children and the elderly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As with the above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems a very good compromise to allow places for dogs to be freely exercised while also prohibiting dogs in certain areas for the protecting of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above - makes great sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above. good common sense approach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Very good approach to ensure the safety of both dog walkers and the general public.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This draft dog control policy is one of the more sensible reviews the CCC has undertaken in a long time. | Sam Stokes |
| 29205 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Leslie Incourt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29206 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jack Ng |
| 29207 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This helps all dog owners as someone who has a dog that doesn't like off leash dogs approaching her on leash, this makes it more predictable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Would need to see a visual map to make up my mind.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Very important to have the exemption. My dog walking service - checkers - are fantastic and she is very firm on her criteria for dogs she accepts so she can control. For those of us that work | Nicole Billante |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | full time this a great way for our dogs to get exercise and be socialised. Cowboy dog walkers give good ones like Checkers a bad name so I'm all for regulation.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Think the dog facilities in chch are great. Thank you! | |
| 29208 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>i feel this should not be a blanket rule and be specific to the area. I.e. hills around banks peninsula, some tracks are skinny and it is hard to have a dog on a short lesh, if there are stairs etc it is easier to let the dog go ahead. All dogs should be under effective control however.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>yes, for the safety of traffic and the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, however dogs should have some allowed river areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>only if there are more areas introduced where dogs can be off leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>yes limit is fine but it should be dependant on the amount of dogs owned. As if I owned 3 dogs i would want to take them all out off leash together rather than have 1 miss out | Tara O'Donoghue |
| 29211 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jodi Wareing |
| 29213 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Obvious traffic hazards, comfort of "non-doggy persons", and other path users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Paul Meakin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>For the reasons given<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons given<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons given<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons given<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons given<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No other feedback | |
| 29215 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>my wife had a dog attack in radley park and bit part of her finger off true story<br>the dog was not on effective control<br>my argument how can you police this when the police have nothing to do with it dog control is pretty spineless<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>yes an extension lead is useless saw one dog run onto a road on a long leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>save wild life<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>have seen dog walkers with six dogs around Ferrymead estuary saw one chasing the birds no control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>i do not mind dogs we were a dog owner but under effective control it is not safe at present | Jon Barfoot |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29216 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Where would dogs be allowed to walk off leash, except in dog parks which are not suitable for all dogs…?<br>This may encourage people to walk off the footpath to bypass the rule and would cause more erosion to grassy areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Dogs behave very differently- each to their own. Some require leashing, others not… dog should be leashed when a nuisance or a danger to self or others<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not supposed to go in wetlands as is at the moment- apart from around and on tracks… as they are to be kept away from wildlife… too many regulations for dog owners. Dog owners at the wetlands are mostly responsible. Handful who are not paying attention to the fog when walking could be fined, not blanket punishment for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Depends on breed of dog I guess, but dog walkers with large packs become a nuisance for other dogs | Minda Lee |
| 29217 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I disagree with the wording of "formed tracks". It should be paved tracks. A formed track could be any dirt path that has formed over time.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For sure, dogs near roads and footpaths should be on leash for their safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Do you consider every derelict unmaintained road in the red zone to be considered a pathway? If you do, will the council repair and maintain them?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For sure, wildlife reserves can be dog free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wayne Teutenberg |
| 29218 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads do not allow a handler /owner to a) keep their dog safe and b) prevent their dog harassing other path / walkway users.<br>Extra long leads can present a trip hazzard for walkers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>See answer to previous question | Lucy Sandfordreed |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense to keep wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Necessary to keep wildlife safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See response to the 2 previous questions<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Perhaps there needs to be a distinction between owners and professional dog walkers.<br>As a 3 dog owner this proposal could be problematic.<br>Walking the 3 off leash with dogs within 1-2 metres of me is a common practice. The bigger risk in this situation is off leash dogs rushing my dogs and causing issues. At the end of the day I have to keep my dogs safe alongside legislative requirements in relation to people and other animals and birds. | |
| 29219 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Where are the statistics that this is a problem that needs to be solved? Certainly it should not be specified that it is a 'short' lead as the extendable leads provide sufficient control.<br><br>There is potential more danger posed by cyclists and e-scooter riders moving at excessive speed on shared areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Due to dogs having an inbuilt prey chasing reflex there is a danger that a dog will react to something and run into the road. However, again this need not be a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Fine in the areas with wildlife, but the same comment made earlier re having dogs on leash on pathways - not necessary and over restrictive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Why cannot the dogs be on a leash in these areas?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again fine to protect wildlife n some areas, but having them leashed on pathways in that area is overkill.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Although I am unclear as how you come up with 4 dogs when leashed. Two large dogs on leash are just about controllable, but more is not reasonable.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What about the Christchurch Botanical Gardens. This would be a lovely walk for people to do with their dog(s). Fine to have them on a leash. | Loudon Keir |
| 29220 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Aj M |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I have had a number of horrible incidents where dogs not under control have rushed me aggressively and left me shaken, scared, and obviously ruined my outdoor experience. One knocked me off my feet causing a sprained ankle. Another was a particularly large strong aggressive breed. The owners clearly could not control their dogs by calling them back - the dogs completely ignored them. Therefore for the safety of others, I think they should have to be physically controlled - i.e. on a leash, where others are also using the outdoor space. I do wonder, though, what happens when a dog is on a green space but runs across to rush someone walking on an adjacent footpath. ?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the same reasons as my 'Yes' response to the first question. The current laws are clearly not providing adequate protection to other members of the public who have a right to use outdoor spaces in safety, let alone peacefully and without being threatened, scared, and having their experience destroyed, as has happened to me several times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Our native wildlife needs all the help it can get to regenerate, increase biodiversity and support climate mitigation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See above response<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I agree, but I do question the interpretation of 'off leash, under effective control'. I think some owners think they have effective control but clearly they don't, and by then it is too late. It seems only a matter of time before someone else is mauled or bitten, not to mention the awful experience of having a dog rush at you in a threatening way. I think more clarity is needed around what 'under effective control' means. Telling someone else 'It's OK, s/he's only being playful' after the dog has rushed and barked at them aggressively is not effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I cannot believe it is realistically possible to have effective control of two dogs when they are off leash, let alone four, based on my experiences of people with only one dog off leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Unfortunately the people who have the worst, most dangerous dogs, probably won't read the bylaws, so something else needs to address their behaviour. However I do think it is worth changing the laws because of the number of responsible (or semi-responsible) owners who will abide by them, and to give the message as to what is acceptable dog and owner behaviour.<br>Thank you for doing this, much appreciated. | |
| 29221 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You've created a blanket rule obviously because there is a minority of dog owners who ruin it for all..sadly it makes some sense, but for the owners who have put in the time and effort to have a well controlled dog off leash, well we will have to travel farther to find a place to exercise our pet. Can't just walk out the door and go local.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Short leash/long leash... does it really make a difference when your on a FOOTPATH.. and you have bikes and scooters flying past you doing 30-40km/h..<br>You give them bike/cycle lanes, and they don't uses them..<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Shane Goodwin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This one makes complete sense<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Indirectly.....<br>council have removed soooo many rubbish bins. That in itself is stupidity. But this in turn has created a situation where people won't/don't bother picking up there dogs poo's... I see it all the time. I've even watched people deliberately looking away as if it never happened..<br>clean and green ain't going to happen if the nearest bin is half a km away. (Oh and full for 2 days) Bring back the bin man .... Bring back more bins | |
| 29222 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on what control the owner has on the dog and what type of dog it is. If it is friendly there is no need to have it on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Depends on what control the owner has on the dog and what type of dog it is. If it is friendly there is no need to have it on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as it isn't a stupidly large corridor/ area forbidden for the dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Never seen a dog in the estuary , how about a fine if they are seen with a dog near the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>It's all about the owner controlling their dogs, too much of the minority making it a controlled state for others . How about a fine if they are seen with a dog near the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not , what about the dog walkers ? Who are you to say how many dogs a person can control. We aren't a communist country.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just how much control are you after | Simon Watson |
| 29223 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do not agree dogs should be on leash on formed track, I think there are a huge number of dogs and owners that do this to exercise regularly and do so in a safe and controlled way. I feel owners that do not control their dogs will ignore the proposed rules and owners of well trained dogs will have their recreation affected to no advantage of public and wildlife protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Again I do not feel the proposed changes will increase public and wildlife safety as I feel well trained dogs will have avail it to run off lead diminished (an important activity for dogs) and owners of dogs that are not well controlled will not follow the rules. | Eileen Doherty |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think this would affect dog walkers that operate as a business and I have not seen any concerning behaviour or dogs that are not well controlled by professional dog walkers. | |
| 29224 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If dogs are under effective control, this is not necessary. For me and my family personally, it will mean we don't use any of these areas any longer.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This is already common sense, and people know their dogs best. More regulation like this makes this city feel even more suffocating. I don't want to take my dog out for a walk fearing that I'm going to be approached by a police officer and ticketed. Don't they have better things to do than punish people doing absolutely nothing wrong?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I love my dog and care way more about recreating with him than I do the wildlife, sorry. I'm a millennial. We have dogs instead of children. This is a city. People should be able to walk their dogs. Wildlife belongs in the countryside, and there's plenty of it in NZ. Already I feel pushed out of some of my favourite places to go by current bylaws, and it's frankly NOT what I want at all for my city. I have never even been to Travis Wetlands because what is the point? I'm a woman and I don't feel safe walking in public without my dog. I have a well-behaved dog and I will go places I can take him and I won't get to enjoy places that are not dog friendly. In more progressive cities, like in the US, dogs are essentially allowed everywhere. In shops, restaurants, bars, rec buildings, you name it. In Asheville, NC, where I visited recently, it would be strange to be told, no you can't have your dog here (and that's *inside*). That is the way forward, not this. Dogs are whānau. I want to live in a city that welcomes them with open arms.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, I care much more about my quality of life and ability to recreate with my dog than I do about the wildlife. There are already so many places in NZ that prohibit dogs, and I hate it. The priorities of the Council do not align with the people living here. Rubbish bins please and no more dog bylaws!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again, I care much more about my quality of life and ability to recreate with my dog more than I do about the wildlife. There are already so many places in NZ that prohibit dogs, and I hate it. There are thousands of kms of national parks where dogs are prohibited (and therefore I do not visit or get to enjoy, as my dog goes where I go). Can we not keep our cities dog friendly? The priorities of the Council do not align with the people living here. Rubbish bins please and no more dog bylaws!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The regulation is suffocating. I value my freedom and personal choice and this is not it.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am strongly opposed to any additional regulation concerning dogs in Christchurch. | Sasha Teeling |
| 29225 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It ensures dogs don't cut people off who are also using the pathway and you are stopped by your dog to enable you to pick up its "fowling" so cannot walk past it without making a conscious effort to do so. | Charlotte Gavin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The wildlife can be largely unseen and dogs are designed for hunting. So it is best to keep "hunters" out of preservation areas designed to provide the wildlife with some peace.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is important to ensure the pathways are able to be shared and more than 2 dogs for one person can be problematic to achieving this.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog Fowling - this issue needs addressing and penalties advertised. Christchurch in particular has a large number of dogs per capita and an irresponsible dog owner can be a serious menace to a community. We would like to see more advertising to prevent this and an area on perhaps Snap Send & Solve where you can report an offending owner's address. | |
| 29227 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I am opposed to this restriction applying to dog parks and dog exercise areas like the Halswell quarry. | Simon Richards |
| 29228 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I'm not sure why this is necessary. There are multiple parks (Hagley and Avonhead just name 2 I regularly use) where people walk their dogs off leash. In winter it is nice to be able to walk somewhere with paths so my feet don't get too muddy. These parks are filled with responsible dog walkers. There are no dog parks nearby to exercise off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Emily Barlow |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29229 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Amanda Hyde |
| 29230 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner and it is stressful when I am out with my dog and we encounter other dogs off lead on the footpath.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as it makes it safer and easier for everyone to use the paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lydia Schroder |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29231 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Less dangerous to all users (including dogs)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Less dangerous to all users (including dogs), especially when area is busy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This will allow the wildlife population to grow and support less common species<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of nesting birds is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>2 off leash is a good limit. It is probably good to limit on-leash numbers for the dogs' safety and enjoyment, particularly if they are attacked by another dog on the loose.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>POSSIBLE ERROR See STR7533-Draft Dog Control bylaw SoP document:<br>Schedule 1 p35 Northern Christchurch inland area<br>Styx Mill Conservation Reserve (excluding the west end) - 2nd paragraph: "Dogs may be leashed outside of the predator-proof fence that runs around the perimeter of the reserve, and along the track on the northern residential side of the Styx River." Shouldn't this read "Dogs must be leashed ..." | Mike Hurrell |
| 29232 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Brian Darlow |
| 29233 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs under effective control on these pathways are of minimal nuisance, certainly less that many other users. Walks within green space areas in forests are enjoyed by many dogs and their | David Selman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | owners with little issue. The requirement will restrict the enjoyment of owners and their dogs. Dog parks are avoided by many as the contained nature with many dogs created a charged atmosphere which is just not present when walking in green spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Perfect sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as these areas are well sign posted/ notified I support making areas safe for wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the beach is still able to be used for walks I have no issue with making wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>In general yes, 2 dogs off leash is enough for most people. 4 on leash is also ok<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Groynes - assuming by dog park you also include the river area and walking area then I support the requirement.<br><br>Signage is always advisable, would prefer that signage in well used areas such as beaches is maintained | |
| 29234 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many loose dogs that have limited recall, some dogs are reactive and loose dogs approaching with little or no recall is a disaster, dogs should be on a leash in public places at all times . There should be more dog parks for friendly non reactive dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for all dogs and their owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>However having any dog off leash will endanger any and all wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs to be protected again all dogs should be on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Stacey Aldwin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>But I again don't agree with dogs being off leash in public at all , the risk of dog fights the risk to wildlife is high<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All areas | |
| 29235 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Too many times people with their dogs off lead not under control run up to my boy. | Blake Wells |
| 29236 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed on the tracks off leash as they can't go on footpaths off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Michelle Farmer |
| 29237 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It can be difficult when people don't have their dogs on lead in those areas.. we have a neighborhood dog that goes crazy towards my dog and this would keep my dog and myself safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Sarah Gardyne |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>It seems to make it difficult for those who own more dogs | |
| 29238 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Graham Hilary Mclean |
| 29239 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is under effective control they do not endanger anyone in such environments. These areas, away from road traffic, must be accessible for dog exercising. To restrict such areas would be unduly cruel to dogs. Dog owners should not be forced to drive to approved dog exercising areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The current law is adequate. Further restrictions are unnecessary and would excessively restrict the ability of dog owners to give their pets adequate exercise. Dog owners should not be forced to drive to approved dog exercising areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The current law is adequate. Further restrictions are unnecessary and would excessively restrict the ability of dog owners to give their pets adequate exercise. Dog owners should not be forced to drive to approved dog exercising areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Cats and plastic pollution are the greater hazards in this area. Resources should be directed towards these issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Simon Corbett |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | The current law is adequate. Further restrictions are unnecessary and would excessively restrict the ability of dog owners to give their pets adequate exercise. Dog owners should not be forced to drive to approved dog exercising areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The existing rule is adequate. If an officer can determine that dogs are not under effective control, then enforcement can be applied. Many people have more than three dogs, they should not be criminalized for exercising their dogs responsibly. | |
| 29240 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Often when walking my two dogs daily on leashes in our local park and walkways they encounter other dogs off leashes , often their owners have no control or recall. this has caused stress and on two occasions one of my dogs was bitten.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>In our area there are two dog walkers, often up to six dogs and off leads. They do run over, often not returning to the person responsible when called. | Debra Taylor |
| 29241 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>There are some owners who have their dogs well trained and under verbal control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We definitely need to protect our native wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely, there should be no dogs in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Sandra Flamank |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Control issues. | |
| 29243 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a biker I am aware how accidents can happen with dogs unexpectedly dashing in front of cyclists. The short leash would prevent this. Likewise on a path. When walking with the grandchildren I've notice they are scared it a dog lunges forward to jump up on them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above - keeping the dog close prevents jumping up and unexpected movement that can cause accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I am delighted that wildlife are being given priority. We want to return nature to the city and the best way to do that is create safe habitat for them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As I live near the estuary I regularly witness dogs chasing birds. Some people appear to think this is good exercise for their dog. Having a clear rule that this is not OK will hopefully help educate people as to the impact on wildlife that disturbance to feeding and nesting creates.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>These newly created basins appear to be doing a wonderful job in re-establishing habitat lost through draining wetlands. Support this approach to creating safe habitat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>No one can effectively keep an eye on behaviour or pickup poo from more than 4 dogs. This is realistic approach to management in public places.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The amendments to the bylaw has done an excellent job in making it clear, particularly around waterways, beaches and walking areas that dogs need to be under control or that these are prohibited areas. Enforcement is another question and how many offices will be employed to implement this determine if these bylaws are effective. | Cynthia Roberts |
| 29244 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Unrealistic and won't be managed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Why not a longer lead ?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Making dogs be leashed on unused roads and paths- a bit confusing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This would prove to be very confusing going on and off lead, unrealistic. | Amanda Savage |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29245 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have arthritis and walking on even surfaces is the only way I can exercise my dog efficiently. She needs to be able to have off-leash time chasing her ball.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Purely common sense safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is very important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Seems fair so long as dogs can have plenty of mowed area to play in.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It's difficult to keep an eye out for every dog and what they're up to including toileting if there are more than 2. | Maggie Jury |
| 29246 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think this will be safer for people, children and other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>If the lead is a maximum length of 1.5m, than the owners have to pay more attention to the dog they are walking. It stops dogs going to far from their owners on extendable leads where the owner no longer has control. This makes it safer for other people and dogs walking on the paths and also for the dog being walked.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Much better for wildlife and makes it very clear where dogs can and cannot go off lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This makes it much safer for not only the dogs being walked but also other people with children and dogs using the same spaces | Lisa Vermeer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Who is going to enforce these policies and how are they going to be enforced. The existing rules around walking dogs on leads on footpath and roads is currently not enforced. I live on the heathcote River and there are always dogs running loose around the roads and riverbanks, and the owners have no visual on their dog let alone any control. Makes it very hard to walk my own dogs and for parents feeding the ducks with their children. It is always the same owners and they abuse you if you ask them to call their dog or put it on a lead. | |
| 29247 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most dogs will stay off the path/out of the way of others in these spaces - requiring them to be on a short leash will actually force them to be in the way of oncoming people/activity. If there is space for the dogs to get off the path, sniff and run naturally around the paths then they should be able to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is safer for everyone involved but how do you define "short" and enforce it?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It is important to protect wildlife from roaming dogs but is leashing not an option here?<br>I have not seen the areas proposed to be prohibited to dogs so I don't fully understand the consequences of this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, I agree with protecting wildlife from dogs and think this is appropriate provided dogs can still be walked along paths on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I do agree that people should be able to walk their dogs on leash through these areas - not too sure about the "short leash" aspect. How are you going to define/monitor this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>On the face of it, this seems reasonable but how are you going to ensure people have appropriate skills to control their dogs and who is going to ensure compliance here.<br>Proposing restrictions where you have no intention of enforcing/monitoring compliance shouldn't be done as it will result in meaningless requirements.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think proposals to limit the amount of areas that responsible people can exercise their dogs safely should be approached with caution.<br>If these restrictions are being brought in because the current leashing requirements are not being adhered to then it is more appropriate to increase the monitoring and compliance action before you ban/prohibit dogs from these areas.<br>It would be nice if there was some justification about why these areas have been specified as requiring the proposed levels of prohibition - for example, why is leashing not considered a feasible option.<br>In the absence of this explanation, these proposals sound like CCC trying to avoid the monitoring/compliance work by prohibiting people from using the spaces rather than encouraging the responsible use of them (and enforcing it against those who don't). | Erin Gillespie |
| 29248 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Fantastic change. Too many times dogs run up to people when off the lead. This can be really scary when you are not sure if the dog is coming towards you for a pat or to attack.<br>When cycling dogs running around unleashed is a true hazard at times.<br>Dogs on leads makes it easier for owners to see it doing its business encouraging them to pick it up. When they run without a lead they often go off the path to do their business. Owners do not always see this happen and faeces are left!!!<br>Protecting greenspace essential!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Tanya Jenkins |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | as per questions 1<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is essential. too often I see mauled birds along the river in the red zone area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>100% It will be a happy day when dogs sop chasing feeding and roosting birds in the estuary. BEST suggestion ever.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Totally. Not sure why so many dog owners think these basins are dog parks!!!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Totally! Seen too many uncontrolled situations!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>ANY regulation to make our green spaces safer for wildlife AND people is great!<br>I personally know of 3 elderly people that are too scared to walk to the shops due to the number of dogs running around off the lead. When elderly and frail they are simply too scared that one will jump up to them causing them to fall over and break a hip. How sad is that? Footpaths, cycleways, green spaces SHOULD be for EVERYONE to enjoy NOT just dog owners.<br>Congratulations to the CCC to upgrade the regulations to be able for everyone to enjoy our outdoor environment again People and wildlife will be so much safer... | |
| 29249 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>if dogs have no history of aggression and do not need a mussel then why require a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dog need to be protected and prevented from running onto roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>if dogs are a danger to the wildlife then this is fear<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>you may be getting a bit carried away with this one<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>two well trained dog are fine and should be the max 4 is two many for one person full stop. | Jonathan Smith |
| 29250 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do support this in theory. | Matthew Dolheguy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | However-<br>Already there are a lot of bylaws that require good control of dogs. I have never ever seen any policing of these areas being done.<br>Why introduce further bylaws if there is no increase in budget to police these bylaws. Already there is a major shortage of dog control officers and I have given up contacting the council about this because there is no staff ever available, or the delay in having a dog control officer turn up is days later.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I bike every day along a shared pathway.<br>Almost every day I have a close encounter with a dog off a leash.<br>However, as per my previous statement, there is never anyone to Police it. I see dogs being walked along footpaths next to roads everyday, but nothing is ever done about it due to the council having no staff to Police it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I very rarely see dogs off the leash that are under effective control.<br>People think they can take their dog off their leash and they come back when called, at some stage.<br><br>If the dog is on the leash, then they should be able to access these areas. Humans walking through these areas cause just as much disruption as a human walking a dog on a short leash.<br>However, if they are allowed in these areas on a leash, then the council will need to police this, which is very unlikely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Some people shouldn't be allowed one dog, where other, responsible people can effectively control multiple dogs.<br>It comes down to the person, not the dog.<br>The owners are the ones that should be licensed, not the dogs!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If the council is not prepared to start employing more dog control staff, and taking effective action against dog owners that can't control their dogs, then all the above bylaw changes are a complete waste of mine, and the city's tax payers money.<br><br>I had a dog owner over the road who's dog escaped at least once a week.<br>I kept ringing the council and was told the owner would come collect it.<br>Nothing was ever done in the way of fines, or removing their responsible dog owner status.<br>I gave up ringing the council as nothing ever gets done.<br><br>Why bother having rules and regulations if the council refuses to take any action against the dog owners.<br>How about enforcing the current rules before starting with trying to come up with new rules that gives the appearance that the council is making a difference! | |
| 29251 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs should be leashed unless in a designated dog park. I have so many occasions where my dog (black lab) on a leash has been attacked by other unleashed dogs when walking around suburbs and through parks. So totally agree with the proposal. | Anne Foster |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As answered in question one also to protect the native wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I dont live on that side of town,<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have come across 'dog walkers" at styx mill dog park who sit on the table of the picnic bench having coffee while the dogs they are PAID to "walk" run wild barking at other dogs who are walking along with their owners. | |
| 29252 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do not see the need for all dogs to be leashed in these areas, if owners have effective control. In my experience on shared paths and formed tracks, that have cyclists on them, dogs on leads creates more hazards for the dogs and bike riders, as the bikes move so fast, tend to consider that they have the right of way and do not take any action to "share" the space. This creates situations with dogs trying to get out of the way and not being able to due to be short leashed, and / or bikes becoming entangled in the leash or worse still actually hitting the dog or owner trying to get out of the way. I generally find other users of these shared spaces, especially elderly and adults with younger children, manage to maneuver around each other with ease, and dogs tend to get out of the way themselves, without the need for leashing. Perhaps its the cyclists that need to educated on how to use shared paths and tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Maintaining everyone's safety close to roads should be the priority here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Lots of room in this space for everyone to be considered.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of biodiversity should be highest priority in these significant breeding spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>95% of dog walkers I have come in contact with, appear to have their dogs under good control, they know the dogs well and know which ones require additional managing.<br>The dogs seem to really enjoy being out as a pack and interact well with other dogs that they may meet on their walks. | Gail Gordon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As a total dog lover, I like that owners care enough about their dogs to ensure that they are exercised and have this type of interaction during the day, rather than the dogs being left alone at home all day waiting for someone to return. It is too often that I see sad, almost depressed dogs sitting at their gates all day waiting for their people to come home.<br>Putting restrictions on numbers and needing to be authorized would mean increased costs to owner that could result in them not being able to afford the service any longer.<br>It would be sad to see this happen. A very few negative aspects / incidents should not remove what is a useful, animal health friendly service to the wider dog and dog owning community.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Would be nice to see a few more beaches that are accessible during the summer, dogs like a swim and a picnic too!<br>Considering the 35,000 plus number of registered dogs in Christchurch, it would be good to see a few more dog parks being considered in the long term plan.<br>Care of dogs during summer, I note the info regarding dogs in cars, would be good to see info regarding considerations of walking dogs on hot footpaths during the summer included here. | |
| 29253 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Supportive of footpaths, shared paths, but not greenspaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense from a safety point of view<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protects other wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know this area well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wetlands and stormwater basins are a valuable resource that need to be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I believe that dogs on a leash should be allowed to be walked in the Styx Mill Conservation Park. This is where I jog and I take my dog with me on a leash. It is safer for the animal than the dog park itself. | Wayne Riggall |
| 29255 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To lessen the chance of conflict with reactive dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Jill Hardy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Again to lessen the possibilty of dog fights or attacks etc.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx mill reserve is used by many as a pleasant way to the dog park rather than driving, the proposal to ban dogs would be a big loss to the area, dogs should certainly be on leash and this requirement needs to be better signposted. | |
| 29257 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>what is a short leash - this needs defining and if footpaths etc have no one on why not longer lead or off lead control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>again define short lead, also depends on control and area where dogs and owners are<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>are you going to do anything with wildlife that is not protected and a pest to our protected wildlife.<br>also disagree with leads on pathways in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>agree protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>think this is a balanced change<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>who will you control?  Need to elabaorate on meaning of control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>please don't punish dog owners that try to do the right thing. | Penny Trousselot |
| 29258 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Part of a dog walk is allowing the dog to sniff every lamp post and letterbox.  If they are leashed them this restricts their ability to sniff what interests them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If the dog is under effective control, it shouldn't need to be leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Andrea Fridd |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>I only go to these areas when I have my dog with me and he is sniffing around. Should you restrict where I'm allowed to go off leash with him, I won't go to these areas at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More than four dogs makes it very hard to move around people with that many.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I understand that there are dog parks available for me to take my dog to, however many of these are small, and small dogs are taken into them by their owners even if there is a seperate small dog area. Then there ends up being the issue when the small dog gets overwhelmed by the larger dogs, and the small dog owners complain. I have stopped taking my dog to dog parks for this reason. And let me be clear, my dog is not a bully or vicious, he's just large. | |
| 29259 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This gives people without dogs assurance that they can be safe, also some owners are unable to control dogs on a long leach<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems well balanced for all users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Safe for wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems excessive still but happy there is a limit<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Michael Crabtree |
| 29260 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Harry Oram |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would prefer if there were levels/certificates to exempt certain dogs from these rules. A blanket rule for all dogs mean even the most well behaved dogs must be leashed. | |
| 29261 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not. I take my dog to bottlelake where it is safe for her to run off lead. This sounds like punishment for all due to a few bad eggs causing issues. Green spaces like bottlelake are for all of us to enjoy including our dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be on leads near to roads for everybodies protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Its all very well for you to sit in your offices making these rules but there are decent people out there trying to earn a living with dog walking businesses and you are going to effect their business with this rule. Think about them. | Alex Tennant |
| 29263 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is more difficult to pass a dog on a leash on a narrow footpath eg cliff track than when the dog is off leash and able to step around a person.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>A dog is more likely to be scared and act up by vehicle noise movement so a leash keeps everyone safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Need to look after wildlife but balanced with allowing dogs freedom in safe areas | Eleri Nugent |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again good balance to protect wildlife whilst clearly allowing dogs freedom too<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I live in Diamond Harbour. The nearest dog park is a 40 minute approx drive so I won't be able to let my dog off leash regularly if you restrict the coast tracks. These are regularly used safely by local dog owners | |
| 29265 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs on long leashes are difficult to control, particularly during interactions with others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs on long leashes are difficult to control, particularly during interactions with others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support the notion, but this should come with a map highlighting the proposed leash only areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I support the motion, but the number of 4 leashed dogs is still too many per person. This needs to be cut back to 2 or 3 at most.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Strongly support the bylaw, however Council really needs to do similar with a cat control bylaw, noting many of the justifications above relate to wildlife, and cats likely have a greater impact in the urban areas of CCC on our native wildlife. | Omar Seychell |
| 29266 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For safety of dogs and owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Sue Chandler |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long responsible owners are identified | |
| 29269 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To stop other dogs approaching my dogs (particularly in the red zone) when mine are on a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>My dogs are always leaded so I am fine with this and as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>Can you please eliminate the Canadian geese who are a pest and introduced species. They are taking over the river and impacting our native species. This would improve native wildlife numbers also as more food for them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>4 dogs is plenty.<br>It may cause an issue for dog walkers, so there may need to be a permitting system for them to operate. | Jane Moran |
| 29270 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I want my dogs to be able to roam free like all the cats running around on the foot paths, shared paths, and formed tracks.<br>My dogs are well trained and well mannered. I can call them in when I need to. Why should I be punished because irresponsible cat and dog owners cant keep their pets under effective control?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above. I understand the safety aspect near a road, but your problem begins with CATS - NOT dogs! I have no idea why you are only proposing further regulations on dog owners.<br>I can live with having my dogs on a leash near a road, but as long as I see a cat running free, my dog runs free as well. | Per Jacobsen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>When you prohibit CATS near those areas, then Ill support it!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>When you prohibit CATS near those areas, then Ill support it!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I am currently exercising my dogs near the Curletts Road Stormwater basin. I want my dog to run around free, and not be restricted by a leash. Again, I have trained my dogs well, and can call them in should need be. I would not to use a leash on those grounds regardless - certainly not as long as there are cats running free, which by a mile has a substantial bigger impact on the wildlife than any dog could ever create.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Im not against it, however if I had three dogs, I would never go through a process (at the expense of the tax payer no doubt), in order to be able to let my tree dogs of a leash. Never in a million years. | |
| 29271 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs cause problems for owners of dogs on leads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Can be a traffic hazard otherwise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with reason<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with reason<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with reason<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds sensible<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Jellie park often has uncontrolled dogs and lots of dog poop near where children play | Ruth Mclachlan |
| 29272 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Is there an actual issue that this relates to, seems we need to have more regulations to control everything that moves. | Andre Chappell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Once again, if your dog is under effective control, then you should be able to exercise your dog off leash, if my dog is not able to be under effective control, the I would leash the dog. Is there a necessity for more control and by=laws.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>If it is a protected area then yea, and there is good reason for wildlife to go unharmed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again if the protection is needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There just seems to be getting ridiculous, dogs on leads on path area in a storm water basin. Is this a new area for wildlife, protect the area they are in but not the [pathways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I agree with what and where is the data and feedback on these changes. Where has this originated from, dog owners are now being marginalised and the dogs are all threats to everything that seems to be able to move. I just would like to see the complaints and feedback that has made this a necessity and will lead to more bureaucracy and enforcement, for who and how will this be enofrced. | |
| 29273 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To help better protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To keep our protected areas properly protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for both humans and other dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Leah Callaghan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | More disposal bins in Parks and dog parks - trains people to use them instead of leaving dog faeces on paths and lawns etc and particularly if near waterways to help keep our water cleaner as mentioned. I am sure lots of people are completely unaware of this. | |
| 29276 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Have had our on lead dogs attacked by loose dogs on multiple occassions. Owners have limited control of these animals. Getting vet bills paid is not easy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife and the enjoyment of those simply walking in the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife and the enjoyment of those simply walking in the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife and the enjoyment of those simply walking in the area. It seems any open space is a call to let dogs loose. There is no fencing from roads etc so it endangers both animals and people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>1 person would struggle to control more than 2 dogs if they were excited or set on by another dog.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In principle I like the proposals. However rules are useless if unenforced.<br>Is the council going to employ and train more dog wardens? Most people flout existing rules are generally non-receptive to requests to comply! | David Whale |
| 29277 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>For road side areas this makes sense, however there are footpaths which go through many off lead areas/ parks. The idea of putting a dog on lead to cross a path in a park is completely unnecessary. There is also nothing wrong with having dogs off lead in park areas so long as they are under effective control. Off lead exercise is incredibly important for their health and exercise needs. Dogs are not meant to be on lead for their whole lives.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs under effective control don't pose any threat to native wildlife. Unless it is a predator fenced area, which would be able to keep out cats, mice, rats and ferrets etc. there is no point in prohibiting dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>See above. | Cordelia Daley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I would support it during breeding season - Would this be seasonally for migration behaviours?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>There are people who's lively hood depend on needing to walk multiple dogs. I have a dog walker who takes my dog and a few others on a walk in an off lead area when I am working long hours. This is something I depend on and relied on being possible when I made the decision to get a dog. This rule would not only destroy many small local businesses, but also cause difficulties for those who have a number of dogs. I have one dog, but I frequently walk my parents 2 dogs alongside mine - they are getting older and have been unable to walk them recently. I make sure to take them to an off lead park, they are well trained and they walk with me around the area. This does not affect anyone in a negative way, but it is really important for our dogs health and well-being.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I like to vary which park I take my dog to on a regular basis. My feedback applies to Christchurch as a whole. | |
| 29278 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can be unpredictable near traffic,if unleashed this could result in an accident<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wetland wild life planted areas need protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same answer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same answer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs in a pack whether leased or not can be scary for other people. | S Cooper |
| 29279 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Often dogs off leash run up to my dog on a leash. I don't want my dog to be harmed by an aggressive dog that doesn't have its owner close enough to stop it<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Often dogs off leash run up to my dog on a leash. I don't want my dog to be harmed by an aggressive dog that doesn't have its owner close enough to stop it<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Sophie Morton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29280 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I've witnessed people having their dogs on long leashes and approaching my puppy who is short leashed as a training precaution. These dogs then jump on my puppy. Short leash would save so many issues!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>To some degree, i know people who own dogs and have all three unleashed under control at all times. Having the limit of two off leash means one dog misses out<br>If they are the registered owner then I believe they should be allowed their dogs off leash. DOg walkers and pack walkers should however follow this rule | Aiyana Manson-King |
| 29283 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs do not worry wildlife while on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above. I don't believe dogs will worry wildlife if on a leash. If they do then they are not under effective control and should not be there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Max Peacock |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>They have to be under effective control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be allowed on buses during quiet times. | |
| 29284 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sarah Loughnan |
| 29286 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To keep pedestrians safe whilst walking (to reduce risk of falls due to dogs bring off leash & people tripping on them). To reduce dog attacks as owners will have full control of their dogs at all times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To keep pedestrians safe whilst walking (to reduce risk of falls due to dogs bring off leash & people tripping on them). To reduce dog attacks as owners will have full control of their dogs at all times. And reduce risk of dogs running onto roads & getting injured or worse.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Keep the native birds safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Whitney Power |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>To reduce dog attacks by the person walking a suitable number of dogs they can control all at once. | |
| 29287 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>More control of your own dog with a shorter leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Easier to control your own dog, and safer for pedestrians<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs to be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To keep nestling birds safer in their own habitat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bernadine Worsdale |
| 29288 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This will help prevent having out of control dogs ambushing children & other dogs & instilling fear & will also protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I agree that wildlife is vulnerable to dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners are ignorant about the fragility of wildlife & don't realise that having a dog is a privilege that requires education & time spent training & managing your dog.<br>I also think there should be rules for cat owners to help protect ground nesting birds, reptiles & amphibians<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I continually encounter dogs off leash in Te Kura wetlands. It not only intimidates my dog when he is on leash but also feel it disturbs the wildlife that we are trying to encourage into these areas. I am also concerned about the increasing population of cats that comes with the huge increase in housing in this area. There are no rules to stop cats wandering into these areas & killing wildlife. We have people volunteering their time to control predators but cats are capable of undoing all their good work if no rules are put in place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen dog walkers with several dogs off leash & not responding to their calls. This is not safe for other dogs, children, people with physical disabilities & elderly | Katherine O'Connor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I walk my dog in Halswell Quarry where dogs are allowed off lead in a specific area. I take my dog up the quarry rim loop on lead to avoid dogs off lead but always encounter people with their dogs off lead. Most people are obliging when asked to put their dogs on lead, but I shouldn't have to continually ask when I am on a path that specifies that dogs must be on lead. I have also have encountered people who have behaved aggressively towards my request so I am becoming more frightened to ask. The population has increased hugely in the 13years I have lived in Kennedys Bush, and the park is very well used. It is great when people can be considerate of each other & enjoy the wonderful area they have at their disposal. I also use TeKura wetlands & have loved watching it develop & grow. It is a huge asset to Christchurch. I know this is about dog laws but I am really concerned about the increasing population of cats that seem to be free to roam without any restrictions & are skilled predators. | |
| 29290 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Shani Connell |
| 29291 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Fiona Bourke |
| 29292 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and control | Deb Hoffman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Environment, Safety and control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Environment,<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Environment, Safety and control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | |
| 29293 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be under effective control but not required to be on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To help avoid any incidents with pedestrians and/or traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with protecting wildlife and there is other area for dogs to be off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with protecting wildlife and other options available for walking dogs in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same reasons as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More than two dogs off leash could be difficult to control if something unexpected happens. | Julia Beech |
| 29294 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>That is very restrictive on the dog and should be up to the owner if they out them on a short leash or not, and not be decided by the law<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Is reasonable as its a shared area | Julian Washington |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Should be up to owner with the knowledge of their dogs and how they behave as to how to manage them and not governed by the law. | |
| 29295 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ryan Wise |
| 29296 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife and also protect my dog who doesn't like other dogs running up to her<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for the dog and people in vehicles - also it stops dogs running up to other dogs when unleashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This doesn't effect me<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Doesn't effect me | Gina Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More control | |
| 29298 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Formed tracks in green space areas is way too broad, there are many tracks were dogs should be allowed off leash that this would restrict<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Pathways should be free to allow dogs off leash. There will be nowhere you can take a dog for a walk off the lead or go for a run which will restrict healthy activities. They are not doing any harm here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please don’t ruin all the nice off leash areas in Christchurch. The wetlands was such a cool development and this ruling will absolutely ruin it. The formed paths around there are such nice areas to walk a dog off lead under effective control | Sarah Kelman |
| 29300 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Generally, I wholeheartedly support restricting dogs from environmentally sensitive areas. However, if a dog is allowed off leash in a park, it doesn't make sense to allow the dog to be free near the path but not on the path. How far away from the path will a dog need to stay 1m or 5 m away is okay, but not on the path or closer - it's ridiculous, hard to judge and hard to enforce! It will mean that as a dog walker I'll walk a little way off the path instead of on the path, along with other dog walkers creating a trampled 'track' in the grass just because I can no longer walk on the path with my dog. Where I walk my dog in Hansen Park where the path is away from the river, more people will be walking their dogs nearer the river, away from the path, disturbing the river wildlife more. And I'll need to wear wellies in muddy areas in the winter. It will be difficult or even impossible to stop my well-socialised dog who loves other dogs from occasionally running onto the path, e.g. to reach another dog on the far side of the path. A potentially aggressive dog will still be able to bite people on the path if off a leash and not controlled. And able to bite both people and other dogs all walking away from the path. There will be more unpleasantness between those that are uncompromising about this rule and those that are trying their best to follow the law in a reasonable way. It's an impractical and unnecessary. Either dog owners are able to control their dogs, or they aren't, and if they can't there will be trouble regardless. It's up to dog owners to know their dog and be responsible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>There is some sense in this, for dog safely and also as people walking alongside roads don't have the choice to walk elsewhere. But once again, either dog owners are able to control their dogs, or they aren't, and if they can't there will be trouble regardless. It's up to dog owners to know their dog and be responsible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support improved and reasonable restriction of dogs in protected areas where birds and other wildlife are at greater risk and where these are the areas where we can conserve them. 10% of our land for conservation is reasonable and essential for the survival of species. | Darrell Kilian |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support improved and reasonable restriction of dogs in protected areas where birds and other wildlife are at greater risk and where these are the areas where we can conserve them. 10% of our land for conservation is reasonable and essential for the survival of species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I support improved and reasonable restriction of dogs in protected areas where birds and other wildlife are at greater risk and where these are the areas where we can conserve them. 10% of our land for conservation is reasonable and essential for the survival of species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>In my experience people who walk many dogs can control them well enough, but I don't know how often this leads to problems or poorly supervised dogs attacking other dogs, or being at risk.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All good | |
| 29301 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>But not effective control areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The avon red zone pathway from Fitzgerald ave-east… is one of the very few places you can walk your dog(s) and push a stroller. There are very few other areas in Christchurch city that are both stroller friendly and dog friendly. Many parents struggle to find areas to take their dogs, this is a cherished spot by me and many of my mum friends. The Groynes and Bottlelake areas the gravel is too loose to push a stroller.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If effective control areas are excluded I would support this policy. This<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More poo bins in effective control areas, or reinstate the ones that have been removed: broadhaven park carpark… entrances to the beach north of north beach. | Brigitte Calder |
| 29303 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>don't agree with requiring a leash in greenspace areas, this would eliminate a vast number of open space opportunities for dogs owners to walk their doges untethered.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Mati Crossland |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | make sense from a safety perspectives as these locations are typically adjacent to traffic<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>we need to encourage the re establishment of our native fauna within the greater city environs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as per above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>the scope of the proposal is ambiguous - a stormwater basin is not a designated wetland area and vice versa<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>for practical reasons | |
| 29305 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed to run free if under effective control. Leashing them diminishes their enjoyment of walks, quality of life and does not let them expend the energy they need to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Along footpaths but not shared pathways in places like the forest.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It would be hard to manage more than 4 dogs on leashes | Urmi Shah |
| 29306 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads do no give control, the dog can be many meters from the controller.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Max Marsden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29307 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have a dog and always shorten her leash when other members of the public come past us. Would be nice if some other dog owners do the same.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don’t know enough about the area to comment on this issue.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes happy for wildlife to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as long as there are still areas for dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I know it can be challenging to control more than one dog so happy for the change<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No nothing that i can think of. Just hope that common sense is noted and we don’t go to PC. | Jane Richards |
| 29308 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a dog ownes I think is<br>safer for all - makes better experience for walkers and those with timid dogs who dont like being approached by other dogs<br>Often round the river offlead dogs are miles ahead or behind owners who therefor feel no responsibility for collecting dog poo as dont see it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Cathy Peck |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Some people are not responsible around wildlife an think there dogs wont "hunt" birds etc - until it is toolate<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Too many off lead dogs creates a pack mentality.<br>Too many leased dogs can make it difficult to navigate around d when on pathways. | |
| 29309 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Well behaved dogs with responsible owners don't need to have their dogs on leads on paths. Irresponsible dog owners will poorly behaved dogs will ignore the bylaw anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To reduce the likelihood of a dog being injured by vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is there evidence that dogs are catching or attacking wildlife in these areas?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is there evidence that dogs are catching or attacking wildlife in these areas?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is there evidence that dogs are catching or attacking wildlife in these areas?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Jordan Brizzell |
| 29310 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. Dogs should be leashed so people feel safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safe for vehicles and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It's green space. Should be off leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Green space should be off leash | Sheralee Gilbert |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. People walk far too many dogs at once and are not under effective control | |
| 29311 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For general safety this rule is a good one but needs a minor modification. Many leads are retractable & if there are no people about one should be allowed to let the lead out so the dog can do iys natural roaming " thing."<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same story as the previous question.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I am assuming that you will register professional dog walkers.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No. | Jim Holloway |
| 29312 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people let their dogs off leash & don't have any control over them.<br>And too many dog owners think it's OK for their dog to run over to strange people, kids & other pets - it's not. Not everyone (or their pets) like dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As per my comment above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is the one place people can take their dogs to run free & play. Especially people with anti social dogs. If wildlife is still around after all these years, with dogs running around, it will continue to do so. They can co- exist. Dogs deserve to be exercised regularly - especially anti social dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>That's a hard no! People should be able to walk their dogs around that area. Again, this area has been around forever & wildlife + dogs have co-existed. Everyone & their pets should be able to enjoy this popular area. | Lara Flavell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>No, not if it is an area that people like to walk their pets around<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It would depend on the size of the dogs. | |
| 29313 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Donna Price |
| 29315 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think the water there is toxic to dogs anyway?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>YES! PLEASE! Most dog walkers take groups of 10+ out and have no control. As a dog professional I'd also like to see what the "appropriate skills" entail, as 99% of them don't have this. Would there be the ability to report them if incidences or rule breaking was to occur? | Georgia Provis |
| 29316 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's easiest to be clear about rules protecting wildlife and also where cyclists are sharing the pathways. It is legislating for the stupidest dog walkers though isn't it…<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Bridget Scoular |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Professional dog walkers can seem cavalier about the dogs in their charge… but honestly we are still making the rules according to stupid people….. | |
| 29317 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We walk in bottle lake - for the reason we can have our dog off lead. When we walk our dog on a pathway she is off lead. If a dog approaches us we always ask if they would like us to put her on the lead. But I guess not everyone does this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I agree with this - our dog is off lead on the footpath but once we walk 50m we get to the busy road and she goes on the lead. I think it is just safer for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I guess this is a good compromise.<br><br>Although this cracks me up as you let people drive on the beach and speed - be a hazard and yet you pick on the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I do find it funny that you are protecting the birdlife etc (which yes I agree with) but here in spencerville you let people drive on the beach (creating damage), speeding and here you pick on the dogs. | Mel Brown |
| 29318 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It protects your dogs and theirs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To be sure people feel safe when a dog approaches | Alana Jackson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect sideline and to sure they don't do there business in bushes etc to keep the planted area tidy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>We need to protect the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Need to protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long they are on a lead<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Be good if more bins where at parks etc and public area so people can use them instead of using bushes littered with poo bags | |
| 29319 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don’t support this change as it will remove my ability to allow my dog on a long lead while walking through green spaces or on footpaths alongside reserves and parks. My beagle cannot be off leash at a park unless it is fenced or secure as he will wander. Being able to allow him a run on a long leash allows him to burn more energy. I am a responsible owner and will always retract my dog to a short leash when other people or dog walkers approach us. We have beautiful reserves and wide footpaths in our neighbourhood. I agree about dogs being on any leash in these areas, but I don’t believe this should be limited to a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I don’t think this should be restricted to a short leash. I think any leash, including long leads should be acceptable. Particularly as there are some nice wide footpaths next to roads in quiet neighbourhood streets. Dog owners should be trusted to make a good judgement depending on their environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think the limits for leashed and off leash should be the same at 4 dogs per person. | Jenna Lester |
| 29321 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>According to the notes in your draft policy, 49% (the majority) of those who responded to the survey on Dog Control indicated that they did NOT believe dogs should be leashed on formed tracks in parks and reserves.<br><br>I'm not sure how this has translated into a blanket addition to the policy that dogs are not allowed off leash on any formed tracks in parks or reserves, as this is quite heavy handed and punishing to both dogs and owners, and is not reflective of the majority view (whereas the rest of the decisions in the document seems to be supported by data/a majority). | Lindsay Mckillop |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Not being able to have a dog off lead could contribute to owner related injuries, as it seems you are able to have your dog off lead, but only if you are off walkable/groomed terrain (though the exact distance off the path does not seem to be laid out). Many of these spaces, for instance some of the gravel paths around the red zone, see very little traffic other than off lead dog walkers. It is also fairly well known in dog training that dogs need more than running in a highly energized environment for their mental wellness (many dogs expressly do not enjoy a dog park environment/find it overwhelming), and also require stimulation and the ability to sniff and explore at their own pace, which is not something a short leash on a roughly formed track encourages or provides.<br><br>For instance, the back fields at Barnett Park are currently off lead with a roughly formed track. It's fenced, and people rarely use it other than to access the caves, and it forms a safe space for dogs to explore in an environment that feels safe. This experience would be greatly limited with a short lead, and more dangerous for people to traverse that way (with the dog on a short leash on uneven terrain there is a bigger likelihood of tripping or falling in uneven terrain). It's also a bit discriminatory for older people who may want to have their dog off lead, but can't manage always being well off any track, but might be able to manage a gravel track for walking their dog off lead. The same could be said for the track from Bridge Street to the start of the Southshore/Wetland area, where there is minimal traffic beyond the odd bike. And how would the Avon Loop be classified? Would the requirement be to leash your dog when you are on the gravel and many roads that criss-cross the Avon Loop, and then let them off when you've crossed the road just because it is considered formed? It seems a bit nonsensical and difficult to manage.<br><br>*** Additional Concerns Over Subjective Enforcement of Proposed Draft Dog Bylaws ***<br>The draft bylaw mandates a 'short' leash on footpaths, shared paths, and formed tracks. However, feedback from many owners indicates that the proposed rules would be extremely difficult for even the most responsible owners to comply with 100% of the time. Some advice from the Engagement Team suggests that off-lead dogs can cross paths or have longer leads in certain circumstances, contradicting the bylaws and leaving owners without recourse if punished, as they will be held accountable to the written rules. For instance, it is suggested that it's okay for dogs to cross a footpath off-lead, for disabled users to use a longer leash, for dogs to take treats on sidewalks, or for owners to walk on a formed track as long as the dog stays on the grass at all times. Very few dogs would be able to consistently make this distinction, especially in a formed track environment.<br><br>Feedback from the Engagement Team indicates that bylaws will be applied 'practically,' which is subjective and inconsistent. This implies that the rules are too rigid, as the actual bylaws are not worded this way. Consultation has been on the written bylaws themselves, not on how they will be subjectively implied or interpreted, which can and will change over time. It is misleading and dismissive to minimize the concerns of dog owners with the justification that the bylaws will not be enforced as written, suggesting that the laws are not practically written and are too rigid/black and white to be effective.<br><br>Should leashing requirements be adjusted to add 'when practical' if this is how the council intends to enforce them? Dog owners will be held accountable to the bylaws as written, and it is unfair to advise that it is appropriate to periodically violate the rules as they are currently too black and white/impractical to manage in places.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do feel very strongly the Avon Loop in particular should remain dog friendly, and some river access should be allowed. I've been told by the city that scooters, atvs, dirtbikes, and other motorised vehicles using this space are doing so illegally, though little seems to have been done to stop it, as it's not uncommon to be passed by a motorcycle or atv in the area on a regular basis. Many dog walking groups in the community use the space as a meeting hub for walking dogs of all shapes and sizes in an open and safe space, or for long line training, given it is enclosed by the bend of the river, and therefore a safe space for dogs to be off lead or swim near the central city in increasingly hot summers— which makes it an absolute gem of a space/resource for dog owners.<br><br>I can understand them needing to be on lead on the new asphalt Coastal Pathway, or on lead in the gardens on the opposite side of the river, and even some areas further east being made into wetlands without dog access, but don't see the value of dogs no longer being allowed to walk along the river on the rough gravel track that circles most of the loop off lead, as any of the volume of human traffic is very small (especially those without dogs), the fast moving traffic I've encountered in this area is not there legally. The proposal to also prohibit dogs entirely from all areas of river bank, presumably from the city centre all the way through to New Brighton seems especially draconian, inflexible and unreasonable — especially with some wetland spaces already established/in place, and the huge space that this covers. Surely there is some give take to allow dogs water access in some places, and birds in others.<br><br>In addition, regarding having access to grass areas only— there is no actual lighting in the grassed areas of the park, only the perimeter trails, which makes the prospect of having a dog in there at night time unsafe, and seems bizarre given the relatively low usage of these trails in the winter or evenings, even in the summer. As a female solo dog walker, I would feel | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | completely boxed out from using this space in the winter, as I train and prefer to let my dog walk off lead a few times a week for training, runs or swims. It's incredibly prone to flooding, and a lot of it spends a good stretch of winter quite boggy. It also has no lighting. In better weather, it is also not uncommon to come across people camping, dirt biking, or even living in these spaces, or to come across holes, drainage trenches, or wiring in the grass. If dogs are no longer allowed to access to river water, will the city look to add water stations to the 200 grass hectares to supplement the loss of access to the entire river as a water source? At the moment there is no water or even bins available in the grassed areas around the red zone, with the water access being a huge bonus in the summer (especially with the Groynes and Waimak often off limits for long periods due to algae).<br><br>There is also both ample gravel path and old roadway space, as well as the new Coastal Path to spread legitimate foot and bike traffic while letting dogs have freedom of movement. In addition, it is confusing that fast moving traffic should not be responsible for yielding to the public in the same way a dog owner should have good recall/responsibility for their dog, rather than all foot traffic users having to work around fast moving travellers to meet their needs. If they are moving at type of speed, is it not better for them to be on the road or in dedicated bike lanes?<br><br>Regardless, loss of Avon Loop space would also be a huge for those working on long line training for dogs across the different trail spaces, or runners who want to give their dog the ability to run or walk beside them off lead in a safe space, as there are very few spaces in the city where this is doable, and there will only be fewer spaces still once these rules go into effect, as between the playing fields and formed track rules, I can see that dogs would no longer be able to be off lead in Hagley Park at just about any time, which is another loss for the central city being replaced by grass field areas. The Avon Loop also has the added benefit of not having sports fields to deal with, so is one of the few spaces that will be left for people to potentially have their dog off lead most afternoons and enjoy a walk while sports are taking place in a large number of parks/fields.<br><br>It seems that dog owners are being reactively and proactively marginalised as a user group for an area that is currently not built up or utilised heavily by the community, and where there is not actually established evidence provided that there is a need to create restrictions at this level at this time. It seems that the vision for the space is untested/unrealised and seems incredibly heavy handed rather than flexible for a space that is in the very earliest stage of development. There is an existing community of dog walkers in this area, and there has been little evidence provided to suggest there has been conflict in this area, or even that the public feel dogs need to be leashed in this type of area (mostly currently formed track). As mentioned already, dogs need more stimulation than mown grass fields, as do their owners, and it is a mistake to think mown grass areas, much of which have no lighting, uneven footing, and are prone to flooding (even 200+ hectares) are a substitute for a stimulating and varied environment for dogs and their owners to explore. The ability to be off lead (under control and supervision) in a range of safe and stimulating environments adds so much quality to a dogs life, but the number of places to do this continues to shrink, as smaller homes and yards also put more pressure on people to find these spaces. Please don't take the red zone away when there is so far to go in its revitalisation, and it is so lightly used/the need for this level of restriction would take away so much from many dogs' quality of life. Surely there is a better compromise.<br><br>Owners need to be accountable for their dogs, and for training, etc., but the restrictions around formed pathways and the Avon river corridor are a bit of an over-reach if applied as a blanket rule to 11km+ of river and trail access along formed tracks, especially where this doesn't actually reflect the results of your public survey. Fast moving traffic - e-bikes and e-scooters should have just as much of a responsibility to use shared pathways safely. And if they are looking to be moving at speeds that are dangerous in this regard/need all other users to restrict their movements, they have a responsibility to use the roadways with regular and fast-moving motorized traffic. The onus should not be on dog owners and pedestrians to work around this type of traffic in all instances, especially when there is lots of space and few users, as it is in the red zone at present. All users have a responsibility, but the regulations, particularly around formed track usage and leashing, seem both an over-reach, and also don't seem to take on board the feedback from the survey (That suggest the majority don't actually feel dogs should have to be on leash on formed pathways) or the present reality of the space (low usage).<br><br>Some of the restrictions in the red zone area are also draconian, especially as it will be years before the work cited in the bylaw are complete, and the use of the space has been tested to identify how it will be used. It is currently a quiet and low density area used by a huge number of offlead dog owners throughout the day who love the walk. To deny dog walkers total use of the riverbank area for ten years over the entire length of the space is incredibly inflexible and draconian, especially with many other dog spaces now heavily affected by toxic algae each summer (less likely in the Avon due to its sandy bottom). Add to that the removal of the ability to be off a lead on any paths, and all there is the unlit and disjointed grass areas interspersed with roads and prone to flooding. The river walk is for many the defining feature of the red zone, and mown laws are not a substitute or compromise for an area is an early phase of development. Surely there is a middle ground or more sensible solution to bridge the reality of what the red zone is now, to where it is going that doesn't penalize one of the biggest current user groups on the area (off lead dog walkers). As such I believe they need another look.<br><br>*** Additional Feedback on the Avon River - Complete Ban on 11km of River Access***<br>The proposed bylaw documentation indicates that there has been and will continue to be an increase in dog ownership in the city. Yet, the proposed bylaw actually limits/reduces the number of spaces where dogs can be exercised off-lead, which seems counter-intuitive. You can't pack a larger number of dogs into smaller off-lead areas and not expect this to cause problems, especially when many dogs do not enjoy a dog park environment, and a lot of dog training is moving to focus on exploration of quiet, enriching and safe spaces.<br><br>One of the areas hardest hit by the proposed new bylaws would be the Red Zone, with the council proposing to completely prohibit/ban dogs from swimming/accessing the water/being | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | off-lead along any section of riverbank along the entire 11km+ length of Te Ara Avon Trail. This area is currently off-lead in most areas.<br><br>This approach to managing the area appears quite strict and might benefit from more consideration of how the space is currently being used by the community, allowing for some compromise. The best evidence of this is the active Facebook Group - Redzone Dogs ?tautahi, which is composed of 950+ active users, many of whom walk in and access this space off lead because it offers dogs ample safe space. It is away from playing fields and traffic, naturally and safely tucked away from roads, the user level is low density, it gives dogs an opportunity to cool off in increasingly hot summers, and provides an enriching off-lead experience for both owners and their dogs.<br><br>Much of the justification from the council seems to focus on the fact that the entire length of the river is now an area of 'ecological significance' and a potential wetland area like Travis Wetlands. It is worth noting the following:<br><br>• Prior to the earthquakes, the council allowed the length of the river to be bordered by housing developments, sidewalks and roads that ran the entire length of the river, so this seems like an unusual/extreme pivot.<br>• Though this consultation is on dog management bylaws, there have been no proposed restrictions on other user groups that use this area, including rowing clubs (who also bike up and down the river on megaphones), white baiters, new community gardens, recreational kayakers, or paddle boarders. Moreover, some sections of the Red Zone are now slated to be used for large-scale events directly alongside the river, which will cause significant noise disruption. It seems short-sighted, unbalanced and biased to exclude one specific user group.<br>• It has been acknowledged that there is currently no significant established bird population, but the loss of 11km of river access is required to see if birds will actually establish, which seems backwards, especially at the expense of 950+ users who have been accessing the space for 10+ years.<br>Other justification is that the density of users is a problem/reason to prohibit dogs from being off-lead on any type of track. This is certainly not the case in the Red Zone, where existing roads and formed tracks allow for huge amounts of space between users. 49% of respondents to your survey suggested that users do not feel dogs need to be on a leash on formed tracks, which make up the majority of Red Zone trails/old roadways. There has been no real evidence provided of an existing problem that these bylaws are meant to solve in the Red Zone area (there doesn't seem to be any tangible evidence of increased conflict between dogs, or between people and dogs, or cyclists and dogs).<br><br>It seems that the new bylaws are designed to protect an asset that does not currently exist and a vision that is not directly related to dog control, but will cost dog owners access to 11km+ of off lead river access and walking. It would be beneficial to consider how the space is currently and actively being used and to find a compromise that meets the needs of the existing community. The 200 hectares of grass the council is promoting as an exchange for the loss of this area is also misleading, as it's criss-crossed by old roads which are classed as on-leash. Much of this space also becomes unusable for parts of the year due to poor access, flooding/bogging in winter, hazards that still exist in the grass, and the non-existent lighting in many areas.<br><br>I propose that the formed track/old roads and riverbank areas north of Retreat Road (bordered by the Avon River in the West, and Gayhurst Road in the East) remain open to the community for off-lead dog walking. The newly constructed/paved Coastal Pathway could remain on-lead, as it could be easily navigated. The rest of the track/river could retain its status as proposed under the new bylaw.<br><br>• This leaves ~8km+ of new spaces for birds to establish away from dogs, in areas closer to existing protected wetland areas.<br>• It is naturally bordered by the river, so a safe space for dogs to be easily contained.<br>• It gives those walking dogs a safe option to have their dog off-lead during winter, when there is no light in the grassed areas, when mowing is not possible, or when large sections of the grass in the Red Zone area become bogged/unusable in winter.<br>• This segment of the walk is away from the city centre (but still walkable), surrounded by residential areas (with a higher dog population), and is away from other areas, including Horseshoe Lake, Travis Wetlands, and Southshore, where birds are already frequenting. It also gives birds more space/protection in other areas where they have already begun to establish.<br>• This area has not yet been restored the way that other riverbank sections have been to date. Existing bird inhabitants seem to be limited to Canada/Snow Geese and mallards (none of which are native), and the occasional shag.<br>• It alleviates some of the difficulty around navigating a Red Zone space intersected by more than 10 roadways, meaning dogs need to be leashed and unleashed repeatedly if a user wants to comply with new bylaws as written.<br>• It gives the existing community of 950+ dog walkers (the majority of whom walk off-lead) who frequent this area a space to exist in the community, making for a compromise.<br>• Housing is only continuing to get denser in the Edgeware/Richmond/City Centre area in particular, with backyards getting smaller and smaller. More enriching off-lead space will ultimately be needed as dog ownership continues to rise (which the city acknowledges), without taking away existing access.<br>• It helps offset the loss of Hagley Park as an off-lead walking space in the city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In terms of the Groynes - the park has systematically been removing brush, trees, and shade over the past few years, with control and rehab work, and sometimes walking along the river is the only way to keep a dog cool. The river seems to have been designed specifically with areas for dogs to enter off of the track to play and access the water (which is an off lead activity), and the signage in the area is confusing, sometimes showing the areas along the water as on or off lead. But it seems unfair to deny dogs blanket access to this section of the track, as much of the park becomes unusable in the summer due to the sun and the dwindling shade in the park, especially given how the vast majority of users in this area you encounter at the moment are already walking, or biking with off lead dogs.<br><br>There is a danger of squeezing lots of dogs into a dog park environment, as this often leads to conflict. I don't think I've ever seen a dog attack occur on the street, or in the red zone, beaches, etc., where dogs have ample space to stretch their legs and spread out, and be at their own pace. I've seen several at the Horseshoe Lake Dog Park, and at the Groynes, the latest only weeks ago, and resulting in bloody hand injuries for two people, on top of injury to the dogs, and this will only continue if you restrict space for dogs to be off lead. | |
| 29323 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It would be impossible to make sure your dog was on a lead every time it touched a footpath or a ‘formed track’. For example If a dog is allowed there then some common sense should be applied with all users- if bikes and dogs are allowed, the bikes would know to expect dogs around and visa-versa. For example in areas bottle lake that would mean dogs would have to be leashed for the whole area which is stupid<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I agree with specified wetlands and newly planted areas, but not all the river, dogs like labradors like to swim or paddle to cool off on a hot day. To ban dogs from a whole river that gets highly polluted not by dogs just seems crazy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is a specified area so makes sense to limit dogs here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>From Ecan-<br><br>In the Christchurch area, it's estimated that each year thousands of tonnes of contaminants enter the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote, Ōtākaro/Avon, Puharakekenui/Styx and Huritini/Halswell rivers.<br><br>The estimated amount of discharges into our rivers over a one-year period are:<br><br>6,600 tonnes of Total Suspended Solids (sediment)<br>31 tonnes of zinc<br>4.5 tonnes of copper.<br>These contaminants cause major problems for our rivers. | Phil Iball |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | And you're worried about dogs being in there to protect wildlife?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29325 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It says leash now you're saying short leash. Least is a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Get tougher on dogs out walking by themselves | Nocola Richardson |
| 29326 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nick Dobson |
| 29328 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Iryna Melnyk |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29329 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Graeme Culling |
| 29332 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It can be difficult for other users and dangerous when dogs are off their leash, e.g. when cyclists have to make sudden changes due to wandering dogs. If I choose to leash my dog and there are unleashed dogs it can create a difficult dynamic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Rebecca Guy |
| 29333 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>because not all dogs mix well with other, dogs, people, bicycles, disabled people (in the sense that they could knock an unsteady person over). for everybodys safety. | Maria Clare |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for everybodys safety. because not all dogs mix well with other, dogs, people, bicycles, disabled people (in the sense that they could knock an unsteady person over)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>seems fair<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like the Animal Control Officers to have more legislative powers to deal with unregistered, dangerous and problem dogs and owners | |
| 29334 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree with the proposal to some extent but will give an example of how my partner and I walk our dog and believe that there should be some adjustment to the proposal. You could say dogs only off leash when 100m away from wildlife, and pedestrians, much like how there are restrictions at parks for dogs to be away from the playground equipment.<br>E.g when we are at a park, reserve, or walking track, we will always ensure that our dog is under effective control and in our eyesight at all times. If there happens to be another person around we immediately call her to us, assess the situation and will leash her if necessary. The only time we would continue to leave her off leash is if the other padestrians have left the area. Then she can continue playing at her own free will. If the person happened to be approaching we would leash her until some distance was between us. If we approached an area with many people around we would turn around and find another path.<br>Doing this we can ensure that our dog is under control at all times and it would seem unfair to keep her restrained if there aren't others around or wildlife. And we are able to go on a variety of different walks including parks, tracks and forests which keeps all of us motivated and healthy while not having any affect on others or the environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>There needs to be some exception to the rule, give timeframes, if you are walking the dog at midnight and no one is around for blocks with wide streets and a quiet night there is no harm in having your dog off leash under effective control with hi vis.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I support this to some extent but there will need to be changes to this proposal.<br>Be harder on effective control, if people want to have a dog make them doing a training course rather than punishing the good dog owners who can easily take there dog for a walk near | Jorja Miller |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | wildlife and have them take no notice, any more than a person would walking by.<br>If your dog cannot instantly come when you call for example then you should not be allowed. I understand often the wildlife can go onto the walking tracks but they would have to move for a person anyways, and if that's the case I would just walk another way<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>On behalf of the dog walkers I disagree with this, there are many people who may need to walk multiple dogs for medical reasons on behalf on another persons and adding any sort of charge to the people that do these things is wrong.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Sparks road wetlands | |
| 29335 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Sealed footpaths I agree, but tracks like through nag puna wai and te kura, we use daily off lead. Never had any issues with our dog, or other people's dogs while walking or biking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>200 hectares of mowed grass is plenty of space to be off lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There aren't many grass areas to have dogs off lead here. It would be good to continue having dogs off lead around the tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It can be tricky to keep track of more than a couple of dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Hayley Maxwell |
| 29336 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable to a non-dog person and mobility impaired people. Have them on a short leash is good practice for all users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>A short leash is practical.<br>Often people have dogs on very long extendable leads which enables them wander across the full width of a path/track which inhibits walking or biking past the dog and owner safely<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife is important in our city environment<br>They need to be left alone without being harrassed | Sue Coombe |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There is a variety of ground-nesting birdlife and migratory birds<br>Dogs harras them without owners being aware of this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>this a great bird habitat and wildlife habitat that needs to be nurtured for the right reasons<br>THere are plenty of designated places for owners to exercise dogs safely (safe to wildlife and other non-dog loving members of the public)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>absolutely<br>appropriate skills is a key point here<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It's a positive change to have a specification of 'short leash' in the above changes<br><br>I would like to see dog owners not exercising dogs over sports fields (when not in use).<br>There is often dog poo on the sports grounds which unsavoury when sports players come to use their designated sports areas.<br><br>Thank you | |
| 29337 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because I already do this as a responsible for owner. I believe ALL owners no matter the breed should too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Because their are plenty of other options.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There's no reason in my opinion not to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Karyn Haugh |
| 29338 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Karen Wiese |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29339 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I agree on footpaths, shared paths. Tracks in Greenspace needs more clarification.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Agree. To risky near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't walk my dogs there anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Unfair to people who walk three dogs effectively under control. | Tania Beaumont |
| 29340 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Might be a bit harder in some parks eg Avonhead park where pathways are not see by dog walkers and people exercising don’t feel this is fair.<br>As someone in a bike can ride on pathways but my under control dog cannot walk unleashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Mrs Doyle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely even 4 is to many | |
| 29341 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is under control there is no need for this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If owners have there dogs under control there is no need to be on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mike Clark |
| 29342 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Peter Galbraith |
| 29343 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No clarification on 'short leash'<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Julia Carson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Too vague<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I use Avonhead Park and Burnside Park. There needs to be a better policing of dumped/flytipped sports equipment from clubs and impractical,ugly planting along the stream. Avonhead Park is a mess with dead trees and shrubs(fire hazard). Paths are cracked, broken, huge clumps of tree roots. Dogs are less of a destructive problem than these in this park and not an issue. The council needs to get its priorities in order if it wants to make parks safe for the public.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As above | |
| 29344 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's a very generic rule that is more relevant in concentrated areas like directly in the city centres or suburb shopping centres. Out in the suburbs where you don't get the consistent flow of people walking down the streets, the rules should reflect that effective control (not using a leash) should be sufficient. For example, I live in a subdivision full of dog walkers both on a swail and the streets from 7-8am and 5-6pm. Those who can't control their dogs well put leashes on, mine happily walks beside me no problems. Both are managing the situation appropriately.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Shared paths get more traffic and are busy, makes sense. Not all dogs need to be on a leash next to a road. Effective control needs to be remained subjective to the effective management of a dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting nature and the wildlife in it in these areas are important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I would be very unhappy at this. They are a great place of connection for local dog walkers and a chance for you to let your dog exercise in a local space. They are not used for recreation and sport purposes, therefore should remain as green space that can be used by dog owners. I live on a storm water basin and love having the dogs come past our gate to visit our dog as they like. Also enjoy our dog running around with other dogs having fun and being able to go from bush to bush sniffing around!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense, dog management of a larger group needs to be professionals only.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I do not support having dogs registrations being more or less expensive based on whether they are neutered or not.<br>I would like to see intentional planning of more dog park spaces allocated within Christchurch city west/south side… especially if swails or stir water basins are being removed as options! | Isaac Stanton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29345 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Steve Leiataua |
| 29346 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some dog owners have effective control off lead. Short leads are ineffective<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I believe it is a free country where animals should be allowed to walk with their owners. I am strongly against more rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wild life needs protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>No I am strongly against this I have three dogs which I walk every day. Plus I pick up my sisters dogs for a walk and a play visit with mine when ever my sister is working. These are two small dogs plus my stow small dogs.<br>This is ridiculous enforcing this<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes. To enforce rules which control more dangerous dogs. I have been attacked by a dangerous dog and I found the council had very little control over these issues. | Caryl Reid |
| 29347 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because I have spent countless hours training my dog so he can be under effective control off leash and enjoy places like Te Kuru wetlands, he has zero interest in the wildlife but loves swimming in the stream away from the wildlife. And with the new law I wouldn't be able to allow him to do that. It's typical that a few useless people who can't control there animals have/are ruining it for the masses. | Mark Fisher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense, it's safe for the animal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>That's a huge area, where people love to exercise their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See question one.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I know plenty of responsible owners that have no issue managing well trained groups of dogs. | |
| 29348 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What is a 'short leash' the sad thing is lots of people ruin this for other people with their dogs not being well trained. Dogs should have the opportunity to roam around (in green spaces)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Footpaths - yes dogs should always be leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Fair<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Fair<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How will this be sign posted? If you can't take your dog through that area is there another way you can go so you can still enjoy the space<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Way safer<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Hannah Peattie |
| 29349 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Charlotte Basher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes, we already oay a huge amount or rates as home owners. Why can't the dog registrations be cheaper? Like Selwyn | |
| 29350 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Just makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I understand how hard it can be to control more than one dog. | Rhonda Kennett |
| 29351 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is very unfair if you own a dog. You will have nowhere to exercise them. Many dogs require off lead walks and runs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs under effective control should be able to walk on footpaths without being leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Jo Casey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs need wet areas to swim in cannot limit all wet areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems a fair rule except for dog walkers<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs need areas to run off leash and lots of dogs do not like to exercise near other dogs so putting them in a big dog park will cause aggression a d fighting. There needs to be many more places available for dogs to run free. | |
| 29352 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on what is defined by short leash - I walk my dogs on lead already in these areas but on a 1.5 to 2 m leash to let them nose around in green space areas but as there are sometimes children , runners or bikes also in these areas it seems sensible to have them on lead. I usually move off a path to let bikes and runners by. Footpaths yes on lead / but more remote formed tracks I'm not so sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Don't want a dog that gets spooked to run into the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protects wildlife and nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protects wildlife and nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Again protects wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I presume when you say public spaces this might also include the off leash parks and other exercise areas for dogs<br>I have 3 dogs so this will directly affect me but the 3 enjoy playing together and running together and I have good control when we are out exercising so if we are in an area where they'd be off lead , to then put one on lead while the other two exercise eg throwing a ball means I'd have to go twice to exercise them separately as it is unfair to restrict one while the other two chase a ball etc which doesn't seem reasonable if I have limited time and there's no one else around. If there are any issues that might affect control of the dogs then they'd all go on lead.<br>It feels 3 has been picked just because there are a small number of people with 3 and it also seems like there are a small number of people who can't control their dogs are affecting those of us who have good control and make the effort to go through responsible ownership and private training and are actively involved in dog sports. Poor control could happen with someone who has one or two dogs off lead also.<br>I could understand 4 5 or 6 dogs off lead being an issue as the pack size increases but I also know a number of friends with 4-5 dogs who have amazing control of their dogs.<br>If you are aiming this at the commercial dog walkers then I imagine they tend to walk more than 3 dogs at a time. | Jane Kennedy |
| 29353 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Gregor Brosnahan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29354 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I support all these changes which will make shared spaces much more pleasant for all users. How will this be policed? Many dog owners are already inconsiderate and don't follow current laws. | Robyn White |
| 29355 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>you are asking for one run to cover three quite different circumstances. short lead on foot paths might be ok, but on formed tracks in greenspace is overly restricted hence i think this should be rejected in the present wording<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>see comment above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>not needed , overly intrusive to the freedom of dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Frank Frizelle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>a small area were their is a clearly defined issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>what is the gain here?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>so if i have two on a lead and one free how does that fit in. People restrict themselves as too many dogs are hard to control, trust the owners<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>not yet | |
| 29356 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This must be a joke by someone who does not own a dog. There is already limited space for dogs at dog parks. There are hardly any dog parks anyway. This will be way too much overcrowding | Andrew Casey |
| 29358 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>You did not ask for Fred back on Styx conservatory. Understand wanting to leash dogs to protect wildlife but we live in Regent's Park and walk it regularly with our dogs and see tons of | Michael Brantley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | people walking; we've never once seen any problem at all. None. There is not a reason to restrict that. It is a great place to walk with your dogs. We often walk through to the dog park and back. If there are issues I'd like to know because we've seen nothing anywhere.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>We've had some issues with digs reacting unpredictably in threatening manner | |
| 29359 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People own more than two dogs which means that they couldn't exercise their dogs together off leash. | Giuliana Petronelli |
| 29361 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have encountered many many and many occasions where dogs weren't leashed and scared toddlers and children on footpaths and/or at parks/playgrounds. What disappointed me even more was that often times their owners did seem to have taken such a fact seriously, rather relaxed. Because not all the owners aren't responsible for their dogs, I would rather it to be prohibited at all so that it's clear to all. I totally understand and respect those owners who love and enjoy the time with their dogs but I don't think it's worth scaring others or putting them at a risk. The council has been kindly creating multiple dog parks throughout the city for dogs to run freely so the dog owners should utilise what's been offered. Also the owners are more likely to be aware of and/or irresponsible about their dogs' poo when they are running freely. We definitely do not want their poo to be left behind.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely for the safety of all who are sharing the space including the pedestrians and drivers. No matter how clever and trained the dogs are, they can misbehave themselves anytime without prediction. | Ritz Hirose |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I live in Northwood/Belfast and consider myself to be one of the regular users of the Groynes, and I would like the park to see all the dogs to be leashed walking around the park for the comfort and safety of the others, specifically of children. Not only my children but I organise a playgroup for tots and school age children at the park and we appreciate if the dogs were not freely running around. Also we thank the park to be kept clean, free from dog poos. Thank you very much for your consideration in advance. | |
| 29362 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog under effective control in many of these areas all the time with absolutely no problems it's just punishing all dog owners for the failures of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog under effective control in many of these areas all the time with absolutely no problems it's just punishing all dog owners for the failures of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog under effective control in many of these areas all the time with absolutely no problems it's just punishing all dog owners for the failures of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog under effective control in many of these areas all the time with absolutely no problems it's just punishing all dog owners for the failures of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog under effective control in many of these areas all the time with absolutely no problems it's just punishing all dog owners for the failures of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We don't need more rules it's completely unnecessary. Just target dog owners who fail to keep their dogs under control or from causing harm. | Mishka Halleen |
| 29364 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Tamara Duggan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The whole proposal is great and as a dog owner I would love to see these changes as it makes everything safer for everyone, the dogs, people, our wildlife and land will all be protected for the better.<br>Amazing job from you all! Thank you! | |
| 29365 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of the environment and public<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>More effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Environment protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Very difficult to restrict dogs to mowed areas in a wetland. Many dogs are under effective control on the pathways through wetlands and do not stray into nesting areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wendy Gallagher |
| 29366 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Most dogs walking in these locations are well behaved, obedient and under control verbally, but for many reasons it could become spooked or over excited and put itself at risk and possibly other members of the public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety of the dog and others users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not sure, | Tony Hitchens |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not sure,<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I feel 2 dogs to 1 handler is a max. (to keep control) Especially with large breeds, Handlers must be fit and strong at exercise times<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | |
| 29367 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stuart Reesby |
| 29368 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I support dog parks where dogs can run freely<br>however in recreation or shared spaces were there are people dogs should be on a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need to do everything we can to protect wildlife and biodiversity also dogs can pollute waterways so owners should collect dog poos.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Penny Carnaby |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29371 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as the dog is close to the walker that should be sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Once again as long as they are close to the walker.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As long as the dog is under control and not interested in the wildlife… as many dogs aren't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above..many dogs aren't interested in the wildlife. Obviously if they chase birds etc they shouldn't be in the area at all!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Anna Burbury |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dog walkers are dog walkers because they can control the number of dogs they walk. They know when to say no to too many dogs!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | |
| 29372 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Regan Wyllie |
| 29373 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>My dog and I were attacked (in Australia) by an offleash dog in an onleash area. It was a terrifying experience and my dog affected for life. So I fully support greater measures to control. Even the most obedient dogs can become distracted and instincts are very powerful and unpredictable. Better for everyone, including the dogs, to keep things safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We have a responsibility to our environment and the wildlife therein. I am pleased to see these suggestions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely - again comes down to responsibility and safety | Elayne Verner |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29374 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I walk every day in Hagley Park. I walk my dog off leash often in the park. To do this, my dog and I walk on the mud track that goes around the park inside the solid surface shared bike/walking track.<br><br>Me and others like me who have to stay off the solid surface track have worn the mud track over many years. We put up with the inconvenience of the mud in the Winter months. Now, certain mountain bikers regard the mud track as a mountain bike track!!! They come wizzing along the mud track on their bikes, meaning that I and my off lead dog are now not safe on that track also, because bikes have claimed both the sealed and unsealed track. This unintended consequence will happen in every park that this new proposal applies to.<br><br>Shared paths don't work because cyclists, motorised scooters, and skate boards go too fast. Apparently its simply entitled attitude because shared paths do work in Europe. One morning 4 lycra clad men road two abreast on racing bikes at top cycling speed on the path under the blossom trees along Harper Ave. Hospital corner at every commuting hour, with old, young, those with wheel chairs, wheely walkers, and buggies accessing the hospital who cannot move quickly having to dodge speeding commuter bikes, is an unbelievable sight.<br><br>The rising population of Christchurch, plus the infill of gardenless homes around Hagley Park, plus events, have exponentially increased the pressure on our taonga. It is rarely empty these days. I see abuses of the park every day. Motorbikes on the paths, stealing flowers, digging the turf for metal detecting, digging up Little Hagley to make a pump track. It requires full time paid or volunteer wardens now.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rhonda Mitchell |
| 29375 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>i feel it is safer to have dogs on leashes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Kristine Drury |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Safer | |
| 29376 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Louisa Frost |
| 29378 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>(this includes parks,) I am a 65 year old person with knee and hip replacements and not a lot of spare money. I have a park next door, and a 3 1/2 year old small to medium dog that needs exercise. To not be able to let her off to run around would be cruel and unnecessary punishment for her. The park is used by many dog owners as it is relatively safe for dogs. 98% of people are respectful and have their dogs under voice control and close by. There is a children's playground in the park and the owners are respectful of not frightening children. I find this change is unnecessary and in fact cruel. Older people like myself who are on their own rely on having a dog, not only for company, but for security in these trying times where crime is escalating. The current dog parks are rough and open to the weather and hard to get to. They can be over run with big dogs that can frighten the smaller dogs. I think this proposal is totally unfair and unnecessary in parks and on<br>formed tracks. Footpaths a long leash could be required.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I think a retractable lead would be sufficiently safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think that it is good to protect the wetlands and wetland planted areas. I do not agree that pathways should come under short leashed rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think at risk migratory birds should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I think that it is good to protect the wetlands and wetland planted areas. I do not agree that pathways should come under short leashed rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that is sufficient for anyone to be able to control dogs if there are issues. | Maureen Bradley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | |
| 29379 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog already has so many restrictions; we are already walking them on a leash, so why use a short leash? The person guiding should have the dog under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dog already has so many restrictions; we are already walking them on a leash, so why use a short leash? The person guiding should have the dog under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mayara Lemos |
| 29380 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Chris Brown |
| 29381 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>People who can control their dogs should not have to be restricted because of those who don’t. A lot of these areas don’t have a lot of people and wouldn’t be any safer because of this rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Simon Crequer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29382 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't think you need a short leash, we have two large dogs only 1 year old and when we walk them when we come across other people walking towards us on the same path we always make our dogs stop and sit while the people walk past us. It's some6we do as not everyone are dog people, and get frighted by them so they feel at ease walking past a dog under control and sitting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above, short leash for badly behaved dogs yes those who have been trained and still trained no long leash can be shorted when other people are close.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't go there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Fair call birds need these areas protect them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes protect yhe environment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Some dogs are under amazing control, I've seen many people struggle with small/little dogs and can't control them and that's just one tiny dog<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Medina Haerewa |
| 29383 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners will ensure that their dogs don't get in the way of people, or other dogs even if on a longer leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Brindi Joy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes, I agree with the other 'proposed changes'. | |
| 29384 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's so important for dogs to run and let off steam and if you've spent all that time and energy training your dog to just have to keep them on a lead it's just extremely unfair.<br><br>Lead for when life stock or other are around as needed sure, but otherwise let the dogs tire by running and sniffing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I walk the path, my dog goes off into the grass and the bushes along the edge of the path. This is extremely important to tire her out. She doesn't need much but the sniffing is like them reading a book, it's important for their brains and is the highlight of many dogs days.<br><br>Why don't you offer/run a service for better dog handling training at an affordable rate instead of taking away a dogs enjoyment. Educate the humans don't take away from the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't go here so I don't know. In areas that protect wildlife why not just propose having them on lead there instead of restricting dogs from everything.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Don't prohibit everything, just lead up in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Same as the above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Some people do this for a job. There are already so many unemployed or struggling to make ends meet stop making life so difficult.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No, just please actually consider those who enjoy letting their well behaved dogs have 30 minutes of freedom.<br><br>Maybe you run a course to show your dog is effectively under control off lead and you get this info attached to their registration or something. Most dogs and dog walkers are just trying to enjoy a stroll, get exercise, fresh air, keep fit and healthy and mind others business. | Becci Short |
| 29385 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>some parks eg Avonhead park, is pathed the whole way round, currently lots of dogs exercise there all day (its known as the dog park) this will stop dogs being able to be off leash here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety | Sari Lester |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protecting wildlife priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>protecting wildlife priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>protecting wildlife priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>you can't be in effective control of lots of dogs. | |
| 29387 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>so they don't jumping up on others<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>All these restrictions against dogs, to protect wildlife is nonsense.<br>It's not the dogs that are the problem as they don't go alone, they is always a owner with the dog.<br>And dogs don't normally kill wildlife but cats do.<br>If you are so worried about protecting wildlife, then adresse the real problem, Cats and not dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>All these restrictions against dogs, to protect wildlife is nonsense.<br>It's not the dogs that are the problem as they don't go alone, they is always a owner with the dog.<br>And dogs don't normally kill wildlife but cats do.<br>If you are so worried about protecting wildlife, then adresse the real problem, Cats and not dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>All these restrictions against dogs, to protect wildlife is nonsense.<br>It's not the dogs that are the problem as they don't go alone, they is always a owner with the dog.<br>And dogs don't normally kill wildlife but cats do.<br>If you are so worried about protecting wildlife, then adresse the real problem, Cats and not dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>to have control over your animals | Femke Janssens |
| 29389 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Gaye Reid |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Footpaths and shared paths yes but formed tracks not so much. Does this include tracks formed by many bikes and people using them, unsealed but wide walkways and what about areas in dog parks that are used by both bikers and walkers?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for all concerned but a short or long leash needs to be defined. A large dog requires a short leash while a smaller dog needs a longer leash. Maybe this could be described as something like, "a leash requiring the dog to walk beside the owner". This may be difficult for walkers with more than one dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Generally where there are areas of mowed grass allowing dogs to run free there are also path ways. Seems like a contradiction.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dont know a lot about thew area but it seems sensible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again there is the problem of the pathways are beside the grass areas. The area is huge so there should be plenty of scope for providing areas for both wild life and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable. | |
| 29390 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Where exactly are the 200 hectares and what is considered a "path" as there are many in the area that are undefined. There is currently a track that runs beside the river in Dallington (between the bridges) - is this a pathway?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Martin Field-Dodgson |
| 29392 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to sniff and restricting that might lead to more overall rebellion against the rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Emily Mclaughlin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends how its planned to "regulate" dog walkers | |
| 29393 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Fine on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Fine whilst on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Angus Mulligan |
| 29394 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have owned dogs for over 50 years and I think all dogs should always be on a lead in all public place .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Same comment it is a public place<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should never be allowed to run wild and endanger wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Peter Bartley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It can be hard to control one dog at times let alone four to six dogs. | |
| 29397 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Access to the river for dogs to swim should still be a consideration. Will this now prevent access to dogs?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Regarding the proposed changes for Central City, could you let me know why Cranmer Square is exempt from this? The proposed changes need to be consistent in approach. Does this mean that residents from Cranmer Square will visit Latimer Square or the Avon grassed area to let dogs off leash, or is it assumed they will use Hagley Park? I am a dog owner living on Latimer Square, and I think the best approach is to require dogs to be leashed there as well. I would like to continue letting my dog off the leash in Latimer Square, but I accept dogs should be leashed for the greater good. This is due to my observations of dog owners who let their dogs off the leash and do not clean up the dog pooh but pretend not to see. In addition, early morning dog owners intentionally let their dogs off the leash so they can pooh, and the owner does not pick it up as it is generally dark. This spoils it for everyone, but I need help finding a practical solution. A few others and I clean up rubbish in Latimer Square daily to ensure it remains clean for the entire community to enjoy. | Darren Sandford |
| 29398 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many dogs aren't under effective control when off leash and it's a risk to cyclists and other pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Anyone who isn't in support of protecting wildlife is an idiot :)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>They're no different to other shared pathways | Kate Galloway |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Giving people the opportunity to apply for more is great | |
| 29399 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most dogs are not a problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I take my dog to school. Anna is trained and perfectly able to manage a number of dogs at a time. This will limit her ability to do her job<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think if a dog owner has been warned then the dog should be on a lead at all times | Christine Kirkeby |
| 29402 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Many people exercising their dogs do so off leash walking laps around the perimeter of parks. This new rule will effectively eliminate that option. Walking laps around a park on leash is not enough exercise for many breeds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nic Bason |
| 29403 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Sonia Sparks |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Unless they have a licence such as a dog walker for more. Generally up to 3 should be allowed not 2. | |
| 29404 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>it's obvious?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protecc de birbs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>protecc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>this one is silly cause bad dog owners are always going to be shit no matter what rules are put in place, don't punish the 99% good ones | Steph Beaumont |
| 29405 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>however I dont support them only being on a short leash off the footpath in the greenspace.  a longer leash should be allowed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>its disappointing that the red zone rivers edge is out of bounds but I appreciate the descriptions of 'mowed areas'.  it makes it clear and keeps the heat on the council mowing team!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>but allow long leashes.  these are used by many | Megan Gibbs |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>But would appreciate some nominated spots for dogs to swim that are more sheltered than Sumner or New Brighton etc. Magazine Bay used to be a great place to swim with my dog without worrying about waves and rips.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I support it for private persons but not for dog walkers, a total of 4 dogs is not enough for professional dog walkers. I'm really dependant on my dog walker - he enables me to come to work and know my dog is being socialised and exercised in a way that I cant do so well during the week. one of the benefits for my dog is the ability to mix with a large number of dogs and limiting this is likely to reduce the benefit for my dog and I know my walker will reduce the length time for walks AND/OR increase the cost to ensure he is still profitable. He is an absolute dog whisperer and it would be good if the assessment process included some flexibility to assess aptitude to work with dogs as opposed to things like formal qualifications or ability to write business plans. - some sort of weighting for experience and maybe the assessor could do a practical assessment?<br>I also wonder if there is any ability to identify large areas and times where a larger number of dogs could be exercised? e.g. bottle lake forest during business hours.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I know its not part of the policy but it would be great if there could be more rubbish bins in strategic places for dog waste. | |
| 29406 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nick Barclay |
| 29407 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If dogs are allowed there then No, they should need to go on a leash if they are under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, not only does this protect the dogs, but it is also peace of mind for any drivers or cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Kelly Lang |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have come across people with 2+ dogs off leash where they cannot control the dogs. 1 or 2 dogs may listen, but no always. I think limiting this number is a safer option.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think any change of law to protect wildlife is a step in the right direction. As an owner of a reactive dog who is always on the leash (apart from a small part of the red zone by Fleete St if there are no other dogs around) It's very frustrating when I have my dog on a leash and I yell "reactive dog" and other dog owners continue to allow their dog to run over to us and there is no control. | |
| 29409 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Frankly I see so few people on these paths short leash is overkill. The problem is the cyclist speeding up to people (with or without dog/s) and giving no warning or time to react and move to the side they are the real trouble especially when not steady on your pins.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs and roads are not a good mix - neither can react fast enough to avoid problems<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as this remains unoccupied - and doesn't continue on after it becomes developed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Keep the other idiots off this area - especially 4 wheel drivers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>The active part is the 'some areas' keep it real not just for ease of maintenance<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>4 dogs large person - sufficient weight to hold on to the leashes.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog parks having sufficient bins. I frequently see overflowing bins. | Davina Mclean |
| 29411 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Currently around Bromley it feels unsafe to walk smaller dogs in the cemetery and local parks. There have been numerous incidents of larger dogs, with poor to no recall, being let off their leads in all these areas. I would love to take my dog out for a walk every day, but feel restricted when there are larger, unknown dogs walking everywhere unleashed. Signage would help - "please keep your dog on a leash at all times" and/ or "please report any cases of dogs accessing this space that are unleashed".<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes absolutely. People seem better at leashing their dogs on footpaths, however not always. The issue being that if a dog is unleashed in a park they can't distinguish between grass and a path and will come barreling up to people regardless.<br>I wonder if dog parks ought to be the only place where dogs can be unleashed and there is an expectation that your dog is well managed and has good recall if accessing these spaces? | Gabby Buchanan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes absolutely, wildlife needs to be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>It would be good to regulate 4-wheel drivers in bird nesting areas -as a lot of wildlife and habitat destruction is caused by humans.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Again, one person can struggle to keep track of large numbers of dogs and if they are poor at recall, out of the owner's sight and aggressive this is problematic. Professional dog walkers may have the necessary skills.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It would be great to have dog control services routinely checking in/ driving through areas where there have been dog attacks and where owners are blatantly not looking after their dogs and managing what they are doing. Then more dogs can be harnessed and on leashes to support all dogs getting out and about safely for fresh air is important. My only issues with the "footpaths" only areas are that parks are full of grass with pathways running alongside and through them - so it would be a moot point having to leash your dogs on the paths only as dogs won't distinguish between these spaces. | |
| 29414 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have no issue with dogs on short leash on foot paths or on a leash in general but would be good to allow a long leash on shared paths and formed tracks. Dogs need to be able to sniff and explore but I want to be on a path, so if I can let a leash out when no one else is around this is a good way to get (our CCC rescued pound pup) the stimulus she needs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is a safety aspect here, you don't want dogs getting onto a roadway and causing an accident.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Support protection of wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There should be some areas where non confident dogs can swim. Happy with having some restrictions where there are nesting birds etc but some ares Luke Beachville in Redcliffs on areas of Southshore should have some acces to the water for dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I support restrictions but not to this level. This will really impact dog walkers to groups of 2-4 dogs. This will really push up the price for dogs walkers to be able to operate, people will pull back on this service and it ultimately effects dogs quality of life and or you mind find people who have busy work life's unable to adopt etc. Ok with restriction, suggest reviewing limit to 6 to 8 off lead in areas such as dog parks. | Leah King |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29415 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Retractable leads are appropriate<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Four leashed is too many | Karen Wells |
| 29416 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I want to walk on the footpath with my dog off the leash when I go to the park. This is what the park and the park footpath is for in my opinion, otherwise I might as well walk around the block with him on the leash the whole time which defeats the purpose of going to the park.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I don’t think this needs to be law but for the safety of the dog it’s best they’re on a leash near roads. But some dogs are very obedient and walk close to their owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don’t mind.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This seems very niche , I have never come across any issues with this. | Anna Little |
| 29417 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>If not on leads the dogs running loose can run up to other dogs who might not be friendly and so cause a fight or someone could get bitten<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>If not on leads the dogs running loose can run up to other dogs who and cause a fight as happened to me last week as the owner of the other dog thought it would be okay to let his dog off | Chris Sheppard |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | the lead as it was 10:15 at night and he didn't think there would be other people walking their dogs at that time, and I ended up getting bitten and had to go to hospital. The dog running loose could have also caused an accident and/or pedestrians could have been hurt if a car had swerved to avoid the dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This could get confusing as people who have let their dog off the leash are unlikely to call it back to put it on the leash when they come to an area where the dog should be leashed. Very muddled thinking!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>By mixing leashed and unleashed areas in close proximity you are making confusing as people who have let their dog off the leash are unlikely to call it back to put it on the leash when they come to an area where the dog should be leashed. Very muddled thinking!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>By mixing leashed and unleashed areas in close proximity you are making confusing as people who have let their dog off the leash are unlikely to call it back to put it on the leash when they come to an area where the dog should be leashed. Very muddled thinking!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This appears to be sensible and hopefully the dog walkers will be given permits to show others they have permission to control more than the 2 or 4 dogs limited to non-professionals | |
| 29419 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It seems like many people do not understand the expectations of a dog under "effective control". It is fair to have some places where people don't have to worry about dogs running up to them. We have a smaller dog who gets really agitated when dogs run up to him and I have had a some people suggest that my dog shouldn't be able to leave the house if he is not fine with strange dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Some as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>In a conflict between dogs and wildlife, dogs will win. We need to create safe spaces for wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would need to understand more about the exemption process. For example, is there a fee so that people have to pay an extra $100 to walk their dogs? How do you determine who is appropriately skilled? That seems very subjective. This feels like an overreach. | Lyn Nugent |
| 29420 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Mel Hillmer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | my dogs are never a nuisance on shared pathways as we move off when people pass. i have worked hard to train my dogs appropriatly and we are being punished needlessly<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>depends on the dog doesn't it. these blanket restrictions show a lack of education and care from the ccc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>the redzone areas were once houses, sidewalks and roads - the council had absolutely no concern for the birds when they created these subdivisions (some very recent prior to the earthquakes). Of course this was because the council was gathering money from rates. Since the earthquakes (over a decade) dog owners have been pretty much the only people making use of these abandoned and ignored spaces to exercise their dogs. Now suddenly for the first time EVER birds are taking priority - its an absolute load of rubbish<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>pity for those who live in or enjoy the area and who have their dogs under affective control - more blanket punishment rather than targeting and fining those who dont control their dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>all depends what the exemption process looks like and what restrictions and costs there will be for those who want to apply | |
| 29422 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>these spaces should be for all to enjoy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Toni Campion-Cusack |
| 29424 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be under obvious control as some owners think they have control on a dog without a leash but they don't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be on a leash at all times around any of those areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Sonia Ronald |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Our wildlife needs to be protected and cared for so dogs are their predators so its a no brainer to keep dogs on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again our wildlife is crucial to our eco system therefore need to be protected from dogs and all other predators.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same reasons as outlined in the above two comment area's.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I was listening to a range of people talk about this topic including a dog expert and they say no more than 7 dogs per person as any more is not manageable. Personally I am happy to cap it at 6. | |
| 29425 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for other people and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think using some of the Avon river for off leash dogs is great with the exception of the the key areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Phillip Donaghy |
| 29426 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Jill Rice |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29427 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Commonly walk laps around a park as part of routine. This often occurs in the morning when other foot traffic is limited.<br><br>The park we frequent often gets surface flooding in the winter on the grass and the breed of dog I own would not obtain enough exercise on the leash alone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lily Hermanspahn |
| 29428 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>My dog and I have had numerous dogs fly up to us when we are out walking. It has the potential to lead to dog fights. I'm sick of it happening as the people can't call their dogs back and always say "he's friendly", after which the dog normally tries to have a go (i.e. attack) my dog. I'm working so hard on Training my dog to lead well onlead and every time this happens it puts us back a few steps. We need a change to the law - people need to have their dogs on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For same reason as mentioned above but also for the H&S of people on bikes or walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>People don't have control of their dogs at the best of times, even worse when there is wildlife around. Need to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know enough about these areas to comment sorry.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Gretchen Mcfadden |
| 29430 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There are so many poorly behaved dogs off leash | Jerry Miah |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>It's the single mixed breed owners that allow their dogs to roam anywhere they want that cause the issues, not dog walkers etc | |
| 29431 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On a leash but option of a long retractable one.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dog safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Difficult to control a greater number of dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Under control dogs should be allowed to run free in open areas of all parks e.g. Hagley Park, Abberley Park and other public parks. They should not be limited to “Dog Parks” which are few and not easily accessible. | Gillian Robinson |
| 29432 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Sam Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29433 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>AS LONG AS THEY ARE UNDER CONTROL A LONG LEASH IS FINE<br>DOGS ARE BETTER BEHAVED THAN MOST YOUTHS AND KIDS, SCOOTERS AND BIKES ARE MORE OF A MENACE<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>AS LONG AS THEY ARE UNDER CONTROL A LONG LEASH IS FINE.<br>DOGS ARE BETTER BEHAVED THAN MOST YOUTHS AND KIDS, SCOOTERS AND BIKES ARE MORE OF A MENACE<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>IS FINE FOR WILDLIFE TO BE PROTECTED AS LONG AS THERE REMAINS OFF THE LEASH AREAS<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>IS FINE FOR WILDLIFE TO BE PROTECTED AS LONG AS THERE REMAINS OFF THE LEASH AREAS<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>HAPPY WITH THAT<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>THOSE DOG WALKERS WITH 6 DOGS ARE OUT OF CONTROL, NO ONE CAN CONTROL 6 DOGS AT ONCE AND THE REALITY IS THEY ARE NOT THEIR OWNER SO THE DOG ISN'T AS OBEDIENT TO THEM AS THEY WOULD BE TO THEIR OWNER<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I THINK MOST DOGS ARE VERY WELL BEHAVED AND OFTEN KIDS AND YOUTHS (AND SOME ADULTS) ARE VERY BADLY BEHAVED. HOW ARE YOU DEALING WITH OUT OF CONTROL CYCLISTS AND SCOOTER PEOPLE THAT ZOOM PAST PEOPLE ON THE FOOTPATHS RECKLESSLY? | Debra Castle |
| 29434 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Long leads are also fine, small dogs running freely should not be a problem, they don’t cause harm<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Long leads are fine and provide adequate control.<br>You have no serious option of actually enforcing this short lead idea. Theres no point regulating if you can’t enforce. | Kevin Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs on leads in these areas should be allowed<br>Have more signs alerting people to seasonal wild life issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs like to have fun too. Dogs on leads - what's the problem?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dog walkers might have many and that is an industry people need. Seriously let's not into the word of policing how many dogs people have!?<br>Again, how are you going to enforce this?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs on lead is what's needed. You shouldn't be curtailing the freedoms and liberties of dogs and dog owner simply because of a vocal minority who don't like dogs. I get that there are dangerous but you do almost nothing about those small numbers of dangerous dogs. You have 2000 dog bite incidents per annum and would be lucky to prosecute 1 or 2. That's the problem. Total paralysis around actual harming dogs, instead ponderous new red tape for people and dogs who never cause an issue. | |
| 29435 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Thank you for the opportunity to feed back. While in more popular areas where there is often multiple bodies on paths, I can understand why dogs might need to be leashed on paths (not getting in the way of bikes etc), however there are many paths around that are less frequented, and it would be a real shame for a general rule to apply to all of these walks when it wouldn't make much difference on the outcomes , but would make a huge difference to the dogs and their owners to have to restrict for no real benefit to anyone. Our regular dog walk is along the path that runs by marylands reserve. We choose this instead of hagley park for our dog as there is vastly less other people, and most of the people we do see are dog walkers too. At commute time there can be more cyclists on this path and we have trained our dog to stay on the grass verge to keep out of the way, but if the blanket rule was to go ahead I would suggest only having it apply at busy hours (i.e. when people are cycle commuting), especially for less busy paths like I've mentioned.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I think it depends again on business of the/frequented use of the path. It's logical for a dog to need to be kept safe and away from the possibility of running in front of cyclists or roads - I would hope that most dog owners would use their common sense when it comes to this. Is it actually a problem that arises often? If so, I would support bringing this rule into busy areas only where it could actually be a problem. For instance along the path and roads that run along the heathcote river there are lots of areas that are close-ish to the road but grass area or distance that a dog can be kept under effective control, and quiet enough that there isn't an issue with getting in the way of other pedestrians or cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I 100% support protecting wildlife areas from dogs. I would hope that this would still mean that dogs and owners can enjoy large parts of the red zone ( including paths next to the river and old roads!) that logically don't put wildlife at risk and have enough space for dogs to roam free. The red zone is the most fantastic safe place for dog owners to enjoy with their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I definitely support the priority of wildlife above all else. If there were areas were it would be safe for the wildlife to have dogs on leashes (e.g. paths) it would be nice to please consider maintaining access to these places if it would be safe for wildlife. If your observations truly indicate that people might not follow the rule and have their dog unleashed despite this, then I would support prohibiting dogs to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Faye And Aterea (Filling Out By Both Property Owners) Hudson And Knewstub-Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>I would support all actions to protect the wildlife, but again there are some places that have paths through here where it would be safe if the dog was kept on a lead. It would also mean that in places where these areas form part of a walk that would otherwise be safe for dogs to be taken, the dog owners would lose access to this walk. For instance we walk through the small stormwater basin next to Mokihi gardens as part of our longer walk and really enjoy how it links to a path through a pine area that runs longside curletts road toward halswell and it would be a shame for us not to be able to access this through this portion of the walk. I definitely think this is an example of an area were the wildlife would be competely undistrupted if dogs were on leads on the path as there is decent grassed distance between the path and the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know about how much of a problem this is as haven't seen or experienced a problem with this.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Thank you again for the opportunity to feed back. In general I fully support wildlife protection, but with general path rules etc I hope that you avoid blanket rules that would result in restriction of dog owner experience without minimal change in outcome for the public - most specifically, please take into account centrality/how frequently used the paths actually are. There are a huge number of dog owners in christchurch who love the outdoors and love being able to take their dog with them, and there are already many areas we just simply don't access already because of dog rules that make it not worth going. | |
| 29436 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many off lead dogs not under control and a lot of poo in areas where dogs are off lead which is not pleasant in areas near walk ways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Have observed several near misses for cars and dogs plus bikes and dogs when they dart out in front of traffic<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are many other areas they can go to access water (river section or the groynes) also not sure that the Avon water would be very good for dogs to access anyway (very dirty/ often algae blooms)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Beth Shearer |
| 29437 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Hana Kate |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dog walkers who hīkoi off leash are able to effectively control more than this. This proposal would effectively put many dog walkers out of business. | |
| 29438 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>We agree that dogs should be restricted from certain areas to help protect wildlife. However, at the same time, we believe that it's perfectly fine for dogs to enjoy swimming in the rivers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We've noticed on several mornings in South Brighton that a CCC vehicle drives along the sandy beach to empty rubbish bins. On a few occasions, we've witnessed near misses when dogs have run in front of the vehicle, or when the vehicle hasn't slowed down while approaching walkers with their dogs.<br><br>We believe it would be safer if a smaller vehicle were used, and that speed should be carefully considered. Ideally, we think the CCC staff could use the roads and walk the paths to collect rubbish, which would help ensure everyone's safety.<br><br>Many thanks | Lorraine Borrmeister |
| 29439 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>safer for people and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>better for the enviroment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Rebecca Macpherson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>why not on leash in the area??<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>why not on leash in the area??<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>the dog parks can have a dog walker with more than 10 dogs and they can't control all of them or ensure they clean up after them - the numbers need to be limited for these also<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>its all fine and well putting these changes into law but you need to enfore them because at the moment it doesn't feel like that is being done | |
| 29441 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I own a reactive dog who is always on a leash. It is really difficult to manage her when others have their dogs off leash, and they come up to her. Also I understand that some people have fears of dogs and it is not fair to them to have dogs off leash on footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I use the red zone as a safe place to exercise my reactive dog. It is really hard to find these spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Seonaid Palmer |
| 29442 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Annie Sewell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29443 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>My dog is safe to have off the lead, but I understand  a lot of owners think this. And we may bewrong.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robert Sweeney |
| 29444 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner, and it is a very effective way to stop especially young children from getting bitten if they take the dog/s for granted. Or elderly people from getting tripped up<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above, I am a dog owner, and it is a very effective way to stop especially young children from getting bitten if they take the dog/s for granted. Or elderly people from getting tripped up<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Responsible dog owner/s would keep their dog/s away from wildlife. It is the one/s that just let their dog/s run free, so I see the above not working.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above, Responsible dog owner/s would keep their dog/s away from wildlife. It is the one/s that just let their dog/s run free, so I see the above not working.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>We have good dog parks that can cater for of leash. Some are just to lazy to use them. All places where the public have access should only be on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If a person can control their dog/s I can see no reason that you have to be limited, here again as long as all dog/s are on a leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There are to many people that just let their dog/s run free and I've seen it time and time again, there dog goes does it's business and it's not cleaned up, they just shrug it off. That why I say all dog/s should be on a leash in all public areas except in dog parks. I have also cleaned up after dog/s in the dog park/s. | Gary E Tavendale |
| 29445 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Belinda Stone |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No – I believe this is absolutely correct. I have a dog who is lead-reactive due to irresponsible dog owners allowing their off-leash dogs to run up to mine. I ask them to recall their dogs, knowing my small dogs won't appreciate the sudden approach, but often they have little or no control. I completely agree with everything: people should have to demonstrate responsibility before being allowed to walk multiple dogs or have off-leash dogs, especially more than one. Perhaps requiring dogs to pass a certain level of the Canine Good Citizen program could ensure they're suitable to be off-leash in certain situations. This would also encourage people to spend more time working with their dogs. | |
| 29448 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I find dogs not on leashes to be scary and intimidating.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Katie Ridley |
| 29450 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The key  is having your dog under control.I have 11 year old border collie and are able to have her as close as a leash if required<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Rather than laying down the law its about control 100% | Andrew James |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Is there a real treat to wildlife? That requires a blanket rule .If owners are responsible and have control there is no problem .Those who arent wont have their dogs under contol or on a lead anyway<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Ts not a major concern<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People need to act responsible and control how ever many dogs they own<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Encourage people to have their dogs under control either on a lead or by command | |
| 29451 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is ridiculous. If the dog is off its leash in a park that has a pathway running through it, even when the dog is under control, it may set foot on the path. These are shared paths and everyone using them should be aware of dogs, kids and other people walking. Anyone biking or on a scooter should naturally be aware and be on the look out for dogs and kids.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | David Lindsay |
| 29452 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have two dogs, one fast (young) and one slow (old). I let the slow one off the lead in these areas and he is better to walk with. Greenspace areas should be freer areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Roads are dangerous for the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support the protection of wildlife. | Charlotte Gray |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support the protection of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I support the protection of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds reasonable. | |
| 29453 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Responsible dog owners will be happy to apply this new rule but those people who are not responsible will continue to break the rules with zero consequences for their actions as policing this will not be possible so defeated even before it starts<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of all. That includes drivers of cars that do not have to consider a dog darting out on the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How is this going to be policed as those who are not responsible owners will continue to break the rules with no consequences as policing this will never happen as has been the case for all the years I have owned dogs. (Over 20) As one of my dogs has now been attacked 5 times over his 10 years by dogs that are owned by non responsible owners. I have my dog permanently on a leash off my property where ever I am for his and my protection. Consequences is nil for dogs that did the attacking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again the only people impacted by this will be those that already have responsible dog ownership<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again responsible dog owners are punished with more restrictions while non responsible dog owners get away with breaking the law<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Having had one of my dogs attacked 5 times by off leash dogs I'd like to think that this would reduce pack animal mentality. I already ensure that if I am exercising more than two dogs none of them are every off the leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My biggest concern as mentioned above is all bylaws and policies only impact on responsible dog owners and of course these new changes are in hope that those non responsible will change……. Can I say good luck for that to happen | Vivien Howard |
| 29454 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support dogs on a leash on roadside footpaths but in an open park shared pathway it would cause more disruption than positive out come as in:<br>Dogs on short lead tend to be more defensive and aggressive towards other dogs when approaching other dogs.<br>Most path ways are too narrow for on coming dogs so hence leads will get tangled, cyclists will also get caught up especially when coming from behind as most don't have bells.<br>Bells on bikes should be compulsory to avoid such situations. | Kevin Dean |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs sniff along side walk ways and on a lead there will be a lot of jerking and sudden stopping.<br>I suggest a lot of ACC sprain incidents and behind collisions.<br>In a single phase: In an open park most users are dog walkers and on a short lead it would be unpleasant for both dog and owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be on leads for safety reasons for traffic and dog owners and dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife and new planting.<br>Pity cats are allowed and will be loving this law now they won't be chased away!!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes complete sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I use this area currently on a regular bases, and as much as l regret to agree for our dogs sake, l agree the bird life should come first.<br>Could you please put a doggie Pooh bin at the car park, it is sadly a dumping ground when most dogs first get out of the car.<br>Dogs off the lead on the mowed grass edges would be good but definaatly not in the planting zone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs on leads on parks in most CCC open parks like to run around and socialise and most dog owners are self policing.<br>They let them off and then attach them when leaving the park.<br>They are sometimes the only contact single or elderly people have on a morning walk and lighten up a persons day with such short interaction.<br>They should also be allowed on buses for the same reason.<br>Cycests can be just as a threat to walkers as the perception of dogs are,<br>And let's not forget the CATs when it comes to enforcement the damage they do to lizards and bird life. | |
| 29456 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some areas do not have high usage eg Broken Run reserves. When I take my dog for a walk in these areas I would meet at a maximum, 2-3 other dog walkers, 1-2 cyclists and 1 runner/walker in a 30 minute period and many minutes apart. I agree with this rule for busy areas, like Hagley Park but not for quiet, suburban reserves.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Most dogs are not highly trained and could easily be distracted and run out onto the road unless on a short lease<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important for wildlife to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Des Thomson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29457 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>In particular I am happy to see the changes at Te Kuru which is our main walking spot. I have owned dogs my whole life so am in no way anti dogs. But they need to be under control.<br><br>A girlfriend and I went walking at Te Kuru early last week. An over exuberant Labrador (off leash) bowled my friend completely off her feet – she now has a sore tailbone and bruising. When I called out to the owners (who were a good 100m away along the track from their dog) they shouted out a half hearted apology but kept walking. When I called out to point out they should have their dog under effective control I was told to 'chill out' and given the finger.<br><br>I hope you will have plenty of signage to remind the owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for everyone, especially the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I care about the wildlife and the dogs still get a big area to exercise in.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above I care abt the wildlife and still plenty of areas for off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I care about the wildlife, as per above example a friend was knocked over recently on the path at Te Kuru by an off leash dog, owners didn't care. Plenty of grass areas for them to run around. Please make sure there is plenty of signage.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense. | Kate Sutherland |
| 29462 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Reading through the policy in places it seems vague and contradictory. I do agree with a lot of the areas CCC is suggesting for dogs to be on leash but not for others such as the red zone. The proposal states that dogs can be unleashed on the 200 hectares of mowed grass in the red zone, but CCC do not mow the red zone this has always been done by volunteers. The proposal states there is over 10,000 hectares of parks but how many hectares in total are part of the red zone? I strongly believe that all of the residential red zone should be unleashed areas for dog walking. When there was housing there there was no protection provided for "wildlife" so nothing should change. Areas such as Southshore, McCormack's Bay, Dudley Creek where there is a need to protect "wildlife" such as birds and eels should all be signposted, any protection of bird nesting areas only has to be seasonal (October to March).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of the dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Catherine Webber |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>The proposal states that dogs can be unleashed on the 200 hectares of mowed grass in the red zone, but CCC do not mow the red zone this has always been done by volunteers. The proposal states there is over 10,000 hectares of parks but how many hectares in total are part of the red zone? I strongly believe that all of the residential red zone should be unleashed areas for dog walking. When there was housing there there was no protection provided for "wildlife" so nothing should change. Areas such as Southshore, McCormack's Bay, Dudley Creek where there is a need to protect "wildlife" such as birds and eels should all be signposted, any protection of bird nesting areas only has to be seasonal (October to March).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I mostly agree with the proposals, but the prohibition could be seasonal for nesting areas. Absolutely opposed to any prohibition in or around Shag Rock, that area should be an unleashed area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Does CCC agree to provide large areas of mowed grass?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>To prevent incidents involving paid dog walkers etc.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I find it abhorrent that CCC are actively encouraging people who do not like dogs to make submissions on these proposals, people of that opinion will not have anything positive or constructive to contribute to this proposal.<br><br>It concerns me that progressive governments are likely to try to adhere to UN climate change agendas, one of which is to eliminate all meat-eating household pets by 2050. I hope CCC will have no part of this and will not be actively making it harder to own a dog or be a responsible dog owner. I was issued a permit to own 2 or more dogs in 1997 which had a one-off fee, since then CCC have tried on at least two occasions to charge that fee again, please ensure this does not / can not happen in future.<br><br>The proposal states that dogs can be unleashed on the 200 hectares of mowed grass in the red zone, but CCC do not mow the red zone this has always been done by volunteers. The proposal states there is over 10,000 hectares of parks but how many hectares in total are part of the red zone? I strongly believe that all of the residential red zone should be unleashed areas for dog walking. When there was housing there there was no protection provided for "wildlife" so nothing should change. Areas such as Southshore, McCormack's Bay, Dudley Creek where there is a need to protect "wildlife" such as birds and eels should all be signposted, any protection of bird nesting areas only has to be seasonal (October to March).<br><br>I also agree with the statement in the questions below (asked by Gillian) that speeding cyclists on shared paths are more of a danger than unleashed dogs, perhaps cyclists need to wear a registration ID tag as well. | |
| 29464 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a lifelong dog owner, I feel safer using spaces where dogs are leashed. It is not always the dogs that are the issue but their owners (owners who don't understand animal/dog behavior). My dog has been attacked by other dogs both in places where dogs are supposed to be leashed (footpaths) and under effective control (parks). Interested in how this will be effectively policed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above. A short leash is better than long or expandable leashes. Allows people to keep away from dogs they don't want to encounter either with or without their own dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Will help with monitoring faeces etc. Many people don't seem to pick up after their dogs and more concerning when near water or other wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Jennifer Down |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>While I have walked here with my dog off leash, I understand why this rule is necessary so would respect it. CCC just might like to consider more dog parks and especially small dog parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Again there are people walking multi dogs without effective control. My terrier was attacked by 6 Bichon dogs and the owner was threatening herself. The size of the dogs would matter here. 4 large dogs could be difficult in some cases (I've seen folk with 1 dog and barely able to hold on to the leash!)<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If better spaces are created for people to have their dogs off leash then the general public might be more amenable to change. I personally would love to see more dog parks with separate small dog and large dog areas (with cameras). | |
| 29466 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Owners need to look after their dogs appropriately, especially when there are small dogs and or children around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Elizabeth Kennedy |
| 29467 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I understand the reason for a short leash in a busy area, and definitely on a shared path where bicycles might be present. But on footpaths in a quiet suburban area, or on a path in a dog friendly greenspace area, a long leash and effective control should be sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Seems like a more reasonable balance. On your quiet, suburban footpath with a berm on either side, a (effectively managed) long leash should be fine, but yes if there is any risk the dog could enter the road they should be short leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>In areas of special habitat for wildlife, wildlife absolutely needs to be prioritised over dogs who could go elsewhere, especially if leashed walking would still be available to allow dog owners to enjoy the spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Christina Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | In areas of special habitat for wildlife, wildlife absolutely needs to be prioritised over dogs who could go elsewhere.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>In areas of special habitat for wildlife, wildlife absolutely needs to be prioritised over dogs who could go elsewhere, especially if leashed walking would still be available to allow dog owners to enjoy the spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>So long as this doesn't impact people (with the appropriate skills) who are earning money by walking dogs, it seems reasonable.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The changes to effective control are good, make it a more meaningful statement. Though I don't imagine it will change people who already don't effectively control their dogs..<br>Changes at the Groynes are good, it would be nice to be able to go from exercising my dog at the dog park to a picnic in the main area and have the dog out of the car but still on leash and under control.<br>Changes regarding recreational spaces and conservation areas are also good. Wildlife habitat should be prioritised, and unleashed dogs in heavily human populated spaces (like active sports fields and wharves etc) can be nuisances. There are always other places to walk a dog. | |
| 29468 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because a short lead isn’t necessary in these ares<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Paul Roser |
| 29470 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Having recall ability with your dog should be allowed instead of lead, no recall then yes lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Having recall ability with your dog should be allowed instead of lead, no recall then yes lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Having recall ability with your dog should be allowed instead of lead, no recall then yes lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Rebecca Strickland |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Having recall ability with your dog should be allowed instead of lead, no recall then yes lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>How will the exemption be available<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Having recall ability with your dog should be allowed instead of lead, no recall then yes lead should be required. Not all owners are irresponsible. | |
| 29471 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Uniform rules for dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long leash can be a trip hazard<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Compromise for both good move<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>A detailed map or an app would be helpful for dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Good signage is important when dual by laws applies<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Definition for appropriate skill is tricky . This reunion further definition<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | Cherry Crawshay |
| 29473 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Parks and sports field are for everyone. Fine not to allow dogs off leash when games are in progress but ridiculous to have dogs on leash in all public parks. What is this suggestion in response to? Vas numbers of people bitten by unleashed dogs in parks?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of other road and pavement users and dog safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Clearly wildlife needs protection. | Joe Dobinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, wildlife needs protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Agree that wildlife needs protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>The number seems completely reasonable for the majority of people exercising dogs from their home and allows professional dog walkers to apply to walk more. | |
| 29474 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Sometimes dogs react to unknown people and dogs which can cause stress to other dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of the community as all dogs can react negatively in situations that may change when out and about<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>To ensure dogs are fully under control and to avoid situations that could result in a pack attack with multiple dogs | Julie Leeder |
| 29475 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is under effective control then it's under effective control. The additional rules are therefore unnecessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It's ridiculous to try to write policy on leash-length. Who's going to go around with their measuring tape to enforce this? Getting way too prescriptive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Katrina Benedetti |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Not necessary. Hard to enforce.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This is prohibitive for those who make a living from group dog walks.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx mill reserve. Dogs on a leash in that area is fine as wildlife are not in danger. Perhaps it's the wild cats you should focus on. | |
| 29476 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>while we love our dogs there are plenty of areas for long lead or off lead recreation, shared pathways should respect other users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>there is an opportunity to create a wildlife corridor which free roaming dogs are incompatible with. The wildlife must take precedence<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I love walking my dog in areas like this but the wildlife values of this area must take precedence<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Most people overestimate the obedience of their dogs and their ability to control them. Sadly, the poor behaviour of the minority necessitate grater controls over everyone | Stephen Attwood |
| 29477 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>After all this consultation, you have failed to address the problem of dogs on the beaches, Brighton beach in particular ,when are you going to do something about dogs and owners, leaving dog excrement all over the beach, also the dogs roaming unleashed, biting people and killing birdlife e.g. shags baby seals, and harassing the mother seals , your dog rangers are never on the beach ,they spend a lot of time parked up in the laybys down Marine parade on their phones. It's all very well making changes but what is the point if no one is enforcing these rules. It's also time to change the signage at the beach, the ones now are completely ineffective, they are far too small and there needs to be more of them. If dogs have to be on a leash on the road and footpath, and wetlands, then why not on the beach, it is after all a wildlife area, and a public space with children playing, running screaming throwing balls, which is triggering for many dogs, I am so sick of these out of control dogs and owners who don't care , there are many who no longer go to the beach as they feel unsafe, time to step up CCC time to protect the beach, wildlife, and people. | Aneta Green |
| 29478 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because I have effective control of my dogs off leash when in the above situation. I am very considerate of other runners, cyclists, walkers, prams and scooters etc to ensure my dogs are not a trip hazard, or annoying offensive to other people. I do not need them to be on leash to have them under control. I have taken considerable time and energy to train them that way. It would ruin the experience. I am also extremely conscious that some other people don't like dogs and therefore keep mine away from people. This change penalizes responsible careful committed pet owners. Total overreach. | Belinda Thomas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above. I am a responsible dog owner who would never put my dog at risk in a busy area. But that is for me to make as a decision. Not someone else.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>same as above. I am an animal lover and take the care of wildlife seriously however I feel the needed to be on leash on pathways is not ok. 100% agree to prohibit dogs to protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Because this covers the whole of the peninsula and we have working dogs on our farm.<br>Once again over reach. | |
| 29481 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This rule change is a totally unacceptable and unnecessary. It is a massive change that according to the survey is unwanted by the majority. We have been walking 3 generations of dogs in Christchurch over the last 35 years. The restrictions have become more and more restrictive over time for usually no good reason.<br><br>If it is an issue about cycling in my experience there is usually no problem. In any event in most places people walking their dogs were there first. Why do they have to move aside to make way for cycling?<br><br>We walked our dogs at Roto Kohatu off the leash and under control for many years. We were the only ones there except for other dog walkers, many of whom we got to know seeing them there each day. In 2016 the council decided to change the rules so we had to go elsewhere as did many others.<br><br>In reality people don't make submissions on bylaws. No one I know at Roto Kohatu did, but every one was shocked when the signs went up. The other thing that happens when you impose an unwanted change on people is that they just ignore it, which sounds like what happens on the port hills, according to the survey.<br><br>The new bylaw means there will be nowhere to walk WITH your dog on a track which is what most people actually do when walking their dog. For many people walking their dog off leash and under control is a way of life. Important exercise for them as well as the dog.<br><br>I read the unbelievable justification in the red highlighted section under the proposed amendment. As I say, unbelievable. Most people oppose this change but the council thinks that's only because they don't understand the current rules. That maybe so but the survay does indicate the level of support for the current rules ie they are not supported. It makes no sense to then want to extend them.<br><br>I want to be able to walk my dog without always having them on a leash. Most people don't walk somewhere with the dog on a lead, stop and let them off to run around off the track somewhere. It might be what people are happy to do in Hagley Park but it's not what people do in most other places.<br><br>In general the council has not put up any case to justify a very wide ranging change to the rules which will have a huge impact on people's lives.<br><br>Terrible and unjustified change. Totally opposed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Lisa Reid |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs that are under effective control are not terrorising wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29482 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I struggle to see the difference. If it is a short leash, there should be clarity as to what defines 'short'.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Requiring dogs on lead should be enough to protect wildlife with all the other rules above. Allows dog owners to walk in these nice spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Feels safer<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Support leash requirements in the groynes | Jess Pouzadoux |
| 29483 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps it safer for other users and reduces conflict between dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This needs to be a safe place for native birds to nest, rest and feed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Martin Wheldon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This needs to be a safe place for native and migratory birds to rest and feed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>This needs to be a safe place for native birds to nest and feed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Agree with other changes.<br>-<br>How are the rules / guidelines going to be enforced because the existing rules / guidelines are not?<br>-<br>It's essential to increase awareness and signage around picking up faeces after dogs, it's quite clear that many owners ignore their responsibilities and its getting rather annoying and disgusting.<br>When reminded many people are offensive or claim there is no such requirement, its natures way etc.<br>And I speak as a dog owner. | |
| 29485 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs are allowed Those that are under control are fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Prohibiting dogs in Glen Oaks Reserve:<br>Totally opposed to this. The fencing to prohibit pests is NOT complete so I don’t think dogs are the problem here. Every dog I have seen on my numerous walks through the reserve have been behaved and restrained where necessary. The fact that this reserve was in easy access to us is one of the reasons we bought our house. The dog park here is obviously smaller than walking round the whole reserve( also many rabbit droppings is not ideal) | Sue Carran |
| 29486 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>too broad a rule. I think this should only apply on tarseal paths as dogs are a hazard to cyclists and they are usually busier. unsealed tracks eg crater rim dogs should be free to roam under effective control. The issues you are trying to solve with your tightened rules on dogs is the 1% of idiot owners who can't or won't control their dogs. the fairer solution is policing them and coming down on them much harder. I have walked my dog in the cashmere wetlands area for a year now and seen hundreds of well behaved dogs off leash and 2 idiotic dogs with idiotic owners. You are worsening the lives of hundred of owners and dogs because of 2 idiots. If they were fined everytime their dogs ran off into the reeds then the problem would be solved. | David Wilkinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above - only where cyclists are present. otherwise no I I do not support tightening of rules due to a tiny number of idiots and an inability/unwillingness to actually police the existing rules by you which would be fine if they were policed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I I do not support tightening of rules due to a tiny number of idiots and an inability/unwillingness to actually police the existing rules by you which would be fine if they were policed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I do not support tightening of rules due to a tiny number of idiots and an inability/unwillingness to actually police the existing rules by you which would be fine if they were policed. This is particularly true of the stormwater basins where more than 2/3rs of walkers are dog walkers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>only idiots or professionals would have more than the proposed numbers and you have allowed an exemption process for professionals<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Be good if one of the ways up to the crater rim track was designated dog friendly and could be used without a leash. all of them need leashing to some extent | |
| 29492 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>paths that obviously do not have pedestrian around should not require a short leash all the time, giving dog some freedom to sniff and explore on an adjustable lead. Certainly when pedestrian are around and appear you can then adjust a short lead.<br><br>Think this has come about because of bike complaints.<br>Re bikes if they use there bells if coming up behind people so quietly and far too fast! it would be safer for all of us. But agree if bikes around I would certainly have my dog on a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Foot paths that obviously do not have pedestrian around should not require a short leash all the time, giving dog some freedom to sniff and explore on an adjustable lead. Certainly when pedestrian are around and appear you can then adjust a short lead.<br>I can walk round the block and be lucky to see 1 person on the foot path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If adjustable lead used affectively then you should not require a short leash all the time, giving dog some freedom to sniff on an adjustable lead and letting them adventure into grasses. Certainly when pedestrian are around and appear you can then adjust a short lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Joy Vickers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Re dogs off leads in parks where sports being held, some park have large boarders as in our local park our dogs play happily and do not affect the sports practices eg Spreydon Domain. Dog owners walk around park and play there everyday of the year and especially between 4-7pm. And we have not complained that more and more sports has taken over the park in the late afternoon for practice, and you now severely limit the dogs enjoying there play we all can share the park where there is extra land on the boarders of the park.<br>Please do not change this. | |
| 29493 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Ursula Bell-Baxter |
| 29494 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Greenspace areas are places for dogs to free range to get exercise. They do however need to be under control. If you cant control the dog then put it on a lead. When training I use a long line or a retractable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I use a 5m retractable. If another dog comes or runner comes along I shorten it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>You are including paths and walkways under the general leash rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Keep dogs out of nesting areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>How are you going to control this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Define what you call in control! there are dog walkers around who do a great job. What I forsee is some busybody putting in a complaint about someone based on a perception. This has the potential to become personel and then the dog walker to loose their business | David Gregson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This is feel good bureaucratic nonsense! Empire builders who are wasting ratepayer money! How is this going to be policed?<br>This is a survey to give the public the opportunity to think they are being listened to when in reality the decisions have been made and will progress. | |
| 29495 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have had dogs jump up at me whilst carrying my small dog so she does not get bowled over by them & my horse has been attacked by dogs off leads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I have had dogs jump up at me whilst carrying my small dog so she does not get bowled over by them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>dogs should be allowed if on a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>dogs should be allowed if on a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>dogs should be allowed if on a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I personally think all dogs should be on a lead - even if it is a long one, and no way should 1 person have more than 1 dog off a lead. I have been attacked too many times by dogs that have not been under control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be in leads full stop. I have been attacked, my horse has been chased , I have read soooo many stories of peoples horses getting attacked, I have had dogs jump up at me - people in general have no idea how to control their dogs and have sadly spoilt it for others who know how to control their dogs. You can get a lightweight long line so they can run free. or....they pass a test and get an exemption certificate to prove they have control of their dog. | Janine Burns |
| 29496 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's reasonable to expect this level of control over their dog from owners on shared areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's reasonable to expect this level of control over their dog from owners on shared areas or areas with traffic<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>A dog owner's right to let their dog run free does not supersede wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>A dog owner's right to let their dog run free does not supersede wildlife protection | Manuel Clavel |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>A dog owner's right to let their dog run free does not supersede wildlife protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It's a completely reasonable expectations. Although an argument could be made for smaller dogs VS bigger dogs, keeping the numbers consistent makes it easier<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The changes I've seen all seem sound and reasonable for responsible dog owners (myself included) | |
| 29497 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Under control would be enough and allow more liberty to dogs while owners could use the footpath<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Diana Mateescu |
| 29498 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think dogs who can be kept under effective control should be allowed off leash on footpaths. It might be different in heavy pedestrian areas but green space areas are very open, and non heavily populated.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I've been using the red zone for years to walk dogs. It's such a lovely area for walkers, runners, cyclists etc. if you propose for all dogs to be on leashes on all footpaths anyway, then how would dogs be effecting wildlife? I also think it really restricts where dogs can go and will worsen crowding. For example, if no dogs are allowed on footpaths, which is a very large part of the red zone and also the main reason I go - to walk next to the river, then all dogs will be only on the grass and therefore increases risk of tension, fighting etc. rather than us being able to space out. It's such an open space it seems really stupid to not be able to walk near the river on the footpath. This one angers me the most. So many places are already closed to protect 'wildlife', I would hate for one of our last nature like walks to be taken away from us! It doesn't make sense. If there is one particular spot of the red zone that wildlife are inhabiting then maybe only restrict that part, not the whole red zone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Amy Veale |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don’t know what this is<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29499 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's important for dogs to run around and sniff everything etc on their own, under supervision from their owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Effective control around a danger (cars).<br>The car may also swerve away from a dog and cause a crash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Most dogs won't chase wildlife, but it's not a huge deal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Phillip Anderson |
| 29502 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have a well trained obedient dog and she listens well and prefers to be off lead. I'm considerate of other people and dogs and get her to heel when there's others around<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and consideration for drivers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is one of my dogs favoplaces to run free. She loves swimming and has no interest in hurting another animal<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not familiar with this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I prefer to walk on the path and my dog is well trained and responsive off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Rochelle Baker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>No opinion | |
| 29503 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed under effective control in green space areas. There is generally a lot more room to pass other people with no problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wendy Morris |
| 29505 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>The person walking the dog is responsible for control of the dog, not everyone using the paths is comfortable coming upon dogs off leash and footpaths are spaces for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above & for the safety of both dogs & drivers/riders<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be kept away from nesting areas & can't always be controlled when around birdlife & water<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>2 dogs off lead or 4 dogs on lead is plenty<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As a dog owner I support the planned policy | Jeannie Matthews |
| 29506 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for everyone concerned | Kim Hendra |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>No dog should be off a leash around other people or other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It is to protect the wildlife. There is plenty of places for dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I agree with them all. | |
| 29507 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Agree for footpaths, and shared paths but not formed tracks in green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>happy to follow this proposal within reason<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Only happy if area being protected is fenced off the , make it easy. disagree dogs should be on leash on the paths in this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>this would only be for the nesting/migratory season?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>the mowed areas are directly adjacent to planted areas, i cant see this working and disagree dogs should be on leashes, just need to be under effective control. i think cat fencing<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Agree with central city proposal.<br>Strongly disagree with The Groynes proposal<br>Agree with the wharves and sports events proposal<br>Agree with styx mill porposal | Ash Mills |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Agree with banks penisular proposal<br>Need more detail/not sure with the cultural area proposal<br>strongly disagree with minor changes.<br>Agree with admin changes | |
| 29508 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leashes create risk for all parties - dogs, owners and other users of recreation areas<br>A footpath or track is for transport rather than play, so the short leash equates to a seatbelt in a car.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs and life can be unpredictable.<br><br>I like dogs to be safe for their own sake as well as for the occupants of vehicles and other pedestrians<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Often, dog owners utilise the long grass/wild spaces beside rivers, streams and banks for their dogs to toilet so that the owner doesn't have to pick up the faeces.<br>This cascades across multiple environmental matters<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is scary for me and my dog (on a leash) when I encounter people out exercising larger groups of dogs without proper control.<br>Those owners tend to take an aggressive, defensive stance and remonstrate or shout at me to take some other route so as to get out of their way. I usually wait quietly where I am for them to call in their dogs but it is clear that they generally have little capacity to recall and leash their dogs, if they are carrying leashes at all.<br><br>In the last year, the encounters have become increasingly volatile.<br>I prefer to note walk my dog with y partner or another friend for reasons of personal safety.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Excited to see these proposed changes. Excited to have a sense that these changes will make dog ownership even better here in Ōtautahi Christchurch. It is already a dog-friendly city.<br>Other improvements will be capacity for safe dog travel on public transport. | Mayme Oliver |
| 29510 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as I am scared of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as I am scared of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes we need to protect what wildlife we have left. | Aj Stuart |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes we need to protect the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Just keep all dogs away from everything they should only be allowed at dog parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes for safety reasons. | |
| 29511 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Would be excessively restrictive in areas such as Bottle Lake Park which is a popular and valuable dog excercise area that requires sticking to paths to navigate. Other such areas include dog friendly walks in the port hills (except of course areas where wildlife is a concern). In areas such as inner city parks leashing around walkways makes sense but there needs to be more nuance in the ruling here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>On or near roads where vehicle traffic is a risk it just makes sense for safety of dogs and people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is a priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is a priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is a priority<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>If anything I would limit it further to two when on leash as well as long as the exemption process is clear and straightforward. Inexperienced handlers trying to control multiple dogs usually results in effective control of none of them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>On leash restriction to the Groynes area should exclude river strip alongside dog park to allow dogs to swim when conditions allow. It is impractical to leash a dog in the water and there is little risk of dogs bothering pedestrians here. There is also no practical water area within the dog park. I support leashing in other areas of the park, though would recommend long leashes be allowed here (when away from paths) to allow for recall training in areas where off leash dogs aren't likely to interrupt.<br><br>Probhibiting dogs from Styx Mill entirely (except the dog park) is also excessive. Short leash restriction within other areas of the park should be sufficient to protect wildlife but needs to be more strongly communicated and more importantly, enforced. I support restricting dogs entirely from parts of the park such as bird nesting areas, but the whole park is excessive. | Emma Simo |
| 29512 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen dogs off leads come up to children and scare them. | Sabrina Saunders |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen near accidents with vehicles because dogs were not well controlled.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wetlands and native plants are more important to the community.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I've witnessed dogs attacking as a pack. | |
| 29513 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This isn't practical when you have dogs off lead in areas such as Hagley park. I have not witnessed a single issue with off lead dogs over those areas, more issues come from scooters interacting with pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is typical behaviour anyway, although I am not sure there is a real issue at present.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This seems to be trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist? I live in this area and don't see dogs causing issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>This seems to be trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist? I live in this area and don't see dogs causing issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>2 is too low, three might be more appropriate given you have situations where someone is looking after another persons dog and they have 2 already.<br>The limit is really owner / dog dependent. You see single big dogs that are not under control that can cause way more harm than 4 small ones.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What problems are you trying to solve with these changes. There are generally very few issues with dogs in public areas and in fact there are more issues with people than dogs.<br>Making it more restrictive on responsible dog owners won't cover those who don't follow existing rules. | Scott Whitfield |
| 29514 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If a dog is able to rush a bicycle, scooter, pushchair, another dog or even children, it is best they be on a short lead to be managed adequately<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>See my reasoning on last Q. The problem I see is that none of this is ever enforced and I see off-lead dogs all the time on footpaths by roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Jan Walker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>I have no idea how this wld be enforced or even patrolled and effective control means very little to a lot of dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>But it must be closely enforced, which is pretty impossible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>We have a lot of valuable wildlife and creating such wetlands which will attract them and then allowing dogs at all, is an oxymoron. Such areas should be wildlife or dogs, not both.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are pack animals<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What park name? | |
| 29515 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Helen Hollister |
| 29516 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Lucida Chapman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29517 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ian Lawrence Acosta |
| 29518 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as its quite dangerous when people are riding bikes and dogs are wandering all over the track/path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It quite dangerous when such areas are shared with cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It vitally important to keep dogs away from wildlife areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Ive seen dogwalkers with multiple dogs not in control and creates a hazard for persons on bikes in the vicinity and for those walking their own owns. | Melanie Foote |
| 29520 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The dogs that are a problem are dogs on their own, or not under effective control. If dogs are under control, they shouldn't have to be on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Lynne Clark |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | as above. The problem is dogs on their own, or out of control dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I know some breeds of dogs ( eg, some terriers) have a strong prey drive. I would like to see birds protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's important for us to protect native birds. ( also from cats )<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>it depends or how many dogs you mean. You haven't stated a number. At a guess I would think someone who doesn't have any appropriate skills should have no more than two, but a very skilled and strong person could have more.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I really feel the focus on leashing on parks and footpaths is not the fix. We have a large hunt away/Lab cross who is well trained and obedient but he walks much better off the leash. You really don't see many dogs out of control when they are wth their owners. More of a problem would be the inertia reels/leashes that people use, that are a tripping hazard, and dogs can lunge at other dogs and people.<br>I agree , however , that native birdlife especially must be protected . In those specific areas I would agree dogs should be kept away if they cannot be controlled .<br>Also I hope when it comes to protecting wildlife, cats are also the subject of your focus. | |
| 29521 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have. Small dogs and feel scared for them when we go somewhere and other dogs aren’t leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I use a mobility scooter and dogs go nuts at it so when not leashed I’m scared of them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jannette Stiven |
| 29522 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It’s crucial dogs are kept on a lead to protect the wildlife. Too many times I have witnessed dogs off leash chasing water fowl and stilts during nesting season.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Moana Lee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It is crucial that dogs are leashed on public footpaths for safety of folk who are scared of dogs and for the safety of children, cats and smaller dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It is crucial to protect the feeding and nesting grounds of bird populations.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It is important that birds are no longer terrorised by dogs chasing them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>The birdlife must be cared for even in man made areas such as stormwater basins.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This is a good policy, I have encountered dog owners with two dogs or more letting them run riot on beaches chasing gulls and other dogs making myself and others feel unsafe.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog owners should not be allowed to let their dogs off leash on beaches, I have witnessed too many dogs run riot into dunes and protected areas ruining bird habitats, and making other humans feel unsafe in public places. There needs to be clearly allocated and fenced dog parks where dogs can run free without frightening other humans and bird life. Signage needs to be large and clear in public places when these changes come about. | |
| 29523 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>When I had dogs they were always leased, but many people had dogs off lead which would rush up to mine ( mine hated other dogs ) I found this really annoying when out with my dogs.<br>Can the council please do something about people on electric bikes and scooter speeding on shared walkways... I have nearly been hit several times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>When I had dogs they were always leased, but many people had dogs off lead which would rush up to mine ( mine hated other dogs ) I found this really annoying when out with my dogs.<br>Many people do not obey this bylaw at all!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Please do the same for cats!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Leashed dogs ONLY!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stephen Robert Entwistle |
| 29525 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I live bordering a reserve and see to many unleashed dogs rushing at children, other dogs and wildlife. I have seen dogs in the lake chasing wildlife and owners calling them out of the lake to no avail. | Robyn Lilley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen dogs rush at children and other dogs and sometimes run into the road and peoplex properties.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected from dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs in this city are not under effective control at all times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>1 person cannot control 2 dogs off leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Westlake Reserve should have the law applied to all dogs to be on a leash at all times. | |
| 29526 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dog control by some owners is bad. As a cyclist and walker have run into dogs not on leashes and had two accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely, many dogs have no road sense and of course some paths are very busy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, if dog owners need to have dogs run free try their own back yards or dog parks. The key areas as outlined should be protected from roaming dogs and hearing penguins being killed along with young seals and nesting birds makes me angry.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As mentioned in previous comment, prohibiting dogs from the estuary is important and on leashes elsewhere where there are people and children.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, where there is wildlife, no dogs allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Should be a limit as outlined above and no exemption. People think they have appropriate control skills but often don't.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | B.P. Donovan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I am really keen to see more signs about dog control policies as they apply in particular areas. Also, in respect to removing dog shit. All owners should be carrying dog poo bags at all times. On public beaches from Waimairi to Southshore Spit all dogs on leashes. No exceptions. | |
| 29528 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think a short leash is required to keep dogs under control in these spaces where they can easily be distracted and make sudden movements that impact other users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It is important to protect native wildlife and having dogs on leash in these areas could help reduce the disturbance to native wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is important to protect these species<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I would like some further confidence that Council will commit to enforcing the proposed regulations of prohibiting dogs in the wetland and planted areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like some further confidence that Council will commit to enforcing the proposed regulations in public spaces by having enforcement officers on the ground monitoring these spaces (shared use paths, nesting areas, river corridor, etc.). | Ernette Hutchings-Mason |
| 29529 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | John Lawson |
| 29530 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Some people have no recall ability with their dog when off lead. I have experienced this many times walking my dog (who is always on lead). Our dog is not always friendly with other dogs, especially when they come rushing up to her. | Glenn Connor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the dog's safety and safety of other pathway users<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the protection of other wildlife. There are plenty of other spaces to walk your dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as for other answers to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Logically one person cannot control an infinite number of dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Central City: Dog's should always be leashed for the safety of other dogs, people, and traffic<br>Effective Control: I agree with changes to make sure the owner pays more attention to what their dog is doing | |
| 29531 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I believe dogs should be under effective control along all foot paths except for beside a road or car park<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I see too many dogs on long leashes that are not in the control of the owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be under effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I'm ok with this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>They should be under effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I agree you should have to have a permit for more | Tyler Johnson |
| 29532 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Whilst I always use a leash I believe some dogs are extremely well behaved off leash and deserve to be allowed to walk freely. | Zoe Alexander |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above: Whilst I always use a leash I believe some dogs are extremely well behaved off leash and deserve to be allowed to walk freely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Banning is rude - leashes should be mandatory<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Banning is rude - leashes should be mandatory<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Banning is rude - leashes should be mandatory<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Many dog walkers and day carers will have more than that. Depends on what the exemption process is.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs are part of the family and should be treated as such. Children destroy property willynilly yet are allowed to roam free with useless parents. | |
| 29533 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Short leashes aren't necessary on footpaths, a long line is suitable. Short leashes restrict the dogs ability to interact with the environment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There is no native wildlife to protect<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>It will only encourage polluting non-native birds to congregate and turn the areas into poop city<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Laura Pickersgill |
| 29534 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've nearly been tripped and bitten by dogs off leash in Hagley park on the tracks. Dogs get excited and think you are either going to attack them when you are just out running. I've also seen them go after ducks numerous times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Eric Clayton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Short lease, better control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | |
| 29535 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do not agree with dogs being on lead on formed tracks in green space areas.<br>When walking a dog in some areas, such as Te Kura Wetland, it would be impossible to follow the rule - where a dog is only allowed off lead in mowed grass areas. Dogs are naturally going to spend some time walking on formed paths when in an off lead area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>When walking a dog in some areas, such as Te Kura Wetland, it would be impossible to follow the rule - where a dog is only allowed off lead in mowed grass areas. Dogs are naturally going to spend some time walking on formed paths when in an off lead area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Hannah Mcrae |
| 29536 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There is plenty of room for everyone. The dog may be unleashed while on the grass but it is not practical to expect the dog to avoid the footpath at all times. How is the dog supposed to know this? It seems over the top for an area that is a relaxed green space for all to enjoy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I run with my dog. He is leashed while on the footpath but I use a retractable leash, which can go longer, as it's impossible to run with a dog on a short leash as dogs often stop suddenly. If a pedestrian comes the other way, I make the leash shorter.  It's common sense. Why make such a restrictive law about the length of the leash?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The dogs should be allowed in the wild spaces. Especially where there are streams and rivers to enjoy. Obviously, the dogs should be kept under effective control to avoid wildlife, and decent dog owners will always do this. There's no reason to banish dogs and their owners to the sanitized mown areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Kerry Watson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>The majority of people who use these areas are dog walkers. Dogs under effective control (so that they don't chase wildlife) should be allowed to continue accessing these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Sometimes people look after family pets for other family members. There are dog walkers who may be put out of business. I actually don't see the number of dogs being walked as a problem.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The current system seems to be working. Why change it? Dog walkers are huge users of public wildlife spaces and restricting them to mown areas seems very unfair and will greatly reduce the joy that dog owners get from taking their pets on adventures outdoors. | |
| 29537 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The justification for this proposal is that "these pathways in parks and reserves can be busy with people walking, running, cycling, mountainbiking and scootering, as well as by people using mobility devices, pushchairs, balance bikes, etc, and we want to make sure these areas are safer for everyone by requiring dogs to be leashed". This assertion is only partly accurate, often these shared paths are very quiet, particularly in the red zone and stormwater basins. Therefore this rule risks being seen as overreach and as a result, non-compliance. The safety objectives are already achieved by the extension of "effective control" to include active attention, prompt recall, close proxiity and ensuring that no nuisance is being created. With the extension of this definition, only dogs which are close, well trained and safe should be off leash and CCC has the power to intervene if this is not the case.<br><br>I have a specific concern regarding the commentary to section 6.2.2 that "If a path, shared path or formed track runs through an area where dogs can be off-leash, dogs can continue to be exercised under effective control near the path, but should be leashed if travelling along the path." This effectively means that there is compliance with the bylaw when the dog is alongside a path but non-compliant if it steps on to it. This is too fine a distinction to draw and again, is overreach and will result in non-compliance. At the very least, dogs should be permitted off leash on shared paths in areas where they are otherwise allowed off leash, acknowledging (again) that the "effective control" requirements achieve the safety objectives - or give CCC the power to intervene if not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This depends on what is meant by "river, wetland and planted areas". While some specific areas of wildlife protection are sensible, prohibition on wide areas (such as the whole Avon river through this corridor) are overreach when a leash requirement could achieve much the same result. I suspect that compared to cats, rats and other pests, the risk posed by dogs in these areas is relatively minimal.<br><br>If dog owners do not see the risk as real, the effect will be routine non-compliance as it will be seen as overreach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>The stormwater basins at Te Kuru have been designed so that wildlife and nesting spots are well away from areas which dogs frequent. There is very low risk to wildlife from dogs in this area.<br><br>If dog owners do not see the risk as real, the effect will be routine non-compliance as it will be seen as overreach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Megan Compton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>N/A | |
| 29539 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Short leashes are necessary to provide other path users with confidence to use the path adjacent to dogs and their owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Short leashes are necessary to provide other path users with confidence to use the path adjacent to dogs and their owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There is plenty of green space available, so providing some areas for vulnerable wildlife to more-safely exist is good.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs in large groups can behave in unpredictable ways, and require more attention and control than individually.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I like the changes to the definition of effective control. The ability to report, and therefore educate, owners who are not able to maintain effective control would also be appreciated. | Matt Coulthard |
| 29540 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is far too broad of an approach and will severely limit the enjoyment for dog owners and their dogs in all the wonderful greenspace areas that Christchurch has to offer. The is a considerable difference between areas such the Port Hills walking tracks (already leashed requirements) and say more open areas such as the A&P showgrounds.<br><br>If you have your dogs under effective control in such environments I see this as a gross oversimplification and a real step backward in the way that Council operates the Bylaw. Responsible dog owners will only have their dogs off lead in such environments if they are sure that they won't bother other users, such owners will be significantly restricted by this proposal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This an appropriate rule<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Restricting dog access from key areas is an effective means of control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Restricting dog access from key areas is an effective means of control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Gareth Bailey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Restricting dog access from key areas is an effective means of control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This seems like a fair balance between ownership and responsibility | |
| 29541 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stacey Hodges |
| 29542 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Many people have great control of their dogs and have trained them appropriately. Running with a dog on a lead is pretty hard (for example). I'd like to see any studies/research the CCC have carried out to see where this change in requirements comes from (as opposed to a few minor complaints)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not entirely sure of each area (why not include a map) and thus to be able to formulate an opinion. If wildlife needs protecting from current issues I'm broadly in favour but who on earth can work out what 200hectares is unless you mean to put signs up everywhere<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>See above comments. Same<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Two dogs just seems a made up number. Why not 3 or 4 or ??? I see no evidence<br><br>I would like to see dog walkers licensed (they IMO are the issue) rather than those with 3 dogs. | Andy Gorton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I think with dog on leash type rules we will get more frustrated dogs (lack of real exercise) and more issues when they are off a leash<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have walked dogs around the Sumner/Mt Pleasant/Redclifss and Burwood Forest areas for years and have rarely ever seen issues with dogs. There may be areas where there are more issues, but I see no reason to penalise those owners and their dogs who work hard to be responsible owners.<br><br>Anyone who thinks that having two dogs off a lead and a third on a lead (for example) will alleviate any issues is likely never to have tried this situation IMO. Dogs off a lead run to greet the one on a lead, the owner then finds him/herself trying to control the dog on a lead and the other dogs under their charge are hardly now under effective control<br><br>As for walking dogs in pairs at separate times (if you have more than 3 dogs) is just not going to happen. People do not have the time for this especially when they have probably invested time into training their dogs in the first place. This will lead to frustrated dogs, owners etc etc<br><br>Dog walkers who have multiple dogs are an issue though IMO. They cannot keep a track of a dog and the poo, or indeed control a pack of dogs (unless very experienced) from assorted owners | |
| 29544 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I'm concerned at the extent of the legislation. I think in areas such as the Dallington Red Zone dogs should be allowed off the leash or on long leashes provided they are under effective control. I also feel this way about tracks on the Port Hills. If there is strong, analysis-driven data to show dogs present an added danger in these areas I want this to be presented to the public before feedback is requested. I would support short leasing on mountain bike tracks where visibility and speed means dogs present significant danger.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for people and dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not keen on a blanket rule. What wildlife? Why the whole area? Can we evaluate areas that are most important for endangered native birds to breed and feed? I'm not concerned about threats to hybrid mallard/grey ducks, but scaup, Kōtuku, inaka, etc. do concern me. Also would like data on damage dogs cause plantings vs humans. Could we not have more dog and human friendly paths through plantings to reduce off-path walking?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is a significant area for mahinga kai.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Agree regulation but not the path rule. I think this should only be enforced in areas with hard data for dog attacks, for dogs over a certain size, or where conditions mean dogs off-lead or on long leashes impede the elderly, etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people walking 3 large dogs off-leash. They do not have effective control in this situation. Have t noticed as much of this recently though -more owners seem to be responsible and in control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would be happy for dogs to be issued with a special tag, at owner's expense, to be allowed off-leash after an evaluation. I also want dogs on buses at specific, off-peak times under the same conditions. Muzzles and/or carry-baskets if data from UK suggests this is necessary. | Ruth Van Arendonk |
| 29546 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | David Allard |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs will obviously stray onto paths - effective control - or within active control of owner is probably a better definition.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs will obviously stray onto paths - effective control - or within active control of owner is probably a better definition.<br>Depends on the dog, I've seen many dogs in tight proximity to their owners with no indication they would stray - but without a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems practical as most people have two dogs at the most. | |
| 29547 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Shared paths, Foot paths and tracks Criss-cross greenspaces. My concern is if a dog is off leash happy sniffing etc and crosses a path etc in its wandering what are the implications. Are walkers and cyclists going to have an avenue of complaint against the dog owner despite no issue arising from the dog crossing the path within the greenspace.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think 4 dogs in either situation is better. You can't expect someone to walk 4 dogs but only let 2 off at a time. Where's the practicality in that.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I understand the need to protect the wetlands, Wildlife areas and agree with these proposals but question the need for the greenspace/ pathway rule change. is there a problem to be fixed? | Stuart Durie |
| 29549 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Tim Mclaughlin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29550 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mitchell Tobin |
| 29551 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I often feel unsafe when dog owners have their dogs on long leads and don't seem to have them fully under control, they can still be a rush or tripping hazard.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Emma Riddell |
| 29553 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for humans, dogs, wildlife around. | Nikki Stas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I value native fauna over domestic dogs.<br>People never abide by the rules and dogs wander everywhere, scaring birds away regularly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I value native fauna over domestic dogs.<br>People never abide by the rules and dogs wander everywhere, scaring birds away regularly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29554 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There would be very few places where I can run with my dog on a path beside me off leash. What evidence does CCC have that dogs off leash but under effective control actually cause issues on shared paths or formed tracks?<br>Mowed areas are often too muddy through winter for effective exercise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There would be very few places where I can run with my dog on a path beside me off leash. What evidence does CCC have that dogs off leash but under effective control actually kill wildlife in this area?<br><br>Mowed areas are often too muddy through winter for effective exercise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There would be very few places where I can run with my dog on a path beside me off leash. What evidence does CCC have that dogs off leash but under effective control actually kill wildlife in this area?<br><br>Mowed areas are often too muddy through winter for effective exercise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mary Clark |
| 29555 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Jay Schwartfeger |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Tracks should always be areas where dogs can be off leash as these areas are mainly walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I am ok with the requirement where bikes have no other route, but paths where pedestrians have right of way dogs should be ok off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Ok with leashes with areas that have established wildlife habitats/homes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Ok with leashes with areas that have established wildlife habitats/homes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Ok with leashes with areas that have established wildlife habitats/homes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see more rubbish bins for dog waste as this will reduce the amount I see left on the footpath. One per grass/park area. | |
| 29556 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A short leash it absolutely unnecessary. Having a dog on any length leash gives the owner more than enough control over their dog/s.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I agree provided there is an exemption available for dog walkers and professionals with skills. | Taylor Lee |
| 29558 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think you need to worry about cyclists, scooter riders in these areas . Far more hazardous. This proposal penalises the majority of dog owners who have their dogs under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I think dogs should be on a lead but I also think cyclists, scooter riders and other selfish humans need to go on the road or ride in areas where pedestrians don’t have them rushing up from behind.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>If it is genuinely protecting wildlife then yes but I find most are respectful | Mia Immers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Because the majority of dog owners do not cause issue . How about looking at some of the humans that purposefully go out to cause harm.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29561 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Martin Oelderink |
| 29562 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On footpaths, yes! On formed tracks in green spaces, no. These spaces are critical areas that dog owners use to exercise their dogs. Being on leash limits the benefit of the exercise, whereas off-leash options allows dogs to sniff and explore areas with ease, important for their sensory experience. There are already extreme limits on where dogs can be off leash. Diminishing these options further will lead to people breaking the law without any discernible benefit to the wider community.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Because we need to protect the bird life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I am very familiar with this area and my dogs are bird dogs. Despite this, they behave without upsetting birds. Losing this area to dogs off leash is excessive given there are already major restrictions in places for dogs off leash around the city. A balance is needed or people will flout the law.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Annemarie Mora |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Two dogs is enough. A license should be required for more. | |
| 29564 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't support a blanket ban on off-leash dogs in these spaces. During busy periods and other times, leashing should be required. However, in certain spots if there are no other pedestrians, a dog under effective control should reasonably be allowed to be off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Again, it depends. If they are near, but fenced or physically separated, this may not make sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Prohibiting protected areas is fine and I support it. In this area the leash law on pathways does not make sense, especially if they're allowed off leash on the nearby grass<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Andrew Love |
| 29567 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>We have two small dogs and not only out of respect for other people but owners can take a wide berth if apprehensive of other dogs. When they come bounding up off the leash it can be frightening and easily end badly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable (just takes one cat) even if you believe they are under voice control. Safeway to lose a loved pet and not fair on the drivers either.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Often these areas are unsafe for dogs too so they need to be controlled fully.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Just common sense.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Mel Murrell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Please please please provide a fully fenced small dog park and big dog park in the hugely populated Halswell so dogs can be off a leash in a safe and controlled environment- especially the small dogs who think themselves big dogs! Prebbleton's one is great but a tiresome 15mins to get to one way. | |
| 29568 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because if the dog is under effective control, a leash is unnecessary. Our dogs are active and need to be able to run free to burn off energy. We actively keep them away from any people or dogs there. Please don't make all of us unhappy by requiring leashes all the time because then we will have no where to go and this will create problems with bored, barking dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It seems reasonable, although I know plenty of dogs that can walk on roads and paths safely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As noted below, I do not understand why dogs and wildlife cannot cohabit. My dogs are not at all interested in birds and I have never seen a dog attack a bird. Cats, on the other hand, along with stoats and other wildlife are your more likely culprits.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>We walk at the Heathcote estuary most days and we are often the only people there - or there are only other dog walkers there. We rarely see any of these birds that you are supposedly protecting and the dogs are not at all interested in birds anyway. It is also unclear from reading the changes whether the part which currently offleash or the part around the lakes near the sports fields at Ferrymead will be affected by this prohibition. The names used in the document are not on Google maps so I can't actually tell where the prohibition will apply. Use common sense and leave those of us who care for our dogs responsibily to exercise them in a safe and convenient place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>For god's sake, you are going to put most dog walkers out of business! They won't be able to afford the process you propose to regulate them and 4 dogs is simply not enough to make a business feasible - and the idea that only 2 of those dogs that can be off leash at once is stupid. What are the others supposed to do but bark and pull because they are not having fun like the others! Those of us who are responsible dog owners use dog walkers because we cannot always give our dogs the exercise we need. Rather than locking them all day, we pay good money for someone who cares to take them out and have fun. Walking on a leash when you're mates are running free is not fun and I would not pay to have my dog walked on a leash. It does not burn enough energy!!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Overall, the proposals suggest a strong anti-dog stance that is deemed completely unnecessary in other countries. I recently spent a month in Europe where dogs were allowed in cafes, restaurants, trains, buses and were walked (on leash and off) in historical and wildlife areas with no issues. People seem much more tolerant of dogs than here, where for some reason there is an assumption that all dogs are dangerous and all owners are irresponsible. I also note that in the dog survey that you keep referring to (which I do not remember ever being sent to dog owners!), fewer than half often support a change that you have decided to implement. Surely if there is not even a majority of the minority who filled in the survey agreeing, then there is no democratic justification for the proposed changes. Please don't make life even harder for those of us who love our dogs! One alternative, if you really must prohibit dogs from estuaries, is to designate certain walking tracks where dogs can be off leash and where bikes are prohibited. We do not use dog parks because our dogs do not enjoy sniffing the same few metres of grass where 10 other dogs are doing the same and we do not want to stand around watching them. We like exercise as much as the dogs, so please allow us to do this together!<br>Finally, your revised definition of effective control is rather draconian; I wonder whether you are applying the same rules to children? I've seen plenty of kids at playgrounds who would not meet the standards of prompt recall set for dogs and plenty of teenagers who are more dangerous than the average dog. Similarly, are you requiring all cyclists to be on a leash because they are speeding towards you at a dangerous speed around corners? Be sensible, please. | Louise Humpage |
| 29569 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Sharron Moyle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29570 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dogs are well trained well behaved and nicer than alot of people whom arnt on leads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for the safty of my dogs around cars etc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It sounds like the only place to exercise a dog will be a dog park where more dogs get bitten than anywhere else in chch<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I spend alot of time there and have never seen harm to wild life except rabbits that have been shot and run over by trucks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robert Bamber |
| 29571 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A short lead on pavements yes. On tracks and green spaces no. Tracks are usually very narrow making it difficult to walk with a dog by your side on a short lead, tracks are narrow so should only be used by people walking, so if a dog is on an extendable lead they are still on a lead under control but can walk either just ahead or just behind on a narrow track. In greenspace if you have good visibility an extendable lead is perfect, the dog gets good mental exercise being able to wander sniffing the area while under control at all times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Near any traffic areas dogs need to be on short leads as they can easily be spooked and cause accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I don't know this area, but again I assume no traffic and good visibility so extendable leads would be acceptable on paths, as you can shortening the lead when people approach. (I appreciate some people may not but these are the minority of idiots, please do not continue this trend of punishing everyone for the few) | Michelle Warburton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Definitely avoid nesting and feeding areas, but again a walk along the beach with your dog is lovely. Maybe a sign saying on lead in this area or No Dogs sign in Nesting and Feeding areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same answer as Avon River area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Required for effective control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I appreciate you are trying to make blanket rules so easier to follow, but making short lead only in none vehicle traffic areas is impractical will just be ignored. Exercise for a dog is not just walking, they need to look around, sniff, eat bits of grass etc. A short lead walk is like us doing the supermarket shopping - its exercise but not much fun! lol | |
| 29573 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer, more predictable to navigate around them.<br>They're less likely to attack or intimidate other animals or humans.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds balanced, fair.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Can't believe people can even handle that many, but sounds like it's a thought out number. I like that there's an exemption process. Sounds reasonable, generous even. | Xanda Lacey |
| 29574 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs require leashes and are under control off leash. Green spaces are just that. For the enjoyment of all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>These are rules for the few not all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Catherine Aitken |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29575 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>While I can appreciate the aspects of these proposed changes, they are a little constrictive.<br>I personally own 4 dogs of veriius ages, breeds and abilities. I walk them all together and certainly won't be ceasing this.<br>But IF i chose to walk these friends around a park/track and them have to leash them, they'd certainly pose a greater incuberance to other park participators, as they would be leashed to me, so making a greater obstacle to move around.<br>This would certainly be the case when we are tramping up tracks like Rapaki/Bowenvale etc.<br>I agree leasing in footpaths, safer for dogs with the unpredictable drivers around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>These areas are prolicfick with non native birds that foul the area horrifically, they are often unpleasant to use just for a general purpose let alone for dog exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If a person owns more than 1 dog then they're a pack and so exercise together as one.<br>CCC can't dictate how they proceed with their pack | Karyn Douglas |
| 29578 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>For Some green spaces, dogs should be allowed off leash, under effective control. For example, the track along the river at the Groynes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Maria Gomez |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Do not make the Groynes leashed only. | |
| 29581 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs need to be off the lead to get enough exercise & also just to sniff around. Places like the groynes are all about the dog being off the lead so it can enjoy a decent walk.<br>Most dogs are well behaved & dont need to be on the lead the whole time. | Denise Matthews |
| 29582 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>We live by the Heathcote and last week one of the beautiful and popular Pekin ducks was attacked by a dog. People let the dogs run along the bank but some of the regular visitors are concerned about the duck that is nesting and whether the chick's have any chance of survival!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Melanie Egden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As above<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As above | |
| 29583 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>well behaved dogs should be ok on paths. and in green space a short leash is unnecessary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sally Brown |
| 29584 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for both dogs and public.Younger children on the footpath can be unpredictable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It is important to oreserve wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>And these people need to be properly trained | Jovanka Rarm |
| 29585 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>They should be on a leash whenever in public places... this 'under effective control' is a nonsense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Peter Warren |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>No matter how many dogs are allowed they must all be leashed in public areas. | |
| 29586 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>short leash allows less scope for the dog to interfere with other users of the path and wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>short leash allows less scope for the dog to interfere with other users of the path and wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>protecting wildlife from dogs is most important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>simple prohibition will be more effective to protect the vulnerable species. There are many incidents with dogs off leash on the estuary disturbing birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>off leash 'under effective control' is still a confusing term and difficult to enforce. A great deal of bad or dangerous dog behaviour happens while they are off leash 'under effective control'<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>fewer dogs to control will hopefully lead to better control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Should eliminate the term 'under effective control' as it's difficult to enforce and not well defined. Not many domestic dogs in my experience are under effective control when off leash. | Cameron Hall |
| 29587 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>While some responsible dog owners know their animal there are those that don't. Dogs on a longer leash, or no leash, are able to quickly approach and worry, attack, or intimidate people and other animals. Our paths are for the open enjoyment of all and any form of foreseeable threat from a dog should be managed. Unfortunately, some dog owners require a rule to be in place for they are willing to act in a responsible manner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>While some responsible dog owners know their animal there are those that don't. Dogs on a longer leash, or no leash, are able to quickly approach and worry, attack, or intimidate people | Jim Dilley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | and other animals. Our paths are for the open enjoyment of all and any form of foreseeable threat from a dog should be managed. Unfortunately, some dog owners require a rule to be in place for they are willing to act in a responsible manner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>While some responsible dog owners know their animal there are those that don't. Dogs on a longer leash, or no leash, are able to quickly approach and worry, attack, or intimidate people and other animals. Our paths are for the open enjoyment of all and any form of foreseeable threat from a dog should be managed. Unfortunately, some dog owners require a rule to be in place for they are willing to act in a responsible manner.<br>The importance of this area to wildlife justifies an increase in the controls managing the area. While dogs under control on a short leash may pose a reduce threat of physical harm to wildlife the presence of the dog creates stress and interferes with the normal activities of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>While some responsible dog owners know their animal there are those that don't. Dogs on a longer leash, or no leash, are able to quickly approach and worry, attack, or intimidate people and other animals. Our paths are for the open enjoyment of all and any form of foreseeable threat from a dog should be managed. Unfortunately, some dog owners require a rule to be in place for they are willing to act in a responsible manner.<br>The importance of this area to wildlife justifies an increase in the controls managing the area. While dogs under control on a short leash may pose a reduce threat of physical harm to wildlife the presence of the dog creates stress and interferes with the normal activities of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>While some responsible dog owners know their animal there are those that don't. Dogs on a longer leash, or no leash, are able to quickly approach and worry, attack, or intimidate people and other animals. Our paths are for the open enjoyment of all and any form of foreseeable threat from a dog should be managed. Unfortunately, some dog owners require a rule to be in place for they are willing to act in a responsible manner.<br>The importance of these areas to wildlife justifies an increase in the controls managing the area. While dogs under control on a short leash may pose a reduce threat of physical harm to wildlife the presence of the dog creates stress and interferes with the normal activities of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>While there may be some people who have well behaved, well managed animals this is the exception rather than the norm. In any case the risk of incident or loss of control increases with the number of dogs being managed by a single person. The ability to read a dog, and take appropriate control actions for that animal, in those circumstances will be increasingly difficult as the volume of animals controlled by one person increases. While dog owners may feel the need to have free reign of where, how, and when they walk their dogs there is a far wider field of considerations wich include wildlife and the effects of dgs on the behaviour and survival of wildlife.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I believe the proposed changes to the control and management of dogs in public spaces are needed and beneficial to all. No dog owner wants their animal to hurt or injury another person or wildlife and the proposed bylaw changes assist in providing and clearly communicating the required standards. | |
| 29588 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How does this apply to residential red zone spaces in Eastern suburbs? Or Bottlelake Forest tracks?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I walk our family dog on an extendable long lead around our suburban footpaths. I am always attentive to our dog's behavior. A short lead policy in a known route and relaxed community setting would feel restrictive. I always shorten the lead for approaching pedestrians or cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As a responsible dog owner, I avoid vulnerable wildlife areas but I totally enjoy our dog exercising off-lead in the red zone and along it's many pathways. Having to put him on a lead on all | Helen Paul |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | it's pathways would be frustrating. He is always under effective control, never goes in the water or chases wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife/birds in this tidal area appear particularly vulnerable and exposed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not an environment I currently utilise for dog walks. As above, I'm not a fan of the general leashed rule around ALL pathways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I believe the numbers you propose are sensible<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I like the cultural spaces changes, and the sports field changes and the simplification of dog registration.<br>I was unaware that you had to have a license to own more than 2 dogs - I approve of that in an urban environment.<br>I can't recall if every new dog registered gets sent a copy of the Dog Control Policies - this would seem prudent. | |
| 29590 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Bridget Brierton |
| 29591 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As won't be a problem if dog is obedient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For everyone's safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To save the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Gail Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | To save wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As alot of dogs would be no problem under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For everyone's safety<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I feel at any park a long leashes is no problem as easy to shorten if needed. Halswell domain and Westlake | |
| 29592 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>A dog could get injured or injure someone in a shared path by darting out at a bike etc. Part of being a responsible dog owner is keeping everyone safe. I love my dogs, no one else has to, they are my responsibility, not everyone likes dogs or could be frightened, it's common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safe for them and drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. They are animals and unpredictable, even the most wonderfully trained dog could chase a cat etc, cause their own death or car accident<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do support at certain times of year, nesting, babies etc. But all year I do not, birds can fly, dogs cannot. I'm more concerned about feral cats eating ducklings etc than my dogs harming them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>One, it's gross wouldn't let my dog there anyway and two, birds congregate there all year round, that's theirs space<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I didn't think dogs ere allowed in wetland areas now<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have witnessed many dog walkers taking anywhere from 6 to 9 dogs for a walk in the forest, I was told told leave quickly as they were getting their dogs out of their van, I said put them on a lead and there will be no issue, 'oh there's too many for that!' Was the response. Way too many, they all ran out of the van, in a hyper excited state, 3 of them rushed my dogs, pack mentality, walker could not handle that many, very dangerous. Slightly different scenario if you are a registered breeder or have a license for more than two dogs, that will fall under responsible dog ownership, the dog control officer would have come to visit owner and property, that's how I got my license. Dog walkers have ruined this subject for owners of more than one dog unfortunately.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think that due to the number of irresponsible dog owners with roaming and aggressive dogs the responsible owners may not be able to continue with walking their 'pack' that is well behaved and well looked after. On a completely different note I would like the council to consider getting cat owners to pay a registration fee, ask owners to clean up after their cat, constantly removing cat poo from my garden, not knowing of the cat has been treated for worms etc putting my dogs at risk, dog owners are required, and infringed if caught not cleaning up after their dogs, cat owners should be required to adhere to some rules also. Cats kill alot of wildlife, whether it be native or introduced, owners should fence/ net their cats into their property as we are with our dogs. Also the council could stand to rake in a fortune in registration fees!! Might bring my rates down. | Vicki Burton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29593 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On shared pathways through sub divisions dogs that are controlled do not need to be on leash as long as the owner has control. Bigger dogs are OK the owners know there pets more and can control them. A lot of owners put their animals on the lead if they see that the oncoming person has a concern.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>more for the sake of the dog if they get frightened or spooked they could panic and be hit by a car.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If the dog does not arouse wildlife and the owners pick up any poo they would be OK<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sue Gaskell |
| 29594 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>agree, but where paths and open green space co-exist it is totally unworkable and unenforceable to expect dogs to be on leash on a path next to an off-leash lawn area - if this is unenforceable then the entire greenspace through which the path navigates must be either on-leash or off-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for reasons outlined in policy<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>agree - assuming enforcement is possible. Have CCC allowed for an increase in both budget and staff resources to enable the new Policy to be enforced?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>protection of the Estuary's wildlife values exceed any perceived entitlement for exercising dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I support regulating dog exercising in stormwater basins.<br><br>The proposal for Te Kura is an unenforceable nonsense that fails to recognise the complexity of landscape types throughout the wetland. If the wetlands priority values are drainage and ecology, with recreation a secondary bonus, then the dog control policy for this area must be simplified, enforceable and more intuitive - either dogs on leads throughout Te Kura apart from the one or two signposted and designated large lawn areas, or dogs off-leash apart from breeding season Sept - November for example.<br><br>As a local resident and dog owner of 25 years the preference would be 'off-leash apart from designated breeding season' when the enforceable and punitive rules would be easily sign posted and understood, and dog-owners instantly fined if their dogs were found to be off leash during the breeding season.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>for reasons outlined in policy | Wayne Rimmer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Section 13: Issuing of Infringement Notices - the proposal is a soft cop-out of the bylaw objectives.<br><br>My own experience at both Te Kura and Halswell Quarry Park (2 days a week volunteer assisting Rangers with HQP management and maintenance) shows education is totally ineffective in changing behaviours - when there is no consequence for dog owners (ie: instant fines) then the norms of off-leash dog behaviours negatively impacting on other user groups, wildlife and flora simply become standard practise.<br><br>This reliance on self-management in both areas is proving totally ineffective with new property/dog owners establishing new norms of behaviour which increasingly are the source of conflict between user groups, and damage caused to wetlands, ponds, new native bush plantings, and wildlife.<br><br>Significantly large areas of HQP, previously free of unleashed dogs, have now become unintended extensions of the dog park and quite outside the guidelines of the HQP management plan.<br><br>In addition to conflict and damage there are now a number of significant health and safety issues associated with off-leash dogs roaming out of the designated off-leash areas:<br><br>- User groups expecting to picnic and walk in safety now have to deal with unleashed dogs throughout the park;<br>- Designated wildlife areas now lack protection;<br>- Safety for walkers and runners is seriously compromised by uncontrolled dogs along narrow paths such as the Quarry cliff edge walk;<br>- Sister-city gardens character and appeal as places of contemplation and passive recreation are threatened;<br>- Dog excrement from off-leash dogs is now a major health problem to totally unacceptable levels throughout the park - this became particularly evident during this community planting day season when volunteers had to be warned to be aware of excrement when planting. Rangers and those involved in planting preparation, set-out and planting are constantly dealing with health issues associated with contamination of planting sites.<br><br>CCC need to sort this problem at both HQP and Te Kura immediately before it becomes so significant that the management conditions dog owners currently consider to be the 'norm' will have become so entrenched that any change in enforcement will become impossible, and the essence of both HQP and Te Kura as places for a diverse range of users in outstanding and unique array of landscape types will be seriously compromised.<br><br>At both places there must be a urgent and concerted effort across a range of fronts:<br><br>Education - a solid month or so across all days and times of the week, including public holidays, where information is handed out to dog owners (verbally and A5 leaflets) explaining where off-leash, on-leash, and no-go areas are and the intention of CCC to instantly fine non-compliance; the messaging should be across all social media platforms and extended to local neighbourhood groups to spread the word and the reasoning behind the new level of enforcement;<br>Signage - new consistent and clear messaging on all signs at transition points throughout the park including the amount of the instant fine for non-compliance;<br>Fencing and/or gates - a significant investment in fencing and gates over the next five years to protect and enhance existing areas and the visitor experience;<br>Enforcement - irregular periodic enforcement patrols and instant fines after a settling in period of warnings.<br><br>It is unreasonable and totally unworkable from an operations point of view to put the onus on individual Dog Control Officers to have discretionary power - it is in effect opening them up to more abuse and confrontation. Our city,Council and citizens operate under all manner of policies and rules that are clear, unambiguous and punitive if not followed - dog ownership and the right for dogs to recreate in public open space must operate under similar regulatory framework.<br>In summary there is no point in having objectives and policies if infringements have zero consequence. Education, signage and enforcement must be clear, unambiguous, non-discretionary and clearly punitive,in terms of instant fines, if Council are even remotely serious about successfully implementing the objectives and policies being proposed. | |
| 29595 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Allan Hall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29596 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Footpaths yes, Larger areas / tracks no.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dog owners can control their dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Alicia Erceg |
| 29597 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To stop dogs running ahead of their owners and thereby not being under proper control. That leads to the possibility of uncontrolled dogs meeting and possibly fighting, defecating and scaring/knocking over young children. A dog that is not on a leash is not under control (these comments do not apply to working dogs) .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same reasons as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>For the protection of wildlife. Perhaps prohibit the use of motorcycles and 4WD vehicles in there areas as well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same reasons as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Why would you spend $60m to develop Te Kuru, entice wildlife to make it there new home, plant thousand and thousands of native plants and ten let dogs run wild in it. It's a no-brainer. By | Lindsay Richards |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | the way, I strongly object to the name. A "blow with the fist" is hardly appropriate for a recreational area of natural beauty and serenity. Maybe its time CCC started saying "NO" to such "gifts". I prefer to call it the Halswell Wetlands.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think four leashed dogs is still too many for one person. The majority of dog walkers I have seen, that are supposedly "in charge" of multiple dogs, tend to be younger and predominately female. How could someone weighing less than 70kg control four large dogs, which could collectively weigh up to 120kg.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Come up with some way of fining owners who let their dog crap everywhere ad don't pick it up. It's amazing how many "responsible" dog owner suddenly get engrossed wit a cellphone call just as their mutt has a squat. | |
| 29599 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes to footpaths and shared paths, but but no to tracks and green spaces. To many options in one question.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Saves them being spooked and hit by e scooters.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife must be protected, however are you going to also protect the wildlife from people, 4 wheel drives, cats and vandals etc?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Storm water basins should be rabbit fenced to stop children from drowning and other animals and cars from reckless behaviour.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dog walking is a job for quite a few dog walkers.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Will the dog control van driver have more authority to hand out infringement tickets and are you intending to increase staff to “police” these new bylaws. Will the dog licence fee, which I pay yearly and receive 1 only,green faded lifetime tag be increased. Why are you increasing rules on responsible dog owners while the owners of unlicensed dogs will continue to do what they want? | Noreen Schasching |
| 29602 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I run and bike with my dog off the leash and under control. I have have never been bothered by another dog or seen a dog bother wild life in the reserves. I'm also a cyclist and on a mixed use or shared path, the pedestrians/runners taking up the whole path a/or wearing headphones/earbuds are more dangerous than any unleashed dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Not if they are well trained. I run or bike on the road while my dog trots up the footpath. only stopping when someone wants to pat him.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Jason Blair |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Not if well trained and under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Not if well trained and under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Not if well trained and under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Not if well trained and under control.<br><br>Sounds like just another excuse to have people apply and pay for a license to walk multiple dogs. | |
| 29603 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have a well behaved dog that does not attack people or wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dangerous for the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a close place for many in the east to walk their dogs.<br>The problem is never responsible dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How is this the council's business. How common is this of an occurrence? Limited information on the exemption rules<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My dog and I have been attacked by a dog off leash. This dog was not registered and extremely aggressive. Following the attack the owner fled the scene. Animal control did not do enough to find the owner and the six months statue of limitations has passed. I still see him out with the dog that attacked me but cannot do anything about it now.<br>These people are the problem. Not responsible dog owners. | Kris Spiers |
| 29604 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have personally experienced too many uncontrolled dogs that are either aggressive or excited towards other path users. The owners are often apologetic or sometimes simply don't care. Being on a leash ensures owners are responsible for their animal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Lyndon Baty |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This will be particularly beneficial for mobility scooters and runners who would otherwise have to be very cautious of unexpected behaviour of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen dogs chasing ducks and other birds.<br>Being on a leash means they can be controlled by their owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen dogs chasing ducks and other birds.<br>Being on a leash means they can be controlled by their owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen dogs chasing ducks and other birds.<br>Being on a leash means they can be controlled by their owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense that there is a limit to the number of dogs one person can manage effectively. | |
| 29605 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a dog owner myself, other dogs encountered off-leash represent a regular menace and source of trauma to my own dog.<br>For practical purposes, no dog remains under effective control when in a hostile interaction with another dog.<br><br>Dogs should always be leased in public areas by default, except in fenced dog park areas designated for off-leash use<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As a dog owner myself, other dogs encountered off-leash represent a regular menace and source of trauma to my own dog.<br>For practical purposes, no dog remains under effective control when in a hostile interaction with another dog.<br><br>Dogs should always be leased in public areas by default, except in fenced dog park areas designated for off-leash use<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Support continued access for all dogs kept on short leash in these areas. To a large extent, as vegetation grows more dense and wetlands become naturally wetter and unattractive for humans to walk through, dogs on leashes will also be increasingly kept out. It is however desirable to reduce the pressure on shared paths and pedestrian areas by continuing to allow leashed dogs in less frequented areas like this, away from high concentrations of pedestrians, and importantly away from other pedestrians with dogs, where hostile leashed-dog to leashed-dog interaction is becoming far too frequent.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Support continued access for all dogs kept on short leash in these areas. It is desirable to reduce the pressure on shared paths and pedestrian areas by continuing to allow leashed dogs in less frequented areas like this, away from high concentrations of pedestrians, and importantly away from other pedestrians with dogs, where hostile leashed-dog to leashed-dog interaction is becoming far too frequent. | Paul King |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dog behaviour changes and becomes pack-like when walked in groups, representing significant risk to other dogs who cannot flee from confrontation when leashed, heightening anxiety and aggression in encounters between dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes, there should be an absolute limit of two dogs per owner when brought to dog parks - dogs exhibit pack like and predatory behaviours when in established groups, heightening anxiety and aggression levels for other dogs in the park. | |
| 29606 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog is under effective control - he walks to heel when instructed, if he's on a leash it's a slack leash (in other words needless).<br>My wife's dog isn't as disciplined, so she goes on a leash when required.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same reason as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There's plenty of room for dogs to stay out of the way of pedestrians and cyclists there. It's a pretty busy, public area - wildlife isn't going to have an easy time at the best of times and there are other places a bit quieter for wildlife to thrive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the reasons you've given.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I think you can achieve what you're aiming for by clever plantings and layout - making some areas unappealing for dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I regularly take my dog, my wife's and my flatmate's to the beach. I can manage them reasonably well. If dogs are under effective control it doesn't matter how many there are (to a reasonable degree). | Ken Livingston |
| 29607 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's nice for the dogs to be free in formed tracks in greenspace areas. I agree they should all be on leads in urban areas and near traffic sites, but green sites, as long as dogs are effectively controlled (which doesn't necessarily mean on a leash), they should be allowed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>My dogs are always on leashes in these areas. If something spooks them or interests them suddenly, it is a dangerous area for them to be off-lead (they could run into traffic or someone's property)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Happy for wildlife to be prioritised. | Rob Silberbauer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Happy for wildlife to be prioritised.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Happy for wildlife to be prioritised.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have 2 dogs, plus often my partner's dogs. I always keep them leashed in public areas. However in areas where I have visuals of every entrance/exit (i.e. a park or dog-friendly forested area), then I will let them off lead to play. I know I can get them leashed by the time someone arrives. | |
| 29609 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No need for this proposed rule. Most people have common sense. If there are not many people around on tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed, why should a well trained dog have to be on a short leash? If walking a dog in the same place overcrowded with people, cyclists etc. on some days, most people with common sense would keep their dog on a leash in this situation even without the new restrictions/rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above. We don't need new rules. They create problems rather than solutions. Common sense is the key.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Before the houses had to be removed, nobody cared about the wildlife in the red zone being disturbed or inhibited, but now that the houses and people are gone, the dogs are being blamed for disturbing wildlife unless they are leashed?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Don't try to solve a non existent problem by introducing new rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Another unnecessary new rule proposal. Another matter of common sense. I have never seen anybody walking with more than 3 dogs. Furthermore, nobody in his right mind would walk with 5 or more leashed St. Bernhard dogs. 5 leashed Chiwawas would be no problem though.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More unnecessary rules = more bureaucracy, higher expenses, less individual responsibility, less personal freedom, less enjoyment of life. | Bert Engelbrecht |
| 29610 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think this is ridiculous. It takes the enjoyment out of taking your dog for a walk, especially with a young family. If dogs are allowed people need to be prepared that there are dogs, otherwise they can go elsewhere.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Luna Habershon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | People can use their own judgement. If they know their dog is capable, let them be. Stop micromanaging.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is super important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Micromanaging people again.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I haven't read them. | |
| 29613 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>it has been very disappointing that many of the wonderful new wetlands do not have clear regulations about dog control. dogs are threatening the wildlife, particularly the establishment of these habitats in the flight path to and from lake waihora to the estuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>this is much more specific than the current "under effective control". most (90%) of the dogs I have counted in the wetlands and stormwater basins have been off leash and sometimes in waterways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>good to establish ground rules at the outset as the river corridor evolves.<br>200 hectares of mowed grass seems a generous allocation for unleashed dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>this has long been a hugely significant habitat for threatened and at-risk migratory birds and the prohibitions are long overdue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>yes as above. I frequently enjoy walking and cycling Te Kuru and have been hugely disappointed that from the outset, locals adopted it as a dog park as of right before adequate signage was installed to restrict such usage. I had been assured after similar experiences at Sparks /hendersons rds basin that this would be remedied at Te Kuru, but have since learnt that this cannot be implemented until the dog bylaws are reviewed, as is now happening.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hendersons Basin; Te Kuru particularly; Halswell Quarry. the Estuary... | Lindsay Macbeth |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | the new Bylaw seems very clear and straightforward, and that it will be useful formally years to come. Thank you and Congratulations!!! | |
| 29614 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>No brainer, everybody needs to enjoy their walk<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>umm it is nice to let the dogs have a swim on hot days<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>umm it is nice to let the dogs have a swim on hot days<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I am glad they have covers on those storm drains so nobody or no animal falls into it<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>again safety for those animals and people | Raewen Grace |
| 29615 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am not confident around dogs. This will help me feel safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I am not confident around dogs. This will help me feel safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Megan Andrews |
| 29616 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dog owners can be more responsible and accountable for their dog,, is safer and more respectful for other people and animals, (eg, not running /jumping up on people, aggressive dog behaviour etc) and is more comfortable walking /running/cycling experience for others. | Yvonne Holmes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>see above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>dogs need some areas to run around freely so seems good compromise while safe guarding more vulnerable or well used /busier areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I have observed birds disturbed by dogs running freely in this area, there are plenty of other places to take dogs and this is a valuable habitat that needs to be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>wild life habitats need to be protected -see above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have experienced people walking several dogs at a time (some on leads, some not) and have found it impeded walking along some walking tracks, especially narrow tracks eg some port hills walks etc. Also wondered just how much control they had over 4, 6 or more dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I really value being able to go to recreation areas that do not allow dogs (eg. Botanical Gardens ) so I am not constantly watching out for dog faeces (more frequent in some areas than others) on paths/tracks or generally assessing my safety with uncontrolled dogs so appreciate some areas with no dog zones but feel it needs to be monitored more with more severe consequences for dog owners blatantly disregarding the restrictions. | |
| 29617 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think it's a fair rule that makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, it keeps pedestrians & dogs safe from eachother.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think it's a great idea because dogs & their owners can still enjoy those areas while also protecting native wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes because keeping the wildlife protected is important. Seems fair as dogs can still be walked on the nearby land.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes because this seems like straightforward common sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, 4 when leashed is still a reasonable number of dogs for one person to take walking. | Annabel Newton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | |
| 29618 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and comfort of other users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and comfort of other users, and safety of the dog when near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't use this area, but support in principle.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't use this area, but support in principle.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of ALL people and dogs. Large groups of dogs should only be controlled by a qualified person in suitable areas (not large public spaces). | Kathryn Hill |
| 29620 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is very important to me, so I support this proposal<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is very important to me, so I support this proposal<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is very important to me, so I support this proposal<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rachael Hemmer |
| 29624 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure | Shane Hampson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29625 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Effective control is much more suitable because it means dog owners who can control their dogs don't have to be unnecessarily restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Effective control is much more suitable because it means dog owners who can control their dogs don't have to be unnecessarily restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Effective control is much more suitable because it means dog owners who can control their dogs don't have to be unnecessarily restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Effective control is much more suitable because it means dog owners who can control their dogs don't have to be unnecessarily restricted.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Do not put any leashing restrictions on the Avon Loop or the red zone from Avon through to Brighton. | Anna Watson |
| 29628 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Patricia Mcneill |
| 29630 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Jenn Chowaniec |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It seems non-sensical to have one rule for paths/tracks in a greenspace where dogs are allowed and potentially another one for the greenspace outside of those tracks. This is a cumbersome solution to a problem that isn't clearly defined. I presume the problem is related to users not being aware of their responsibilities. There are multiple users of shared tracks. Discretion about how to manage dogs on these tracks should be left with dog walkers/owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This restriction as it is alongside roads balances user enjoyment with road safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There is no evidence provided that dogs are creating a problem in this area. Further this proposal is not well defined. Further clarification should be provided as to the areas to be restricted and the 'over 200 hectares'. Comment cannot be provided when the consequence of a change has not been shared.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I do not support the proposal as it is currently stated with pathways coming under the general leashed rule. I support the protection of wildlife to an extent. Not all dogs are interested in wildlife. If the areas dogs were allowed and not allowed in stormwater basins was a balance of space and sensibly split out and well communicated, i may support this proposal. But no detail has been given.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I do not support the proposal as it is currently stated. This is a very broad restriction, applying to all public places. There are lots of reasons when a person may want to walk more than 2 dogs off lead. We have 2 dogs and for a while we were also walking our neighbours dog after our neighbour had a knee replacement. We often walk our friend's dog, to help them out too.<br><br>I could support an exemption for professional dog walkers (and other similar people) but this limitation is far too strict as it captures many people just going about their daily lives.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>the proposed clauses at 13 Dog Limit Exemption has several key pieces of information missing including how long the exemptions last for (ideally indefinitely), Council's commitment to a timeframe to process these applications (so as to not unfairly limit a person's business operation). Including a requirement that an application include information about the likely places a person may take the dogs seems to be asking for hypothetical information for no useful purpose. | |
| 29631 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs do not follow the same general behaviours as humans, so they can be more disruptive of the flow of people on paths, and long leashes can be a tripping hazard. Ideally well controlled off lead dogs would not be an issue, but that level of control is unusual, and compliance would be harder to monitor effectively.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As for above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are predators. Even well controlled dogs affect the behaviour of wildlife when passing through their habitat. So do humans, but excluding them is harder.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above. | Ursula Dougherty |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am not sure of the exact scope of this rule and have some concerns that dogs would be restricted from any non-manicured environment. I am happy for this to apply in areas which get a lot of foot and paw traffic, but think that access to some wilder areas is important for dogs' enrichment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I believe those numbers are reasonable, and the ability to apply for exemptions accounts for anyone with special needs or training abilities. | |
| 29632 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have witnessed accidents with dogs who are not on a leash running in front of people and cyclists<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I have witnessed accidents with dogs who are not on a leash running in front of people and cyclists<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Helen Willis |
| 29635 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some tracks are reasonable to have dogs off leash such as the port hills or bottlelake forest. Should be considered on a case by case basis.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Vague question<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jessica Nimmo |
| 29640 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Cameron Matthews |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Bottle lake Forest has plentiful tracks which would be a shame to lose as dog friendly. Port hills also. You don't want us trampling plants instead, surely? Though looks like these areas have been considered already (to be honest, lots of tracks in the port hills would be great dog friendly ie under effective control). Anyway, not sure, seems a bit odd to exclude the paths from dog friendly areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Question is vague (what is 'near' roads?), the existing controls seem sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable, the river has good potential for ecological enhancement and dogs would probably wreck that a bit.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There's nothing really for dogs there at the moment anyway so doesn't seem like a big loss, plus an important ecological area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>These areas are extensive man made structures and would be awesome as dog-friendly areas especially if they can run around and play in the water in some places. That said, they also seem to have huge potential for ecological enhancement. Seems self-fulfilling either way. Please don't prohibit on leash dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Seems reasonable, but I'm largely unaffected by this.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I support the proposed central city changes.<br>The groynes changes seem the same as the current rules? Seems reasonable to leash the dogs outside of the dog park areas.<br>I support the proposed changes to Lyttleton recreation ground. More dog friendly areas the better.<br>I'm neutral on the proposed sports field etc rules.<br>I support replacing the prohibition in the botanic gardens with an on leash requirement. Works well in Melbourne, would be great to be able to walk through here with the dog on leash. Long detour around.<br>I support replacing the on leash requirement on legal roads that function as walking tracks that lack other reasons for limits (eg worseleys) with an under-effective-control rule. | |
| 29642 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Even the best behaved dogs can cause problems when excited or provoked.<br>Unleashed dogs are a perceived, if not real, threat that cause many people, especially those with young children, to avoid using tracks in our public areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long leashes provide insufficient control in a sudden event.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>A dog will be a dog when off leash. Protecting wildlife trumps total freedom for dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>A dog will be a dog when off leash. Protecting wildlife trumps total freedom for dogs. | Dave Elder |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>There are plenty of places where dogs can be off leash. Protecting wildlife is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>These are sensible limits although the size (combined weight) of the dogs could also be taken into account. Four Dobermans would not be appropriate.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Enforcing these bylaws is essential. Current bylaws are ignored by many dog owners.<br>Provide a means for the public to safely report breaches (like Snap-Send-Solve) and follow these up.<br>The previously loved Halswell Quarry Park rim track is no longer an option for my family as my youngest daughter is now terrified of dogs after several instances of over-exuberant off-leash behaviour. She refuse to walk anywhere where dogs are allowed.<br>Sumner beach during the on-leash season also needs the bylaws enforced. | |
| 29644 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not sure what the formed tracks in green space really means, to general statement needs more definitions as to what specific parks are going to be affected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Need stronger controls on cycling and power scooters on paths, instead of directing controls on dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Under this wide statement you could ban dogs from beaches, there are very specific areas for birds and that should be controlled but not an area where they don't nest. Are seagulls protected birds? Can imagine some misinformation leading to dog banning<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>That is a good idea<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes going through bottle lake there is one dog walker has a dozen dogs some off lead and it is very intimidating, but in fairness he and and others are very accommodating and move away to allow me through with my dog who is very timid<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Not really, l would like the council to get more involved in controlling motorcycles racing through bottle lake forest not just putting up signs get the park rangers to be active | Ashley Heywood |
| 29645 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Beth Mills |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29646 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>On shared paths especially, and with more scooters and mobility vehicles around, it increases everyone's safety by making dogs' movements more predictable. Also helps reassure those who are afraid of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>See first comment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We like our native wildlife and want it to have a safe natural area to thrive in. Also, this would reduce dog droppings in bushes, etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It helps protect native wildlife and scenery while still allowing dogs and people to exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Allows for better control of dogs and stops larger groups of dogs on footpaths blocking the way. | Sarah Dunning |
| 29647 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is completely impractical in parks and areas where there is green space etc that they are allowed off leash. People will have to completely avoid the area anywhere near the footpath to avoid the possibility of their dog running onto the footpath, greatly reducing the amount of the park/green space they can use.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If people actually have their dogs under 'effective control' their shouldn't be any issues with having them off leash in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Marcel Peek |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have two dogs that I walk every day, I occasionally walk my friends two dogs as well. I have no issue with keeping them under control, and the idea that I would have to take some sort of test to prove that I'm capable of that (which would no doubt cost) is ridiculous. I have had my dogs for eleven years, and I have never in that time had an issue with someone who was walking a large number of dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I completely disagree with the proposal to change the groynes park to leashed. I walk there often, and the vast majority of people who use that park are dog walkers. | |
| 29648 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are plenty of wide walking areas where we currently walk off lead with dogs under effective control. Around groynes, bottle lake, red zone etc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Would depend on specific areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Would depend on which area, this could go too far and be too limiting<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Although process should be made easy and cost effective for professional dog walkers<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Along river in groynes we should be able to walk off lead under effective control | Alastair Campbell |
| 29651 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dog owners near us let their dogs wander off the leash on paths and areas around reserves or a lake disturbing ducks and swans, this is in spite of notices not to do so. Some owners feel they are so entitled and above any rule, the message needs to go out to all dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above and also in the interests of public safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above. | Ross & Ellie Williamson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>All of the above and to protect nessting birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Because the off the leash happens in our storm water pond area, disturbing youn swans and ducks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One person can not control many dogs. We had an occasion in the Bottle Lake area where one man had three dogs off the leash, he threatened myself and my wife when we were startled by one of the dogs rushing at us,we called out to make the dog go away.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Teinforce to owners they must pick up after their dog in all areas, we have a walk way in Prestons in the wet lands by Te Korari Street that is always polluted with dog shit, owners know they are hidden by the tress and let their dogs foul the path or berm, disgusting, making a lovely walk a unpleasant walk. | |
| 29652 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs are a threat to wildlife so it is unfair to restrict acess to all owners and their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Louann Sidon |
| 29653 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Chelsea Kennedy |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29657 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think long leads are appropriate<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>should be allowed on a short lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ann Morrison |
| 29658 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>safer for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety and peace of mind gfor everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Such a great, happy space for dogs to have a great time off leash. A great way for dogs to socialise and intereact in a big space so no one feels boxed in.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>More of a wild space so wildlife should be the priority in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Even under effective control it is a lot of unknowns to deal with when children and other dogs come across a pack.<br>Potential for some less than positive interations and scary for children and adults to come across a large number (4 or more)<br>of dogs together who are unknown to them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Red Zone | Freya Vokes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Such a great area to walk dogs off leash. Everyone is so friendly and the dogs are happy as they have space to play and run.<br>Sould stay off leash under effective control. | |
| 29659 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No, but if the path is busy then dog owners should give way, or make sure their dogs are recalled to allow people or bikes through. If a track is empty or quiet, dogs should be allowed under effecitve control or long-lines.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Unlike the other two quesitons above about wetlands. This one covers so many places, what about the places that don't have mowed grass. I also wouldn't visit a place to go on the mowed grass only. I think dogs on short lead instead of prohibited would be fine. Because children to chase and yell scaring wildlife too, and they are allowed to visit.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robert King |
| 29661 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It makes it the same rule for all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for both dogs and owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for dog, wildlife and people<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protects wildlife leaves them undisturbed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safely for dogs and people | Phillipa Callick |
| 29666 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too restrictive. You charge owners a registration fee to help control dogs and be responsible then try and put in all these restrictions. | Jenny Baker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Does that mean you a going to cancel the fees?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Considering how little the area is mowed. This is way to restrictive.<br>Wr walk our dog in lots of red zone areas and see more dog owners than anyone else using the areas.<br>I have seen little sign of the dogs annoying the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Because of the general leashed rule being to restrictive.<br>You already have some restricted areas so why do there have to be more .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Agree but number off lease should be 3 | |
| 29670 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Not everybody walking past wants or has a dog capable of meeting other dogs.<br>I have a reactive dog and often are required to tell the owner to leash their dog as mine is not friendly.<br><br>Also, not every person is happy to have a dog run up to them without permission.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need more areas that are dog free to protect the bird wildlife. Birds are already under threat and we need to dedicate areas the at allow these birds to safely nest/live. Perhaps extra predator control including wild cat control in these areas would also help…<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason as above- birds need more space and wetlands/estuaries are important habitats for them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have heard anecdotally about people walking with 10+dogs at a time without any real control of them. These are commercial walkers who don't have any special qualifications. | Andrew Hall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29675 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>You are a ridiculous bunch and not fit for purpose. | Stuart Henley-Minchington |
| 29676 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Some dog owners (in my extensive experience in Christchurch and elsewhere) are arrogant with respect to their dogs. These people don't care to control their dogs, such that they do not annoy other people. Therefore, they need to be forced to have them on a short leash.<br><br>If people wanted dogs to come right up to them (for whatever reason), those people would get their own dogs. The owners might think that their dogs are small, harmless or friendly, but the person that these dogs approach might not feel the same way. Just because a specific dog on one specific occasion does not happen to bite a person, that person was still entitled to feel apprehensive beforehand. People going for walks should be free of such feelings of apprehension -- let alone actual bites or other aggressive behaviour.<br><br>Even small dogs can bite, and the fact that the bite does not result in rabies or hospitalisation does not make it acceptable.<br><br>When I moved to Christchurch and said I would be doing a lot of walking, a local relative immediately asked, "Are you going to get a dog?" I said, "No." It seems that it is advisable to get a dog, if you do a lot of walking, because your dog is the best defence against other dogs.<br><br>It should not be like that.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Some dog owners (in my extensive experience in Christchurch and elsewhere) are arrogant with respect to their dogs. These people don't care to control their dogs, such that they do not annoy other people. Therefore, they need to be forced to have them on a short leash.<br><br>If people wanted dogs to come right up to them (for whatever reason), those people would get their own dogs. The owners might think that their dogs are small, harmless or friendly, but the person that these dogs approach might not feel the same way. Just because a specific dog on one specific occasion does not happen to bite a person, that person was still entitled to feel apprehensive beforehand. People going for walks should be free of such feelings of apprehension -- let alone actual bites or other aggressive behaviour.<br><br>Even small dogs can bite, and the fact that the bite does not result in rabies or hospitalisation does not make it acceptable.<br><br>When I moved to Christchurch and said I would be doing a lot of walking, a local relative immediately asked, "Are you going to get a dog?" I said, "No." It seems that it is advisable to get a dog, if you do a lot of walking, because your dog is the best defence against other dogs. | Peter Zohrab |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It should not be like that.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think the limits are too high. Some dogs are strong and some owners are weak. | |
| 29677 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too much dog poo left everywhere. If dogs not on lead people don't watch their dogs. Especially annoying is dog poo on my front lawn. I am a dog owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Owner more likely to pick up dog poo.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Give wildlife some peace from dogs. Also Great to walk somewhere without stepping on dog poo.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Owner more likely to pick up dog poo.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All parks. | John-Paul Kilkenny |
| 29678 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should only run free at a designated area, eg dog parks etc. Also children have a habit of running up to a dog and they don't understand what can happen if a dog is running free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>You need to have total control of your dog and have respect for others using pathways etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As we all should know dogs are carnivores they don't understand why they can't chase wild life, unless they are trained and wear muzzles. | Jill Thomas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason as above we need to protect our wild life no matter how small.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>On a leash only.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think 3 only as we only have 1 pair of arms and you can't have total control with to many dogs. You have no control over what can happen.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Abberley Park | |
| 29679 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of other people and dogs. We live opposite a sports field/park, and have seen unleashed dogs run across the road, from one footpath to another to try to interact with our dog or other dogs on our side of the road, despite the owners calling their dogs name in an attempt to recall them. We are aware of one dog being hit by car while running across the road. We do not want dogs running across a road, or interacting with our dog (who can be reactive to some dogs).<br><br>I have experienced many unleased dogs, who are NOT under effective control, trying to interact with my dog, despite me telling the other owners and their dogs to stay away from us. Just because someone else's dog is friendly and wants to play does not mean another dog is/does.<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether an owner has effective control of their dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of other people and dogs. We live opposite a sports field/park, and have seen unleashed dogs run across the road, from one footpath to another to try to interact with our dog, despite the owners calling their dogs name in an attempt to recall them. We do not want dogs running across a road, or interacting with our dog (who can be reactive to some dogs).<br><br>We have experienced many dogs, who are NOT under effective control, try to interact with our dog. We do not want uncontrolled interactions with unfamiliar dogs. We do not want our dog to have uncontrolled interactions with unfamiliar dogs. We are aware of one dog being hit by car while running across the road. We do not want dogs running across a road, or interacting with our dog (who can be reactive to some dogs).<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether an owner has their dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. Alot of owners do not keep an eye on their dog(s) when walking it/them and are not aware of what their dog(s) are doing/destroying/killing. Alot of owners do NOT have effective control of their dogs, and their dogs just ignore their owners. If you cannot recall and control your dog, then dog should be leashed at all times.<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether an owner has their dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. Alot of owners do not keep an eye on their dog(s) when walking it/them and are not aware of what their dog(s) are doing/destroying/killing. Alot of owners do | Louisa Boyd |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | NOT have effective control of their dogs, and their dogs just ignore their owners. If you cannot recall and control your dog, then dog should be leashed at all times.<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether an owner has their dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. Alot of owners do not keep an eye on their dog(s) when walking it/them and are not aware of what their dog(s) are doing/destroying/killing. Alot of owners do NOT have effective control of their dogs, and their dogs just ignore their owners. If you cannot recall and control your dog, then dog should be leashed at all times.<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether an owner has their dog under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>A person must be able to control any dogs that they are responsible for in public. It is not possible to actively monitor and watch several dogs at one time, so there needs to be a limit set by policy/rule on the number of dogs a person can control in public, as one cannot trust a member of the public to realistically or responsibily determine the number of dogs they can control at one time.<br><br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessing whether or not an owner/person has "effective control" over the dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It is one thing to have the rules written down in a policy, but there MUST be active enforcement of the rules/policy for it to be effective. There needs to be much more enforcement of the rules, including visible presence of animal control officers and assessment of whether or not an owner has "effective control" over their dog. | |
| 29690 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The process to apply for an exemption should not cost the person applying and this process should be included in the open for consultation process.<br>I wouldn't want someone fined for holding someone elses dogs as well as theirs if someone needs to use a bathroom<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I wouldn't want someone fined for holding someone elses dogs as well as their own if someone needs to use a bathroom | Taras Natalenko |
| 29694 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Jessica Naitoro |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are unpredictable. It's in the best interest of the dog, the owner, and the others in the area. They are also not a native species and therefore the native wildlife can be threaten by their actions even if it is generally considered harmless. | |
| 29696 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Some people have no control over their dog, and often they just let them run around all over the place and they often attack other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for my dog due to others having minimal control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Because how can you walk your dog in one area then leash them to cross a pathway. Dogs need to have a good run to burn energy, otherwise they get bored and then are at higher risk of being frustrated which can lead to aggression. There need to be more areas where dogs can run free but be safely fenced in for them and the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There is no where in south Brighton to safely  exercise your dog away from traffic. If dogs were on a lead then they should be under control of the owner, if not fine the owner for not having dog on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Heather Mackay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>I sent my dog with a dog walker due to being in hospital, and he lost him. He took off down the street narrowly missing being hit by cars, after the dog walker had opened the door to let another dog out.<br>This same walker takes 10 or more dogs and lets them off leash in burwood plantation to run around and regularly loses dogs and doesn't care.<br>I have seen dog walkers with up to 10-15 dogs filling up a dog park and just letting them run mad with no control at all. My wee dog ended up panicking due to being overwhelmed by the number of dogs coming at him. This means myself and others feel unsafe to use dog parks at the same time as that many dogs have a pack mentality and is quite unsafe. | |
| 29697 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>New Zealand is incredibly restrictive of dogs. If you see how they are in the UK they can go everywhere, yes in many places leashed, but in greenspace areas where there are formed tracks usually offleash. Dogs off leash are often much safer than on leash as dogs on leash are unable to display normal dog behaviour. I totally understand leashed by roads, in town, in wildlife areas etc (and banned from playfgrounds), but most dogs are well behaved walking on formed tracks and better behaved off leash than on - and this is something that is important for dog wellbeing - to beable to move forward in a way they can sniff there own path out alongside the path the owner is walking on with being forced by a short lead. The focus of the policy is control of dogs, rather than what is a very clear problem and that is poor human behaviour. Most perceived issues can be avoided by the way the humans behave around dogs (both inexperienced dog owners and also non dog owners). What I'd love to see is a way of managing dogs that also includes moving to a space where it is recognised that humans are a big part of the problem the policy is trying to manage - and the human behaviour contributes to poorer dog behaviour which results in more restriction for the dogs and less places where they can display normal dog behaviour and this contributes to more problems. I really encourage you to look to places like the UK where dogs are normalised everywhere - and because of this the population are more relaxed about it. Most dogs and owners are responsible and there are no issues, lets focus on encouraging this and developing better understanding about training dogs, meeting and greeting dogs, being in the same space as dogs so we normalise it - so please don't take away the shared paths and formed tracks in areas where dogs are allowed the option to walk them unleashed. Please also update section 10 to not only talk about education of children but also education of n on dog owning adults - they are honestly a huge problem in the way they behave which lead to more and more restrictions. Also - tie the responsible dog ownership to dog owner education pieces (not just puppy preschool but K9 good citizen training too - this is already avail through doing training clubs and not hugely expensive - let these be the things that are focussed on with responsible dog ownership rather than just compliance around fences and desexing).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>You will need to define short leash if you are going to use that wording though.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I disagree about the pathways bit (see previous comments). This is a fantastic area where you can walk a dog and a human where the dog is unimpeded by the leash to sniff their own path near the owner - essential for wellbeing, while owner walks their path (also good for wellbeing). I'm fine that you designate certain areas no dog zones to protect wildlife) but please do not restrict dogs any further by stopping them being able to have an independent walk along the path. Go visit on the weekend and walk the path - its lovely seeing everyone out 9dog owners and non dog owners alike) and the dogs (and humans) so happy. The key is as also dogs that are well trained and under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>But same as previous comments<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Not 100% sure about the exemption - I get this has been put in for dog walkers - but I can't say whether this is right or not as don't know what criteria you are going to use. Which 10 dogs? Some dog walkers with many dogs are ok, but many are not. But also is it good for the dogs to have large numbers that may or may not know each other walking on leads? Can't tell because every dog is different and I am not sure how you are going to judge "appropriate skills" because its not just about the person walking the dogs. More information required before a response can be given.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Francesca Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Section 10.1 - this should be reworded to say teaching kids and adults about dogs - maybe needs 2 parts. The way many adults (dog owners and non dog owners alike) behave around dogs is quite honestly disturbing at times. They have no idea about normal dog behaviour - react and then cause no end of issues. For example one day at the Halswell Quarry dog exercise area, my small dogs had been playing with this lovely large dog. Not long after I saw this idiot owner allow her small dog to rush the same dog, the bigger dog got upset and told the small dog to go away (normal dog behaviour and not dangerous if the little dog listened) and the owner started yelling and screaming and scooping up the little dog and yelling at the owners of the big dog - the big dog seriously did nothing wrong (I am trained in animal behaviour) but everything about what the little dog owner did made their dog react inappropriately.....back to human training around dogs. What is normal dog behaviour, how to we live in harmony with dogs, how to I support my dog to be a good citizen. If we fence dogs into dog parks and restrict them to short leads more and more then we will actually end up creating more problems. We need a balanced approach - and the policy needs to balanced and less negative. We should welcome dogs respectfully - we should educate and train every human around dog behaviour and we need to understand the sort of exercise dogs need - that is brain exercise. We could ahve less restrictions on dogs if we supported owner training and non-owner understanding of dogs. Too much restriction will cause more dog behaviour problems and more "us" and "them" between dog owner and non dog owners. Lets try and create harmony. Please look to England and how they have normalised dogs in society in a way they feel so much more welcome than here in NZ. | |
| 29698 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Jad Silnery |
| 29700 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Parks do not have the infrastructure needed for this to be effective - there are no barriers around paths to separate green space from paths, so it effectively means dogs will need to be on leashes in the park as a whole.<br>Christchurch is one of the least dog friendly cities I've lived in already - compared to Auckland, Sydney and cities elsewhere, well-behaved friendly dogs are treated like they are a problem rather than a welcome part of the city that benefits people's physical and mental wellbeing.<br>This particular change in regulation further enhances the lack of dog friendliness. It is also a move that supports cyclists and electric scooters using pedestrian paths rather than making safe spaces for cyclists and electric scooters on roads. The speeds that cyclists and electric scooters travel at is not compatible with small children, many pedestrians and dogs being able to use paths. The solution is to build cities for cyclists and scooter riders as a part of the road network - not to further squeeze the space where pedestrians and their children and dogs and cyclists and scooter riders travel while freeing up roads for carbon intensive modes such as cars. Such a move reduces the healthiness of our urban design.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above - dogs under effective control in these spaces is sufficient. This makes Christchurch more anti-dogs. How much less healthy contact with nature can you design into our cities?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Deirdre Hart |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes protect vulnerable wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Yes protect vulnerable wildlife but the paths rule is anti-dogs and detrimental to human health.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>If people are intimidated by large numbers of dogs or it is harder to have large numbers under effective control then I support this. | |
| 29702 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I live at 126 Beachville Road, i.e. beside the boat ramp and jetty at the western end of Beachville Road. While I do not have a dog, I do see the use of this area by dogs, people and birds.<br><br>The mud flat is used by Variable Oyster Catchers and Royal Hornbills; Redbeaked and Blackbacked Gulls, along with Sacred Kingfishers, perch on the jetty. The wading birds and kingfishers tend to clear out when there are people on the mud. I do not think the dogs make any difference (for example, I have not seen dogs chase the wading birds, which I would expect if the birds were still there).<br><br>Some dogs are brought to the beach to swim. I do not think there are many other places these dogs can swim safely.<br><br>So I would suggest that dogs be allowed in this fairly small area which is confined by the main channel (ie from the boat ramp to the junction with Main Road). | Hamish Stewart |
| 29704 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Simple rules that ensure owners have effective control of their pets is welcome.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To avoid dogs running onto roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as access and restrictions are clear and enforceable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If wildlife are to be protected perhaps it's better to have fenced green areas for pets offlead - and all other public spaces are off limits. It's got to be straightforward for owners to know where they can and can't take pets and when leash is required.<br>Or make muzzles compulsory in all public spaces except for dog parks?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Dog walking businesses won't be able to operate.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What are the key issues that are problematic? Dog aggression/wildlife protection/ dog poo? This will determine regulatory and or educative approach.<br>Is it more streamlined to make a regulation that all dogs in public need to be muzzled, which then protects livestock and wildlife. It avoids the need for a multitude of signs and info for a plethora of outdoor spaces. | Megan Blakie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Could incentivise correct behaviour by making a much larger financial incentive to attend Good Dog Owner community info/training. Refresher course every 4-5 years.<br><br>Some of what's proposed sounds complicated and difficult for owners to navigate requirements. Make things as simple as possible to encourage compliance rate. | |
| 29705 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a dog owner it's our responsibility to ensure that everyone is safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's just common sense to protect our loved dogs or other people<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, the number of times I've had run in with dog owners who have more than 2 dog and can get them all under control. Safer for everyone involved.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>These all look like good common sense changes and hopefully it will make it more enjoyable for everyone to enjoy these spaces and time with our furry friends. | Melissa Ingram |
| 29706 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>NO : This would mean that dogs to be on a leash along grassed areas along river banks and roads that foot paths are on the other side only ie Heathcote River<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Trevor Bergh |
| 29707 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I believe this will likely be impractical to enforce with only well-behaved dogs/owners adhering. | David Connor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Great idea<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29709 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>you're penalising the wrong people again, responsible dog owners pick up dog poos and have effective control over their dog. the owner can step off a pathway with the dog on a short lead and the dog can still walk on the pathway, so whats the point????? the council should be very grateful for most of the walkers in parks are dog owners, so we in effect are providing security/supervision/monitoring of the park, and feedback to council if there is an issue. There is no reason to penalise dog owners and dogs by having a short lead in a park setting, this is where a ball/stick/frisbee can be thrown, and with the ever present winds in Chch this object can be carried further than intended providing more exercise for owners & dogs, and just the joy to walk in a big green open space area, for owners & dogs is a joy.<br>why spoil it?<br>we pay a heap of money in dog fees (with no benefits), and rates also.<br>just over zealous bureacratic nonsense, surely you must have better things to do<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for the dog & owners safety, you need to clarify "short"<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>to protect canada geese????? - they need to be culled big time<br>this is a red zone, should be able to be used by all<br>not everyone wants to walk themselves or a dog on a path but to be able to explore, go new places, remember what an area used to look like<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>bird nest areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>no need<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>1 person with 1 dog can be unruly, it isn't always a group of pet dogs as opposed to a gang of wild dogs or a gang of dangerous breeds<br>I have seen overseas, many times, dogs on planes, dogs in the shops, dogs in cafes, and people walking 10 dogs at a time with no issues at all, under effective control without a lead in sight | Heather Mcguigan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | your front page has 4 scotty dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>certain people should be banned from having dogs, those that train them in a dangerous manner, all gang members should be banned from having any animals, homeless or those living on the streets should have no dogs as they don't have the means to care properly for a dog eg shelter food.<br>Mr Bridger says. “There’s a huge community focus on native habitat regeneration.” - WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE, esp in Avonhead Park where some group, not from the area, came in and planted grasses (oh dear) all around the stream and pond area and then put up a sign to say its community planting - NO ITS NOT. the community weren't asked or advised prior to this planting being done and its turned the park into an eyesore, with dead circle areas of grass, plantings that have died, areas that aren't mown and big clumps of grass. Have a think about where and what you plant before you do it, dogs and people - esp kids, like water be it a pond or little flowing stream to sail boats on, putting plants all around it is a waste of time and money. The council currently can't maintain the parks it has without adding more planting to the mix.<br>get real with the dog bylaw, you say dog population is up by 5,000 from 2016 - the population grew by 2016 374,900 to 2024 407,503 a jump of over 32,000 but you don't mention that, that the dog increase ratio is due to the human population increase. Get real, get honest and get accountable. just leave the pet dog along. | |
| 29711 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am tired of my dog (on the lead) being approached by off lead dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I am tired of my dog (on the lead) being approached by off lead dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I believe wildlife needs to be adequately protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I believe wildlife needs to be adequately protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I believe wildlife needs to be adequately protected. In addition though, I am frustrated by the number of owners who have thoer dogs off lead and not under adequate control. My dog was attacked at Te Kuru by an off lead dog when my dog was on the lead and we no longer walk there as a result.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Even at the dog park sometimes we get "dog walkers" who have up to 10 dogs - they just let them go with no supervision and don't even pick up the dog poo. Many of them are too busy looking at their phones to supervise the dogs in their care!!!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would prefer that people were only allowed their dogs off lead in an allocated dog park. Too many people have their dogs off lead in public places (e.g. Halswell Domain) and do not have them under voice control. | Anne Batchelor |
| 29712 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If dogs are allowed and not a danger to wildlife or people, this should be ok<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To be asfe to pedestrians snd dogs snd cars | Lesley Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife, snd not all fogs are under effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Regulation should be ok<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If we are to be too regulated with dog walking, it is going to lead to frustration and lots of law breaking. Dogs need to be able to roam and sniff, and most of us have our dogs trained and under control.<br>Why not make it essential for dog owners to be trained. | |
| 29714 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I walk my dog everyday and I always meet a dog being walked off lead or on an extender lead. My dog can be friendly with some dogs and not so much with others.<br>Please define criteria for a short leash. 3 Metres?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as previous. Also, too many handlers assume everyone likes dogs. It can also be risky when children are around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Our wildlife is very important to our city. I would, however, suggest that a significant area of the red zone be divided in two parts. One for large dogs and one for small dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, our wildlife is very important to our city. 100% support this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As stated above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have personally seen the result of multiple dogs running of lead and a couple of them have a fight. They are not under effective control. Are these handlers going to have to have a permit?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like the permanent registration tag changed to different type. My dog is currently on her second one, owing to it becoming so worn.<br>I would also like more being done re unregistered dogs.<br>I would also like to comment that there has been great improvement with dog parks etc for the city. I personally think there should be more. I don't use them as they are to overcrowded owing to not having enough of them. | Peri Spence |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29715 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>there are more issues between dogs than between  dogs and people. In many parks dog walkers are in a large majority.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>More likely to be non-dog owners, cats and children and to protect both dogs and Motorists<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Very few dogs actually hunt and catch wildfowl and if they did it would be Mallards, pukeko and Canada geese which are at pest levels. The native ducks and Australasian coots are mostly in the water. The Canadian geese especially are a pest and should be more rigorously controlled by the council. The mess these pests make between Columbo and Manchester streets is a disgrace to the city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There is no need to walk dogs here and there is much more native birdlife. Once again the Canadian geese should be culled.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Where there is plantings and near permanent water sure but basins like on the Hornby - Hei Hei transmission corridor have no wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>There are some handlers who can control 10 dogs easily. This common in large overseas cities such as in the USA where dogs are also allowed in Shops, Supermarket public transport and on planes.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All of these proposals are further handicapping responsible dog owners. The Council should up its policing of bad dog owners and remove their dogs for rehoming and training. | Peter Ross Mcguigan |
| 29719 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do think they need to be on a leash but as long as the walker has control of the dog, a longer lead should be permitted. Also while the dog is on a lead the walker can see if the pooed. I have seen the walker walking in front of the dog and not taking much notice what is going on behind<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>same as the 1st question<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Its important to protect the wild life<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Its important to protect the wild life<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Its important to protect the wild life | Anne Morgan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>as long as the person has effective control and maybe should be registered | |
| 29720 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>When small dogs are on a lead and unleashed dogs come running up the wee dogs are very intimidated<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Not all pedestrians including children are frightened of dogs. Also it is a traffic hazard if a motorist needs to break quickly to avoid hitting a dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We have a number of endangered wildlife and need to protect them for future breeding and the next generation of people who enjoy sighting the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Ditto<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I'd go further and say 2 Per person with leashed dog<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'd like to see more designated dog exercise areas , with fenced off areas for big and little dogs as Kaiapoi has developed in the red zone area post quakes | Pauline Reid |
| 29721 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | N Harnett |
| 29722 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Catherine Wright |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | The original questionnaire was very badly written. For starters it's never defined what the definitions of the types of path were. These definitions are council speak, and not necessarily what rate payers would call the paths we walk on. It clearly pulled people into the answers that the council clearly wants, dog's on leads at all times. In the case of this proposal, I would constantly have to be putting my well behaved dog on and off the lead, off if I'm walking on grass, on it I walk past a planted area or have to be on a path. This is too complicated and will get old very quickly so no one will be abiding by the rules. I think this is an impractical and ridiculous proposal. Although I walk at Te Kuru I have never seen a dog chase or catch any wildlife, or seen dead wildlife as the result of a dog catch. In general the dogs there are under effective control as required at present. The only times I have heard (word of mouth, not something I've seen) of a dog catching ann animal, they have caught rabbits, which would be eating the plantings, so in this case the dog is assisting the council!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The original questionnaire was very badly written. For starters it's never defined what the definitions of the types of path were. These definitions are council speak, and not necessarily what rate payers would call the paths we walk on. It clearly pulled people into the answers that the council clearly wants, dog's on leads at all times. This proposal is not clearly defined - how close is 'on or near' roads? How can we vote on something that is not clearly defined.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I agree that protecting wildlife is a good aim.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I agree that protecting wildlife is a good aim.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>The original questionnaire was very badly written. For starters it's never defined what the definitions of the types of path were. These definitions are council speak, and not necessarily what rate payers would call the paths we walk on. It clearly pulled people into the answers that the council clearly wants, dog's on leads at all times. I was very disappointed with the caliber of the original questionnaire.<br>In the case of this proposal, I would need to know more about which areas dogs would be prohibited from. There are large areas of planting at Te Kuru. I am there regularly and seldom see dogs in the planted areas. They mainly stick to the paths or grassed areas. Dogs generally walk with their owners rather than heading off by themselves. I have also never seen a dog chasing birds or catching birds. Since Te Kuru was first available for walking, I have only had good experiences walking there with many hundreds of other people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that 'dog walking' has become something easy for someone with few skills to do for a money earner. Dogs need skill to control. I think limits, with the ability for people to be given exceptions if they have the skills, is a good idea.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>One simple thing that I think could be addressed is the council signage regarding what the expectation is for dog control. The signs for 'dogs under effective control' and 'dogs on leads' are very similar. Making these two signs graphically different, through the use of colour, or more clear pictures could clarify what needs to happen in any particular space. I think under effective control or generally well understood in the dog community. But better signage will encourage owners to put dogs on leads when required. | |
| 29727 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Long leads allow dogs to get the required amount of exercise, stimulation and general ability to interact with more of nature.<br>Short leads are restrictive, and are only good for urban environments.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | James Peterson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs have significantly less impact of wildlife areas than cats. Yet there are no restrictions on cats. My dogs, or any other dog I have seen while in wildlife areas have never killed any animals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>We live in a free country. If someone wants more than two dogs, it is their right to do so, as long as they respect the CURRENT bi-laws.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This proposal hasn't taken into consideration dog owners, the effects it will have on them and most importantly, the negative impact on dogs.<br>Less areas to walk, shorter walks as the dogs are restricted to walking in the heel of their human. | |
| 29728 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As they are shared spaces with bikes, scooters etc, this would work best<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>When I have seen people with many dogs, there is no way they can keep control of all of them esp if there is a problem | Anne Preston |
| 29729 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Rob Wilson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Define the appropriate skills | |
| 29730 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs also need space to wonder on longer leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Corrina Mccrone |
| 29731 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rachel Redwood |
| 29734 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Lee Bin Tee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29736 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as the owner has effective control I don't see how the length of the lead makes any difference.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Owners and there dogs should not be restricted where they can go. They have a right to walk and enjoy wherever they want to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Same as above again.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>You can't dictate to people how many dogs they can walk at once.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There is far more important things this council should be worried than dog owner bashing. Dogs are a very important part of there owners family and lives, restricting where they can take them is over the top dictating. | Steve Mccrone |
| 29740 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Nadine Tuua |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29741 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What evidence is there dogs under effective control need to be leashed when walking on paths etc in parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Only if it's very close to a road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Chris Rennie |
| 29742 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think if you enforce that there will be not enough places for a dog to be off leash under effective control. Places like te kuru and sparks road are very open and make it easy to recall your dog before cyclists/ people pass anyway. Also what will happen if your dog accidentally runs onto the path? Will we be prosecuted? Also how will dogs be effectively socialized, will this just not cause more issues?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>So they don't accidentally run into the road and get hit by a car<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's good to protect threatened species<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Hard to control large amount of dogs and can cause issues | Rebecca Steele |
| 29744 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We've enjoyed our dogs for the past forty years or so being able to run free in parks, while walking along shared paths - shared with other pedestrians and cycles etc. I am very much against preventing this with an unnecessary by law. As long as dogs are under proper control (defined in the new by law) they should be able to exercise properly and run free. If I have to go off | Felicity Price |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | paths to do this (especially awful when the grass etc is wet) it is unfair and unnecessary. Why have to have them on a leash when walking a metre away from a path when I could be on the path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>the current rule requiring leashing on roads and footpaths alongside roads, and in car parking areas is perfectly adequate. The new rule requiring them to be leashed near roads is undefined - how near? 5 metres? 25 metres? 50 metres? Dog owners aren't stupid - we don't want our dogs unleashed if they're at risk from traffic running them over so we're not likely to let them run free too near roads anyway. Leave the rule as it is, which is just fune.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>NIL | |
| 29745 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Then you can see where your dog is pooping. Owners take zero responsibility for their off leash dogs poops as most don't see it happening. Also as a dog walker I feel very unsafe around unleashed dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Nothing more heartstopping than a dog running into traffic<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are plenty of places for pets. Let's protect where we can<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>You can't control all the people all of the time and the same can be said about dogs. | Gill Hubert |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>De sexing dogs should be mandatory unless you apply for a license as a responsible breeder. | |
| 29746 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the area is an under effective control area then that includes the paths within it. To think you have to put your dog on a lead so it can go from green space on one side of the path to the other is ridiculous. If there are issues the under effective control rule should allow people to lay claims against inappropriate behaviour in need.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I agree dogs should be a on lead in these areas but having a restraint of lead length is ridiculous. Dogs need more than just walking to exercise. They need to sniff, stop and start to take in their surroundings and have the flexibility to be able to react to certain situations themselves.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have not been to this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have not been to this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If the purpose of the area is for wildlife then yes I agree. However if the purpose of the area is for stormwater overflow/drainage then I do not agree. The constant changing environment then means that its use is also changing and as a result so are the stakeholders.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes and I think the exemption is a good idea. I am sure you have statistics on the number of dog owners that will impact (as well as businesses) to see if this is the right number.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The way the changes have been highlighted and explained is great - well done. | Steph Herron |
| 29747 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Izzie Oosthuizen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I disagree with the proposal, as it overlooks the fact that dogs under effective control generally do not pose a significant threat to wildlife, particularly birds, in these areas. Responsible dog owners ensure their pets are well-managed, and restricting dogs from more areas in places like Te Kuru Wetland feels overly restrictive, especially when there are clear benefits to allowing dogs to roam in open spaces. Limiting where we can take our dogs off leash not only limits personal freedoms but also impacts the quality of life for dog owners, making it feel less welcoming for residents in Christchurch like myself. It's important to find a balance that protects wildlife while still allowing for responsible dog use in a city that values outdoor spaces. Dog parks aren't always the best place, and I use Te Kuru as my walking spot twice a day I've never had any issues. | |
| 29748 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As it's a shared area. Everyone needs to be considerate of each other.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>My dog is very well trained and enjoys having a chance to sniff around. I believe I'm responsible enough to know when to leash my dog when required.<br>My dog was leashed when attacked by 2 dogs that had no collars. This is the problem too many dogs wandering freely without owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I walk this area often along with many other people. 98% of dogs are well behaved and I have never seen a dog harm any wildlife during my walks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I do agree with this as it's a good place for wildlife to be in the wetlands.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Never seen any problems with dog walkers. They have them under control. If my dog wasn't social it would be my responsibility to keep away. | Jill Hart |
| 29752 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>We walk here every day and have yet to see a single incident involving dogs. We do not own a dog but love seeing people out walking with their dogs and enjoying the area.<br>Perhaps if you wanted more protection for the wildlife you should not have cut down all the beautiful large trees that were there in the first place that they nested in.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sally Gardener |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I take it the exemption process will involve a fee? New way to gather revenue??<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Your proposals are punishing the masses due to behaviours of a few. The ones with problem dogs will not follow the new rules any way. | |
| 29753 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog ownership should allow for common sense and different rules in different places. For example a busy city walking track should be leashed and a quiet hilly empty track should allow for off leash under effective control. Dogs need space, short leashes cause behaviour challenges and prevent safe socialisation between dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above, common sense! Roads and footpaths are a high traffic space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Signage to ensure people are aware of  nesting birds would be effective.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There is a close alternative and the wildlife needs to be protected. This could also be done with clear signage.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Are dogs actually damaging the planting? Our dog loves these spaces and I've never felt he was damaging the environment or seen another dog causing damage. Te Kuru is always full of people walking their dogs and the odd cyclist. We love exploring these spaces and with a dog under effective control feel strongly that the wildlife is safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the exemption process is easily achievable for those with the right skills. | Alice Ashbey |
| 29754 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Philippa Deo |
| 29755 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support the status quo. | Alec Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I would support a leash requirement during breeding season.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I would support a leash requirement during breeding season.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29757 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>They should be allowed to walk off-leash in greenspace areas completely. That is why we take them to these areas, so they can run and exercise off-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for them to be on a leash near roads where cars are, any dog could dart out at any time if something spooked them or caught their attention.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't see dogs as a real threat at all to wildlife, I have walked dogs for 30 years along the South Brighton estuary and never had a problem or witnessed any problems with dogs being a threat to wildlife. I HAVE however, seen plenty of cats wandering around in the wetlands and planted areas, so I would like to know what is being done about cats being a threat to the wildlife?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>For the same reasons as stated in previous question. Can you provide any evidence or statistics around the amount of wildlife that has been threatened or directly harmed from dogs being walked in these areas? And what are you going to do about cats?????? They provide far more of a risk to nesting and baby birds. Dogs are just passing through - cats can just wander around there all day as they have no containment on their properties and they just come and go as they please. And they are by nature far more the hunters of birds than many dogs are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes that's fine, I'm okay with making a compromise for the stormwater basins, if the other areas are left as is.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I'm okay with that, I live at South Brighton beach and generally don't see many people with any more than two dogs anyway. Occasionally there is someone with three or four but they may have one or more of the dogs on a lead anyway. I have very rarely seen one person with four or more dogs all running off leash. Those that may have more are often dog walkers who would be the people who would apply for an exemption anyway. | Erin Abbot |
| 29758 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As with many things, time, place circumstance should apply. Dog owners already have the ability to use short leashes when appropriate, and longer or no lead when necessary. A blanket | Todd Bates |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | rule should not be applied.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As per above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know the particular area well enough to comment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I can see how it would apply, but a blanket rule seems unnecessary. Surely rules are made to be applied individually to each circumstances<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would be interested to be the stats around effective dog control and amounts and how this number has come up, but i can understand the thought process.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I had to dig quite hard to find this survey. This sort of thing needs to be posted up at the effected areas so people who actually use them can have a say. | |
| 29759 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Our on lead dogs have been attacked by off lead dogs on a footpath, this rule would minimise the risk of this happening again.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I have also had to save a dog who was off lead crossing a busy road to get to my dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support this, however the term ‘under effective control’ is too loose of a term and many untrained dogs will run out of their owners sight and into protected areas unless these areas are fenced off<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This should have been a rule years ago.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I support but once again unless protected areas are fenced off lead dogs will just run away from their owners and into protected areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the term ‘under effective control’ is too vague and needs to be more clear to on-lead only or off lead allowed. | Koha Mason |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29760 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lisa Wright |
| 29761 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is too restrictive and a one size fits all policy does not suit all dogs/dog owners and does not suit all areas you have listed as considered "formed tracks". For example to have a dog on a short leash on a shingle track through a water retention basin where there is plenty of room to avoid other pedestrians and dogs if needed is overkill and prohibits the dogs natural instincts. It doesn't allow them to sniff, exercise fully or interact with other dogs where appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The current policy is appropriate and doesn't need changing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>On leash is sufficient but not prohibited.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Gemma Mclauchlan |
| 29762 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I agree it is important to prioritise protecting native wildlife from dogs in this area. | Josh Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I agree it is important to prioritise protecting native wildlife from dogs in this area. The estuary is a vital feeding and breeding ground for many native bird species and they need to be kept safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think the numbers chosen are right here, and the exemption process to control 'extra' dogs is suitable for those who need to be able to control a higher number of dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the suggested changes are fair, and strike a good balance between providing fair rules for dog owners while also protecting native wildlife. | |
| 29766 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I like that leash required but think a longer leash should be allowed too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again I think a long leash should be allowed eg up to 5 meters<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Juanita Davidson |
| 29767 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Aaron R |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29770 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Tayla Miller |
| 29771 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs sometimes leap at bikes/runners. A short leash is good.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for dogs this way<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Avon loop is great for city dwelling dogs. Wildlife must be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br>Great<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Dont frquent them in the city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>A wonderful example of dog park with thoughtful design, facilities is in Prebbleton.<br>I prefer a fenced area when letting dog off leash. No area in the city exists like this. | Kaye Chamberlain |
| 29774 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Vivien Pybus |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Very important to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is very important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29776 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have four dogs , two medium and two small. One small is always on a leash , the others stay close and are not a threat to anyone or other dogs. It's unfair that I would have to walk two and then the other two. I'm elderly and could not manage that. Why are we being penalised?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>From your map I have no idea where I can walk my dogs apart from the beach 🐶🐶 | Sara Douglas |
| 29779 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Currently the 'effective control' statement does not work and is too ambiguous. Very few dogs are actually under effective control or have basic re-call.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again very few people have effective control of their dogs. But because the rules are not black and white, many people will off-leash their dogs regardless of recall or training.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Almost every day on our walks at parks, beaches and so on, we see dogs chasing birds. Many owners are too far away to even do anything about it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Codey Wildman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I've seen people who can barely control 1 or 2 big dogs. 4 is too many.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Remove all "effective control" signage. This does not work. Replace with "Dogs must be on-leash".<br><br>We also need greater funding for dog control people. Having dealt with them in the past, there are too few dog control people and too many people getting dogs with no ability to train or control a dog. | |
| 29781 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to run freely under supervision of owner and have relaxed off lead interaction and socialize with other dogs in parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have better control over 2 dogs off leads. | Hendrika Anderson |
| 29782 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most (85%) of dog owners respect other users and other dog owners in this scenario by putting their dogs on leads when people approach. The small percentage that don't will continue to have their dogs off lead whether or not the bylaw exists. I don't understand why you think it is a good idea to restrict dogs and their owners in this way. It will be very hard to enforce. Are CCC going to recruit 2 or 3 times the amount of dog wardens they have currently? If not then this rule will be unenforceable and pointless. I have 2 greyhounds which are never off lead unless at home or in a fenced paddock. Off lead is just not suitable for my dogs but it is for the majority or dogs. Please don't restrict them just for the sake of it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is safer for dogs and vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wetland birds and wildlife do need protecting. I just it is made very clear where the on and off lead areas are. Although I still think that this will be unenforceable in reality.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Janet Spittlehouse |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>To protect migratory birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>A blanket ban is stupid and lazy. Some wetlands (sparks road, qualifies road) would not gain from this type of rule. There maybe some wetlands where rare or migratory birds gather than would benefit. Again, how will this be enforced? Are CCC going to station dog wardens at each wetlands? If not, then it won't be enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>It is too simplistic and 2 dogs off lead and 4 on lead is too low a number. Additionally, how is CCC going to decide who has "appropriate" skills? As far as I am aware, the dog walking industry is unregulated. Are CCC going to make people do exams to see if they have the skills? I don't think that whoever came up with these plans has thought it through. | |
| 29786 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are not many places you can have your dogs off lead, and if your dogs are not agressive and well behaved, this should be ok.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is fair enough, so the dogs don't run out on the road for any reason.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as they can still be off leash in the grass areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If they are not aggressive, you should be able to take out at least 5 dogs off leash in a park/beach so the dogs can have a good run around. There aren't that many dog parks in the city. | Rachel Pero |
| 29791 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What is wrong with extended/training leads, how do we train dogs/puppies with training/extending leads if it is restricted on short leads.<br>Responsible dog owners do have enough common sense to reel in their dogs if another dog or person is passing by, this is called traffic handle on leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, the same answer as per above. In places like the City Centre, I would require short leads but walking a dog around the block in a suburban neighbourhood, a dog should not be restricted, especially when I go for a block walk, there is hardly any foot traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think the redzone is a wasted space and could use another dog park put in this area. It is actually a good area to exercise a dog off lead under effective control, meaning it's up to the dog owner to make sure the dog doesn't go near wildlife, not that there is actually anything in this area, just a depressing waste of space that once used to be houses.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Lauren Taylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Since this area actually has wildlife then yes dogs should be on leash in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This is very confusing rule/question. This needs to be re thought out and re typed up properly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This doesn't change anything<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think Halswell Quarry needs to be a proper fenced dog area as often other public don't realise that the dog exercise area is in fact a dog area and complain when a dog is running around off leash, and I have often had too many mountain cyclists biking through this dog park way too fast and hitting my dog numerous times. | |
| 29794 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think it should be done each place individually.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think when birds are nesting or if wildlife is at threat then yes restrictions can be in place. Maybe on leade.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I regularly walk four dogs - all under control and off lead (at a park where off lead is allowed). No problems ever. Three of them are my two daughters who I walk them when they are at work. This seems unfair to put this restriction in place. | Jo Anderson |
| 29800 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support dogs being leashed on paved footpaths and shared paved footpath's. However, formed tracks are an area where dogs should be able to be off leash if under control. These tracks are sometimes narrow and rutted and the ability to walk dogs on leash correctly can be difficult in areas with uneven ground and insecure footing. The term "formed track" is also very vague.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Though what the definition of a short leash should be confirmed. No more than 1.5m would be a good guidline.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do not think prohibiting dogs from huge areas of green area will help protect wildlife , the river or planted areas in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor. A program of feral cat, stoat and rat eradication would be a much better focus for the council. Maybe prohibiting people from letting off fireworks, dropping broken glass, litter, and lighting fires in these areas would be more beneficial.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Lyonne Edwards |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The limit should be based on whether the dogs off leash are with their human(s) or if they are part of a commercial set up.<br>If a person has a license to own more than two dogs, they and their family members should be able and capable to exercise all their dogs off leash . If the dogs are part of a commercial dog walking business they should not be off leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>With over 40,000 dogs registered in Christchurch, these proposals will have a far reaching effect on many families and their dogs ability to run and play like a dog should . Rules on dogs being leashed on footpaths and protecting wildlife in wetlands is understandable but restricting a dogs ability to exercise , sniff and play will not prevent issues that arise from badly behaved dogs. The main issue I have is with prohibiting dogs in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor , many parts of this area are ideal for dogs off leash and prohibiting dogs will not help wildlife when their are many other animals that threaten birds etc. | |
| 29803 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because I have a fear of dogs, and dislike coming across unleashed and invariably uncontrolled dogs on walks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To keep them under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs do a great deal of damage to wildlife, and they need to be banned<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the above reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, for the above reasons. However, unless these rules are policed (which I know full well they won't be) then people won't take the slightest notice of them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seeing a pack of dogs out on walks is incredibly intimidating to those who have a fear of dogs...and there are a lot of us. Why should I enjoyment of open spaces be ruined because of dogs. I virtually only walk in the botanic gardens these days for fear of uncontrolled, large dogs in other areas. And as far as vicious breeds such as pitbulls being muzzled??? Well that's a joke!! Who goes around checking that??<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Everywhere in Christchurch | Margaret Whittaker |
| 29804 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | John Tait |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29805 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I'm happy with a short lead on footpaths but do not think it is fair to require dogs on short leashes on formed tracks in greenspace areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the dog's safety. Long leads besides or near roads is an accident waiting to happen.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is fair to share the space with wildlife being protected but also have areas that dogs are allowed to enjoy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Nobody wants wildlife threatened. If we can keep them safe by keeping dogs away it's a good proposal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I walk my dog a lot in this area. She is under effective control which means I can walk with her in all areas and enjoy the beautiful space. In my opinion the people who enjoy this space with their dogs are all totally responsible and I have never seen wildlife being harassed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have no knowledge of walking multiple dogs in public places. | Kylie Harris |
| 29806 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Much safer for everyone, including other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Is this an alternative to question 1.?<br>I support dogs being on leads on every path, shared or otherwise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Beverley Nelson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Impossible for one person to control so many dogs. Have seen one around our neighbourhood with six.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Make it compulsory for dogs to be leashed everywhere. I don't appreciate being run up to and sniffed at by even the most friendly dog!<br><br>Important --- there should be some patrolling of the beach at South New Brighton where the dog rules are being blatantly ignored. | |
| 29807 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I use the shared path to cycle with my son along hansons park, a very well used area for dog walkers also. Most people and dogs are great, but there are some where the dogs are walking off leash along the shared cycle path, which have chased us and my son (terrified him), and also we've had time where the dog has been darting back and forth across the path creating a hazardous situation for all involved. Lots of green open space through there away from the shared path to walk your dog off leash (many do, dogs are having a great time), so leash on the path where runners/cyclists/scooters etc makes practical sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Walking with kids on footpaths, dogs that run up and kick them can be confronting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Could you review the cat policy also. I have a cat which comes to my property without a collar, and takes swipes / has scratched my son multiple times (understandable as he pulls its tail - he's 2), would be great to be able to know who's cat it is so we can go and have a chat. Also we are trying to encourage birds back with tree planting etc, this is great news to the cat who roams our place, unsure if anything can be done about this but it seems strange how the neighbours animals are free to roam our property. | Aric Thorn |
| 29808 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It's practically hard to comply with or enforce, as the questions from dog owners already indicate. I would rather support specific park areas subject to high use (eg Hagley Park) requiring dogs to be leashed everywhere - far simpler for everyone to understand, and safer in a busy park that is used by a wide range of people. I run in Hagley park weekly and often encounter dogs off-lead and not under their owner's immediate effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is already fairly common practice anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely support protective measures for key ecological areas | Sina Tait |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>See earlier comment above about practicality of complying with the measure. I can't see Council enforcing it either.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes good sense<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'm disappointed there are no park/recreational areas where dogs are prohibited altogether. Many people don't like dogs, or are frightened of them and there are no outdoor park areas where you can go for a walk or run without the possibility of encountering a poorly-controlled dog. A few months ago I had to assist a young woman running in the park who was being chased by a dog who had escaped its owner . I would really welcome consideration of just a few dog-free spaces for people keen to enjoy some greenspace without dogs. Thankyou | |
| 29809 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's too broad a policy. For example, when we are walking our small pooch (Mt Pleasant) there is usually no one else around, so it seems a very heavy handed policy. I'd rather in high walking and/or cycling traffic areas that this requirement was applied on a case by case basis with signage, but maybe more as a courtesy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>That seems reasonable. Even more reasonable is having a speed limit for cyclists who are on shared paths, especially where there is a road cycle lane in parallel, I have seen a number of near misses where a cyclist is using the shared pathway at high speed, nearly bowling over walkers, where they could and should have used a dedicated cycle lane.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on a leash. These are areas we want the public to enjoy, by prohibiting dogs altogether we are excluding a lot of people who are out on daily walks and could be otherwise enjoying this resource. If a dog is on a leash and under control this should not be any issue for others and wildlife. All dog owners I have observed out walking their dogs are responsible around sensitive areas, and any policy like this would prevent those responsible dog owners from enjoying these areas, and irresponsible dog owners will continue to do what they want anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on a leash. These are areas we want the public to enjoy, by prohibiting dogs altogether we are excluding a lot of people who are out on daily walks and could be otherwise enjoying this resource. If a dog is on a leash and under control this should not be any issue for others and wildlife. All dog owners I have observed out walking their dogs are responsible around sensitive areas, and any policy like this would prevent those responsible dog owners from enjoying these areas, and irresponsible dog owners will continue to do what they want anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in these areas on a leash. These are areas we want the public to enjoy, by prohibiting dogs altogether we are excluding a lot of people who are out on daily walks and could be otherwise enjoying this resource. If a dog is on a leash and under control this should not be any issue for others and wildlife. All dog owners I have observed out walking their dogs are responsible around sensitive areas, and any policy like this would prevent those responsible dog owners from enjoying these areas, and irresponsible dog owners will continue to do what they want anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Karen Lowe |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>The number proposed is too few. | |
| 29810 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've lived bordering Avonhead Park for 35 yrs so have seen the change in dog owners behaviour over that time. We built a post & rail fence as dogs were always on a leash. Recently we added strings of wire to it to stop dogs coming in to our property but some still jump over it-we want to be able to leave our doors open without dogs coming bounding into our house (one even tried to attend my Mum's Funeral Service)-to have children being able to play safely on our back yard without someone's dog joining them & knowing there is no wee or poo on the grass-the owners just don't care, which is the same when they are marching on ahead or chatting to someone when their dog does a poo. I now do my circular morning walk at 0530 so I don't get dogs jumping on me with the standard catchcry 'it won't hurt you'. Definitely no-one seems to have any idea what 'effective control' means<br>Also I cycle around Hagley Park's shared path-I feel I've always got to be on high alert & can't relax & enjoys the surroundings as often unleashed dogs dart in front of you or frighten you with their barking, snapping at your heels l.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I never knew dogs were required to be leashed (if so there has to be consequences if they are not) as constantly see dogs unleashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It's all very well to make new rules/regulations but if there aren't staff to monitor them I can't see how anything will change.<br>Even if dogs are on leashes in inner city streets & the owners pick up their poo, no-one is going to wash their urine away off the paths/lampposts etc-imagine the smell if there is no rain for a period of time | Jillian Pearce |
| 29812 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If your dog is kept under effective control this should be enough. I have a very well trained dog who would be at a disadvantage with this til he likes to walk and sniff his way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for dogs and other people in cars bikes etc common sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The red zone area has many roads paths through it you are suggesting every time a dog crosses from one grassed area to another it's on a leash? Not practical…again if a dog is under effective control this should be enough.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>again if a dog is under effective control this should be enough. | Lee-Ann Collins |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>again if a dog is under effective control this should be enough.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>There are people who have dog walking businesses that this would effect. Most I have seen have the dogs under control and are in dog parks . But these are consider public places so that wouldn't be fair. | |
| 29813 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I walk my dog here every day, it's a great place for him to swim and run. He never bothers the wildlife. Most dogs that walk here are the same.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Rebecca Wallace |
| 29814 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog owners should judge the type of leash their dog should be on, if any.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dog owners should judge the type of leash their dog should be on, if any.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs do not pose any risk to environments or wildlife when under effective control. By restricting dogs, you are also restricting their owners from visiting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs do not pose any risk to environments or wildlife when under effective control. By restricting dogs, you are also restricting their owners from visiting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs do not pose any risk to environments or wildlife when under effective control. By restricting dogs, you are also restricting their owners from visiting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be under effective control, regardless of the number of dogs. | Amanda Wells |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29815 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is rediculious and punishing dog owners but allowing cycle riders, runners , people with children running a muck to be okay.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Punishing dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Punishing dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Punishing dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Punishing dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Punishing dog owners<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Punishing dog owners | Emma Gibson |
| 29816 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most parks will have at least a formed track or path of some description which dogs may cross from time to time rather than use as a walking route. It seems impracticable to run up and put a leash on whenever this happens. As long as the dog owner makes sure the way is clear for the dog to cross a leash should not be required in this case.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Really depends on foot or cycle traffic. Certainly if there is risk of collision.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Wildlife areas should be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>We need to maintain and protect our wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Where wildlife is present and it makes sense to provide protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Malcolm Smeaton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Managing multiple dogs is a skill. Understanding the way the dogs interact with each other and to other dogs and people. More dogs requires a good level of control and foresight and reacting quickly and effectively to any potential situation | |
| 29817 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jonathan Wilson |
| 29818 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Avonhead Park needs a dedicated dog area and everywhere else to be strictly dogs on short leash. | Bob Shearing |
| 29819 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Dan Stevens |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29820 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Plenty of good dog owners out here. Stop trying to control our lives and how we live.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Plenty of good dog owners out here. Stop trying to control our lives and how we live<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I've never seen a dog attack a bird. So don't believe this is necessary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Plenty of good dog owners out here. Stop trying to control our lives and how we live<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Plenty of good dog owners out here. Stop trying to control our lives and how we live | John Germain |
| 29822 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Just safety first for the dogs .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Just safety first for the dogs .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I dont use the area at all - i used to live there before the earthquake, i get the protecting the wild life but its a huge space and i would want both to co-exist.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Leeann Findlay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It also depends on the size of the dogs ..... | |
| 29823 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long and extendable leads are not effective control, and as a dog owner and cyclist they mean dogs can behave in an unpredictable way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The birds need safe and stress-free nesting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I had some close calls with pack walkers when I lived in Wellington. I had a small dog, and found these big groups of mostly larger dogs were not under effective control. I stopped using enclosed dog areas because of these people, and didn't use certain public tracks on weekdays when they might be there. | Sandra Georgeff |
| 29824 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Unless a dog is really well trained, close paths can lead to stressful situations if a dog is off lead and passes another dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I always shorten the lead if there are other people or dogs, but it seems silly to have it regulated if there is no one else around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>seems reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>seems reasonable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have seen some dog walkers who do an exceptional job of taking many dogs to the dog park. I presume this falls under the exemption process. | Sandi Harrison |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It feels like the ability to give your dog a good daily run is being reduced to a very few places, especially if shortening the lead on all footpaths at all times. You may need to consider more fenced parks (as amazing as the Victoria Park dog park) to make up for the loss of freedom. | |
| 29825 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dogs are sociable so complete control is a must and also should be on a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>So owner can see where dog poos and must be picked up. A lot of poo round yaldhurst walkways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rose Stratford |
| 29826 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Mackenzie Norton |
| 29827 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Mike C |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29828 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sushan Gurung |
| 29830 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Leashes up to 2-2.5m in length can be shortened by the person holding it by gripping it closer in.<br>Shared paths (footpaths and cycle) should have speed restrictions applied as both cycles and electric scooters travel at large speeds with no consideration to WALKERS let alone others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If there is berms between the footpath and road, a lease of up to 2m can control a pet<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I accept key areas only however, Christchurch has some very hot summer NW days so dogs require access to water/lake to drink in the Avon. I have found that areas that lead easily down to the water for dogs to drink have birds sitting there anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>AS long as there is still areas dogs are able to be off leash (if appropriate) and run into the water/exercise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I accept key areas only however, Christchurch has some very hot summer NW days so dogs require access to water/lake to drink fresh flowing lake water.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Depends on the dogs however even 1 dog requires undivided attention sometimes, and others are very obedient. If well equipped/trained to do so I feel exception process good step<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>"new note that dog faeces can contaminate waterways when left on the ground". When the CCC took away bins in parks, made them difficult to access such as surrounded by people or where large groups of people congruent or long distance to access, this created a very large increase in owners leaving faeces on the ground. If you have bin access at places such as | Helen Sandford |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | wetlands (that currently do not or have very few) that will only accept the size of a dog waste bag and not normal household rubbish, this will fix many issues of this and the problems with rubbish being dumped in park bins. | |
| 29831 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>section 6.2.2 This is too restrictive, and I think it is unnecessary. As dogs need to be leashed on road and foot paths already. And most of these formed tracks and green spaces already have these rules in place. If people who are walking dogs are obeying them is a different story as currently they are ignored by the majority of dog walkers. I think the effort is better used on educating and enforcement of current rules and laws rather than restricting dogs further which will likely be ignored by a significant proportion of dog owners<br><br>Finding tracks that I can let my dog off on is hard enough in Christchurch and will remove the few remaining areas that I can do this, Ie westmorland reserve - which is a very low use area, or restrictions in Sparks Wetland where the grass is sometimes mown and sometimes left or Te Kuti. this removes areas I can safely do this and adds confusion.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I don't support this, It is too restrictive and covers far to many areas. If it was to read "on roads, foot paths along side roads, and sealed cycleways." I would support this.<br><br>As a dog walker often using unsealed cycle ways/shared paths in council parks that allow bicycles/e scooters etc. These areas are often used by cyclists/scooters in a recreational context. I often feel vulnerable by the speed an lack of care by these users and often have to yield to them. It removes large areas of which some are low use that I can walk my dog of leash, these areas are hard enough to find already in christchurch. An off leash dog is a helps to slow these users down and they take more care and more likely to give way to pedestrians.<br><br>As a person riding a bike on on shared cycle paths as often a means of to commute/transportation, I think the key cycleways that are often use for transportation Ie Northern line Puari ki pu-harakeke, ( the blue and maroon paths as marked by the councils cycling map that, that is attached to the submission). I think dogs should be leashed as an unleashed dog can hinder a person on a bike from getting from A-B.<br><br>However my experience of riding through Hagley park where dogs are required to be leashed on shared paths but often aren't. This causes me to causes me to slow down significantly due to fear of hitting some ones dog. It also suggests that maybe the council should be enforcing the bylaws already in place rather than making them more restrictive for dog owners that are arguably not going to follow them anyway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>With out a clear Map and boundries of where dogs will be prohibited I will not support this as it could very easily over time remove the whole are from being able to access with a dog.<br><br>There is also no need to Prohibit dogs from areas to protect wild life. Short leash and attentive owner if more than effective to prevent harm to wildlife. If this is happening is another story.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There is no need to Prohibit dogs from areas to protect wild life. Short leash and attentive owner if more than effective to protect wildlife and prevent harm. Unleashed under effective control on paths outside of the area of life protection gives some freedom to the dog in storm water basins.<br><br>If dog owners are following these rules is another question that may need to be enforced and educated over rather than placing regulations that is questionable if they are going to be observed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>The Balance seems to be about right here | Hayden Richards |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 852 | |
| 29832 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Henrietta Hall |
| 29833 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>They can get in the way of joggers / runners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Antony Gale |
| 29834 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs and humans should be able to access our beautiful green spaces unleashed, Happy an free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not rampant roaming the streets or causing havoc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not. A green corridor should encourage more people and their pets into nature to enjoy. Uncontrolled mending to wildlife digs should be treated on an individual basis is. There are very few areas that are not dominated by excessive council control. That all in all is making life dismal, miserable and pandering to a few | Tamsin Harrington |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Our city should be alive with people and animals enhancing our connections to eachother and our planet.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As all above. The council and ecan cherry pick what they value as conservation efforts. This looks more like control and punishing people trying to survive in extremely stressful times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This can be achieved on individual cases. Not blanket laws | |
| 29835 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The requirement to have dogs under effective control on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks is sufficient for the purpose of maintaining public safety while ensuring dogs can be properly exercised. It also ensures that dog owners don't have to walk off tracks to effectively exercise their dogs which can be dangerous when it is dark.<br><br>Requiring all dogs to be walked on short leashes while on paths of this type is excessively restricted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Having dogs under effective control is sufficient to achieve the goal of protecting wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes although with the limit being three when off-leash. | Chris White |
| 29836 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to exercise too and the owner should have the right to decide how to control their dogs. It's common sense. If safe to do so dogs should have the right to run ahead and exercise. Some people are only able to walk on the pathways, their dogs will be restricted all the time, why must they be restricted when not able to go elsewhere? Holding a dog on a short leash all the time is setting them up for an explosive reaction.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to exercise too and the owner should have the right to decide how to control their dogs. common sense. If safe to do so dogs should have the right to run ahead. Too PC<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Jenny Mcferrier |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29837 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am the owner of two dogs and I like these changes. I always have my dogs leashed on walkways but others do not and had problems with other people's uncontrolled dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's just safer for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs protecting and some dogs kill the birds in the rivers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason we need this to protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason for protecting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I support this, one person can't control more than two dogs, I have had problems with some other owners with too many dogs attaching my dogs. | Sara Teasdale |
| 29838 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Citizens should not be harassed by roaming dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Citizens should not be harassed by roaming dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should not attack wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should not attack wildlife<br>Citizens should not be harassed by roaming dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | William Blake |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs should not attack wildlife<br>Citizens should not be harassed by roaming dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More dogs means more nuisance and threats to citizens<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Citizens should be free to go about their business without being harassed, attacked or threatened by dogs.<br>Dog control should be effective and policed to the extent necessary to achieve the above. This may mean an increase in dog licence fees to adequately fund the necessary staff and equipment. User should pay- if you want a dog costs of protecting the public must be borne by the dog owner, not the rate payer. | |
| 29839 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Leashing is best for the safety of the dog/owner as well as everyone who might encounter the dog, including wildlife. However, can you please ban flexi-leashes on footpaths and shared paths? They don't really seem like a 'short leash' when unretracted, and aren't appropriate for high traffic areas because every unpredictable thing a dog does has more potential to become hazardous to people around it when it's on a flexi-leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is a good solution to protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Allowing dogs in mowed areas seems like a good compromise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Central city proposal - lifting the leash requirement in Latimer Sq / Rauora park / Avon loop seems a bit in conflict with the other proposals for leash requirements. These areas are surrounded by/crossed by shared path areas with what really amounts to quite small chunks of greenspace, so seems a bit risky for dogs/owners and other pedestrians / cyclists / motor vehicle divers as there is very little room for 'error' if a dog is not under effective control. If there are concerns for supporting off-leash exercise areas for central city dogs, it would be great to have a fenced dog park  a bit closer to the city centre or within the 4 aves.<br>Dogs shouldn't be in community gardens that grow edible produce, leash or not, because their poos have too much risk of spreading disease. | Lindsey Conrow |
| 29841 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The proposed policy is to restrictive, as a dog owner we walk our dog on shared paths everyday off lead without issue, using effective control.  We use our discretion to decide whether to put the dog on the lead if the circumstance justify it, ie a lot of people on the path, in an area next to the road.<br>My wife has mobility issues and walks the dog using a tricycle that the dog goes along beside, restricting the dog to a lead on all paths would seriously reduce the pleasure of the walk for both owner and dog.  we have seen other dog owners who use walkers and have well trained and friendly dogs off lead, it will be unfair to such owners.<br>We are rate payers and should be allowed to use the public facilities as much as anyone else so blanket restrictions are not fair.  We have no problem restricting access for dogs to playgrounds and bird nesting areas.<br>Dog parks do not suit all owners/dogs | Simon & Kezia O'Callaghan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>see above comment, ok near road but not a blanket restriction for all paths.<br>It seems like 98 percent of dog owners who do the right thing are going to be punished for the behaviour of a few bad owners, It would be better to identify dangerous dogs and have then restricted to on lead and possibly a mussel.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Need more detail, agree that ok to restrict dogs from bird nesting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Have seen dog walkers with up to one dozen dogs in dog parks and the pack mentality comes into play very quickly. As stated above, dog parks do not suit every dog / owner.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As an example, South Brighton Domain and South Shore spit has restrictions in place that seem to work well, ie dogs under effective control and avoid wetland areas as shown in maps.<br>More restrictions seem unnecessary and are likely to promote arguments between members of the public that spoils the walk for everyone involved. | |
| 29842 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Effective control is better. Some dogs are highly reactive on lead. responsible Owners should have the ability to choose how they control their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of dogs on roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Blair Kaad |
| 29843 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long extending leads get tangled in other dog leads, and create a hazard for passing bicycles that may run into the extended lead. Short leads on paths is therefore a good idea.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | David Fletcher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Long extending leads create hazards for other footpath and potentially road users. Short leashes are a good mitigation in areas where other footpath or road users are present.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife using these areas (apart from the loathsome Canada geese of course!) should be protected as part of enhancing biodiversity in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting at risk birds and other wildlife should be the priority in these areas, there are many other areas where dogs can freely run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Again, protecting wildlife and biodiversity should be priority in these special areas where a lot of money has been spent creating areas to nurture these aspects. Dogs have plenty of other areas in which to run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be under effective control at all times. For some people, even effectively controlling 4 dogs on leashes is difficult (especially if the dogs are sizeable), and many have trouble controlling even one dog off the leash. Perhaps "effective voice control" should be mandatory before being allowed off-leash. | |
| 29844 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree that dogs should be leashed on footpaths and probably shared paths. However I do not agree that dogs should be leashed in greenspace areas, especially where there is plenty of room for dogs/people to go past each other or the dog can wander off the track. Restricting this is detrimental to the dogs mental health as you are not allowing them any freedom of movement or autonomy.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The proposal to only allow a 1.5m long leash is too short. For a tall person walking a short dog, this will barely allow the dogs legs to touch the ground, let along allow either of them to walk comfortably.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I agree with keeping dogs out of the wetland areas but disagree with requiring them to be leashed when walking on pathways (for the same reasons noted above).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>95% of dog owners are responsible and know whether their dog can be trusted off-leash at a park. With the influx of high-density housing in Christchurch, areas where you can exercise your dog both physically and mentally are becoming scarce. Please don't punish the 95% for the actions of a few. | Jessica Kelly |
| 29845 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I've never encountered an issue - as a cyclist, runner and dog owner. | Lisa Dillon-Roberts |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is to be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29846 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Unsure if this includes Bottle lake forest as this is a hugely popular area for people to walk their dogs off leash, myself included.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Even as a dog owner I find it unnerving when walking past dog walkers with multiple dogs off and on leash. I have never believed that the walker can have so many dogs under control and generally avoid them if I see them coming towards me and my dog. | Janet Carson |
| 29847 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Ben Jackson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The policies have no teeth if there is no threat of enforcement.<br>This past weekend , walking from Lake Roto Kohatu towards Clearwater, there is signage of dogs on leash only. Every other dog owner on that path was no using a lead, including one that jumped up on my mother almost knocking her into the bushes.<br><br>Similar issues around that lake - every single time i'm there, there are dogs in the water or running free, including jumping onto my things at the side of th elake as they aren't under control.<br><br>As much as I advise them of the rules, these poeple don't care as there is no threat of enforecement. So unless you actually have dog control visit these places and deal to the issues, none of the above recommendations will actually make a difference. | |
| 29848 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because not everyone one likes dogs and dog owners assume you love them. Also, effective control is a loose statement, and some dogs and owners need training, especially if the dog gets excited.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>See above and dog owners do not always have their dog on leash at the moment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife need more protection from people think their dogs don't hurt them, and have little understanding about the possibility of spreading disease. At now before bird flu arrives.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>People are already letting their dogs wander through areas that could be used for nesting and ignoring signage.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Many people have difficulty controlling one dog.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Summer beach is a disgrace, full of dog poo and people showing little regard for cleaning up after their dog. Faecal matter washing into the sea ocean again is cause for the spread of disease amongst humans and animals.. | Helen Smith |
| 29849 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To many people don't have control of their dogs off leash. They should not be banned everywhere. But there should definitely be more rules in place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Louis Braeckmans |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>To warrant everyone's safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29850 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I just think that dogs should be controlled by their owners at all times ie on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I see dog owners doing the wrong thing often ie not having them on a leash where the signs clearly says they should have them on one.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>See above. Sadly a few irresponsible dog owners then spoil it for the rest.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>See all above comments<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See above. As you can tell I am not a dog lover but you have asked for feed back from those who do not like dogs either..<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Philipp Nickln |
| 29852 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There are many people who are not comfortable with dogs, or, even worse, are scared of dogs. Most pet-owners may be too confident that everyone should accept their animals with no problems.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Massimo Rinaldo |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It might depend on the type of dog (size, breed, etc.), training of the dogs and training of the person(s). | |
| 29853 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mark Herring |
| 29854 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think Shared paths where commuting takes place should have this rule but not in local paths where people go to exercise and walk dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This will ensure the safety of the dogs near road where cars pose significant danger to dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Andrew Mcloughlin |
| 29855 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I agree with this, especially on footpaths as it is difficult when backing out a driveway to see people let alone dogs off leash.<br>Also on formed tracks as dogs can run/walk in front of runners/walkers.<br>Dog owners can also see when their dogs are popping.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Samantha Thompson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Need to protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29859 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because dogs are very rarely under effective control. Just as it might be a dog owners right to give their dogs a good time outside it is the right of someone like myself who does not own a dog to have the right to enjoy the spaces without the nuisance of dogs running up to me and licking me and getting in my way of enjoying the space as I might want to.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I do not like dogs running uop to me out of control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There is no guarantee that dogs do not disrupt wildlife and too many owners don't actually care enough to make sure their dogs are careful.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Birds need to be looked after<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Off course - I have seen too many instances of packs of dogs running uo to people without dogs. It is intimidating and totally upsets many people especially children. | Luke Mahon |
| 29860 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Amy Johnston Bray |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29861 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed in all areas at Te Kuru Wetland but they should be required to be on a leash in all areas at all times.<br>I have seen dogs off leash chasing wildlife on the open grassed areas. If dogs were required to be on lead at all times then it would not happen.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>TE KURU WETLANDS URGENTLY NEEDS BINS FOR DISPOSING DOG POO - THE PLACE IS COVERED IN POO! | Janelle Rees |
| 29862 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The concept of a short leash is arbitrary. Dogs should be under effective control when on a leash, regardless of the length. I use a long leash to exercise my dog safely in green spaces that require a leash, especially when there are few people around (which is frequently). This gives my dog maximum exercise whilst complying with the law. I also used a long line to train my dogs recall and good behaviour around people and paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above. How will you define a short leash. What about extendable leashes. How many issues or incidents are longer leashes creating to make this worth legislating and effecting dogs quality of life, when urban areas already lack good access to dog friendly spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>We walk around this space regularly and the majority of dog ownership's are responsible and use a lead. Why restrict access when pet owners also want to be able to enjoy this space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>We walk around this space regularly and the majority of dog ownership's are responsible and use a lead. Why restrict access when pet owners also want to be able to enjoy this space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How do dogs compromise storm water drains more than other animals and urban run off. | Lauren Dowding |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This disproportionately affects dog walker businesses. Again this seems like over reach from the council. Why should there be a rule on how many dogs people can have. The council should publish dog related incidents that have lead to the suggestions here.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The council should review how it will enforce the existing rules- particularly for irresponsible owners and nuisance dogs for whom there have been multiple complains - instead of creating more rules. | |
| 29863 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks are used by many people walking, running, scooting etc so dogs should be on a short leash for everyone's safety and comfort.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Shared paths and pedestrian ares are used by many people walking, running, scooting etc so dogs should be on a short leash for everyone's safety and comfort.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense to protect wildlife in this corridor.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense to protect where birds nest and feed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense to protect where birds nest and feed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense that one person can only be in control of two dogs when off leash as they need to be under active control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I support all other proposed changes as dogs need to be in control in spaces used by other people. I am not comfortable around dogs as I find them unpredictable so I support these changes to the polic. | Ann-Marie Head |
| 29865 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths and shared paths yes have dogs on leash but not formed tracks. There are many formed tracks with very little foot traffic where I think dogs should be allowed off leash. I think dogs should be allowed off leash under effective control in green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To keep dogs safe. To make pedestrians feel safe too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I hope this would be well sign posted if it happens. | Samoni Cavander |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Keep the birds safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29868 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Lisa Catto |
| 29870 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>We cannot visit our nearest park Halswell quarry because dogs there are unleashed and often unpredictable. They should be leashed except designated areas for safety reasons.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lana Loke |
| 29871 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Tracks in green space areas usually are quite wide and have enough room for dogs to get out of the way of bikes and pedestrians or vice versa. A person walking multiple leashed dogs takes up most of the footpath space and makes it difficult for other pedestrians and cyclists to pass without going off the path. | Elise Motateanu |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Short leashes are not necessary as long as the dog is under control, which usually is the case with longer leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29873 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>respect for others & reassures dogs who may be reactive to other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>as before and minimise risk of dog becomeing a distraction for motorists<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>gives options<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not familiar with that area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>evidence that too many is just not safe & reinforces the responsibility of ownership and/or as a paid role as a "walker"<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>central city - Latimer Square seems too small an area to allow unleashed dogs who may run into what can be busy traffic<br>The Groynes - agree with the proposal<br>Sportfields etc - agree with the proposal<br>Styx Mill reserve - Totally disagree & hope to retain the option forshort- leashed access in such a "nourishing" environment for dogs & owners<br>Mudflats and Banks Peninsula - agree in high risk areas but short-leash on bush tracks & along water edge, seems safe & reasonable<br>cultural considerations - agree with the proposal (assuming it is in consultation with local iwi)<br>disposal of dog faeces - compliance will be better wherever there are accessible bins | Jackie Cooper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | The need for areas/routes where individual dogs can be walked safely, away from other dogs needs to be provided, as not all dogs can cope with multiple others in even a relatively large space (and some owners will be calmer when not surrounded by unfamilar dogs too) | |
| 29874 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to be off leash to exercise well. Better to impose fines for dogs that aren't under effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of dogs and drivers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection for the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People who have that many dogs are often trainers or operate a dog walking business. Why not license this work instead of cutting off the possibility for all? | Emma Williamson |
| 29875 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Viv Yong |
| 29878 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Anything more than a short leash is a hazard to cyclists etc<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | John Dean |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes but there must be space for dogs to run free. Perhaps part of the development can include an enclosed dog park<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>the numbers of dogs 'controlled' by some walkers is ridiculous. Even 4 (large dogs, small walker or frail walker) might be too many. There will need to be the means to clarify and police what 'appropriate skills' means<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Speeding bikes are becoming a danger in some areas. An enforceable speed limit in parks would be a good start. They are to pedestrians what cars are to bicycles | |
| 29879 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I agree with all changes but do not believe they go far enough to protect people, children and wildlife. We've lived in Christchurch for 4 years now, and never in my life have I come across such issues with dogs and dog poo! We've been jumped on countless times, had a dog jump up into the pram with my sleeping infant daughter inside, nearly been attacked by an off leash pittbull, had a sock swallowed out of a shoe at the beach, my daughter has been flattened and pushed over and we have to deal with constant poo and bags of poo thrown everywhere! It's literally disgusting!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely! We'd feel so much safer if people were actually required to control their animals in shared areas. When we bike through Bottle Lake or around Waimairi Beach, I have seen dogs jump in front of bike riders and even one cause a lady to crash as it just lunged at her leg.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Birds and wildlife should be protected by people using public spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>We live near the park and beach and see the same dog walkers every day using the area. Generally they are pretty good, but they don't watch all the dogs at once. When they get to the beach, they just let them all take off and harass people or poo on the beach.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Bigger fines for people not cleaning up after their dogs and fines for people who don't follow the laws or rules on beaches and in parks. I see terrible behaviour from dog owners all the time in our area, and that paired with a lack of public rubbish bins for dog people to put poo in are the 2 things that let our area down. My daughter can't even play in the sand at the beach without being surrounded by literal crap or being pushed over and jumped on by a rouge dog. | Courtney Robinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29880 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leashes can cause trip hazards to other walkers when the dog goes one way around you and the human goes the other. Yes it's not effective control but happens so suddenly a short leash would stop this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is so vulnerable to dogs hunting instincts. Many dog walkers dismiss a random chase by their dogs as harmless but the wildlife suffers even if not caught.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't understand why muzzling is not proposed in these wetland environments. I've seen so many dogs allowed to hunt at leisure even in view of their walker. As no regulations can change this behaviour muzzling is the only sure way to prevent bites and kills | Jill Handoll |
| 29882 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Scott Walker |
| 29883 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I walk a lot and see too many uncontrolled dogs, running ahead or lagging behind the owner/handler and pooing without the owner/handler looking back. I've seen them chasing the wild life along the river banks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Wendy Jory |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>As above, plus I am aware of dogs attacking other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As above, I have seen dogs chasing birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above, the owners let the dogs run free, pooing and chasing the birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>However handlers/owners would need to be regulated/strictly trained and carry proof<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes, there 100% needs more enforcement out in the public areas. Officers would need to be able to instantly act when sering an issue. We need more enforcement covering beaches/river areas | |
| 29885 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Dogs worry, chase & kill ducks along the Avon while their owners stand uselessly by, say things like "my dog is friendly & doesn't harm anything". Unleashed dogs also attack/bother leashed dogs or other people in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Dogs can run into traffic, either being hurt or causing accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Dogs worry, chase & kill ducks along the Avon while their owners stand uselessly by, say things like "my dog is friendly & doesn't harm anything". Unleashed dogs also attack/bother leashed dogs or other people in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Dogs worry, chase & kill ducks along the Avon while their owners stand uselessly by, say things like "my dog is friendly & doesn't harm anything". Unleashed dogs also attack/bother leashed dogs or other people in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Dogs worry, chase & kill ducks along the Avon while their owners stand uselessly by, say things like "my dog is friendly & doesn't harm anything". Unleashed dogs also attack/bother leashed dogs or other people in the area. Also risks to dogs regarding toxic algae.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Too many people have little or no control over their dogs. Most can't control one dog, let alone three or more. | Richard Sutton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We regularly walk through the Red Zone alongside the Avon and always see unleashed dogs chasing & bothering the wildlife. One family of paradise shelducks had 14 ducklings, two weeks later, they were all gone. Whilst we never saw dogs take a duckling, we did see dogs chasing the adults, even on the water. | |
| 29887 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs need to be on leads on paths in parks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Road safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be able run free in RedZone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect birdlife in Estuary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jon Kemp |
| 29888 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's an unnecessary rule to a perceived problem not an actual problem. If dogs are to be on short leads then the same rule should be applied to cats. Cats kill birds and raid bird nests. As a roaming territorial animal cats are a far greater issue to wildlife. In 30 years of walking, running, or cycling on paths, tracks, and roads in chch I've never once seen a dog attack a person.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Low skilled cyclists (there are no more of them now with ebikes, typically older people), create more dangers on shared paths and on or near roads. Walkers walking 2-3 abreast create greater obstruction on shared paths. And cats are allowed to roam free, crossing roads and paths whenever they like so if the rule applies to dogs it must apply to cats also.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Again, as per my previous answers. Cats are roaming territorial animals that actively hunt birds for fun. Cats also raid bird nests. Putting restrictions on dogs is not dealing with the bigger issue which are cats, possums, stoats, ferrets, rats etc. While an occasional dog may chase birds, I'm yet to see it being a common issue, whereas of the aforementioned other animals it's in their nature. To apply this restriction to dogs means the same rule must be applied to cats.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>My above answers have covered why.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>My above answers have covered why. | Craig Sharratt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I'm yet to see this being an issue. And my opinion is based on 30 years of frequent outdoor activity walking, jogging, cycling, all over chch on and off roads and trails.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No, other than if the changes are consistent to what I've provided feedback on above then I'd be voting against these other changes too. Please focus rate payer money on dealing with real issues such as critical infrastructure, and I'll conclude by stating again, if any of these rules apply to dogs then they must apply to cats also. | |
| 29891 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We walk our dog on a long leash as that was what was recommended by dog behaviour trainers to support better walking behaviour. We can pull him in on a shorter leash when passing others and we routinely do so. I would hate for him to not be able to do what dogs naturally do for their own wellbeing which is be able to sniff and explore with their noses.<br>I support the use of leashes in this space but don't believe that enforcing leash length is appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>We walk our dog on a long leash as that was what was recommended by dog behaviour trainers to support better walking behaviour. We can pull him in on a shorter leash when passing others and we routinely do so. I would hate for him to not be able to do what dogs naturally do for their own wellbeing which is be able to sniff and explore with their noses.<br>I support the use of leashes in this space but don't believe that enforcing leash length is appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>So much effort going into increasing our biodiversity that we should do all we can to protect it. I understand the stress and damage a dog can place on birds etc. There is still plenty of space for dog walkers to go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>So much effort going into increasing our biodiversity that we should do all we can to protect it. I understand the stress and damage a dog can place on birds etc. There is still plenty of space for dog walkers to go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>So much effort going into increasing our biodiversity that we should do all we can to protect it. I understand the stress and damage a dog can place on birds etc. There is still plenty of space for dog walkers to go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think its a good idea but it does feel like it is unfairly harsh for those that have a business walking dogs that do a good job at this; versus those who are cowboys so I hope the exemption process is not too complex.<br>Would this include dog parks? | Sarah Mankelows |
| 29892 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Nathaniel Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29893 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Therese Mcsoriley |
| 29894 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can dominate spaces if too free and inhibit some people's us of them. This restriction therefore is a practical compromise that facilitates a more balanced use of the path by all parties.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It is not possible for wildlife and dogs to share this space effectively. Therefore, as it is the home environment for so many wildlife species they need to be given priority and this means a ban on dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Similar reason, as given above for the Estuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Stuart Payne |
| 29897 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I'd prefer to see the term 'leashed and under effective control' when on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed. That means an extendable leash may be used, but the requirement is that when other users are there, the leash is cinched up tight and the doggo cannot cause problems. A shorter leash does NOT prevent a dog lunging at children, scooters, and bicycles, but the requirement of 'under effective control' makes this the kaupapa to follow.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Lloyd Carpenter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>Same as above: I'd prefer to see the term 'leashed and under effective control' when on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads. That means an extendable leash may be used, but the requirement is that when other users are there, the leash is cinched up tight and the doggo cannot cause problems. A shorter leash does NOT prevent a dog lunging at children, scooters, and bicycles, but the requirement of 'under effective control' makes this the kaupapa to follow.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Endangered species do not mix with dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Increase the fine for people not picking up their doggo's poo. If someone is walking a doggo without poo bags, then they should also be fined.<br><br>*See attachment - page 850 | |
| 29898 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We have lived in our area for 30 years and always walked our dogs especially since the EQ's. We pay for our dogs registration. Pedestrians and Cyclists do not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>There are no footpaths or roads (used by the Public, only service vehicles) across the road where we walk our dog,. lots of new walkers and cyclists have been using the Red Zone which is fine but!! we dog owners are the only ones paying Dog Rego.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>IF you are not a responsible dog owner that knows when to lease your dog to be considerate of others then lose the Responsible Dog ownership or be issued with getting training for any offending Owner or dog... but sick of people outside the area dictating to us locals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not my neighbourhood. But definitely no dogs when birds nest, or in tidal areas where they feed. Unless well trained like my dog, never looks at Sheldducks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I see dog walkers across the road with multiple dogs and they have always been under control, playful and allows other dogs to socialise.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I do not support or respect the views of those who do not pay Dog Registration to make decisions for us dog owners. There have been too many "Karen's" sticking there noses into our business while walking our (neighbours) dogs even when they are on lease. | Lesley Van Toorn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 29901 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Happy to do this with my dog although some very well behaved controlled dogs are probably ok<br>I would prefer dogs on leads in parks such as Linwood<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>important to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>professional dog walkers need to be able to walk several dogs i have no issues with them as they hey control their dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see dogs on leads in public parks such as linwood as there are several bull breed dogs off lead in the park near children and other dogs<br>I dont want christchurch to become like sydney with dog restrictions everywhere such as beaches<br>what about providing poo bags near dog bins<br>just a thought<br>totally agree with protecting birds i only let my labrador off lead at the beach or dog parks<br>also what about dogs on public transport? | Helen Golightly |
| 29902 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Better control of dogs when walking my leashed dog who is reactive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Better control of dogs when walking my leashed dog who is reactive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Better control of dogs when walking around wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Better control of dogs when walking around wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Better control of dogs when walking around wildlife. | Lyn Leslie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 29903 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>so as to control animals that either bark at oncoming pedestrians or jumping up onto people ( which has happened o me on several occasions<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Living by the reserve on Muirhill road I can see from my window dogs chasing balls into the areas that have foliage and flaxes and tearing them up. This is upsetting to see as there is so much work that goes into keeping them beautiful.<br>Also dog feces are sometimes left and not picked up and have come across some that has been bagged and just dropped there for someone else to deal with<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>dont really come across it too much | Kay Sevier |
| 29904 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog deserver their freedom as much as we do . Its dependant on their owner on whether their dognis safe enough to allow off the leash or not . I think it would be very unfair<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again i think it should be dependent on the owner whether the dog is to allowed off the leash ot not in certain areas it will encourage owners to properly train them and have less in the pound for disobedience<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wai Nathan |
| 29905 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Rachael Kavermann |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29906 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dogs running free and not under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dogs not on leads now alongside roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Michael Gott |
| 29907 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Longer leashes should also be allowed provided owners can rein the dogs in quickly and hold them on a short length of it (i.e. not retractable leads). Not everyone wants dogs coming up to them and we've had our dog attacked while walking by another dog when it appeared out of nowhere on a pathway and the owner was too far away to control it<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>They should be leashed but long leashes should be allowed provided they can be reined in quickly and held on a short lead when other users are present<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, too often see dogs harassing or killing wildlife in the river and river banks where owners can't see them or get to them to pull them away | Daniel Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>The presence of dogs in those areas stresses the wildlife even if on leash or under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs trample on new planting and prevent it getting established as well as scaring wildlife away from settling there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It's impossible to keep eyes on many dogs out in public as too many things are out of the walker's control as well as them ganging up on other single dogs | |
| 29908 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There have been dog attacks around where we live (near QE2 Park), plus when dogs can go where they want, dog owners can plead that they didn't see the dog do a poo and just not pick it up. The amount of poo everywhere is disgusting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Often see dogs unleashed and running on the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs frequently kill birds and disturb nesting areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above, protect nesting areas and feeding areas for birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There should be more consequences for people who cannot adequately control their dogs and stop them from escaping from their homes and gardens. There should also be more consequences for owners of violent dogs.<br><br>It seems that there's no clarification on laws or policy around the beaches. Dogs can be lovely on a beach, but can also be a nuisance. Owners bury their poo instead of picking it up and taking it away. They also do not keep control of their dogs and keep them close by. They run into the dunes and disturb birds and other wildlife there.<br><br>To be fair, I do think there should also be greater policy around domestic cats, as they also do a lot of damage to native bird populations, probably more than dogs. A curfew for cats like in Aus would be a good idea. | Charlotte Ackroyd |
| 29909 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I frequently bring our dog to parks and walk along the paths while she runs in the grass alongside. Requiring dogs to be on a leash would require me to walk through the grass - which is often muddy and wet and not ideal. There are many options for pedestrians and bikes to use roads, sidewalks, or other paths it would be a shame to allow dogs in an area but not on paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Marie Heist |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>I think it's the owner's discretion and effective control is enough.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29910 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think the current on lead or under effective control system works fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jack Boon |
| 29911 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>So dogs can't jump on me or little kids or other dogs. Dog owners are often not in proper control of their dogs and let them jump on people or other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>So many owners don't control them and children get harassed, and other good dogs get harassed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Our wetlands and wildlife need protection<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Our birdlife needs protecting, I've seen birds attacked and killed by dogs in the estuary. And it would be great to keep encouraging all our wonderful migratory birds to keep coming back, especially the rarely seen birds that1 occasionally come too. | Susan Beckett |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some people don't control all their dogs properly<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There need to be very clear signs on the beaches in New Brighton areas and other beaches so swimmers and children can feel safe and not be anxious about stepping in dog poop. | |
| 29914 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The areas that dogs are allowed to be off leash are already highly restrictive. There are only a few parks this is the case. Non-dog owners already have multitudes of places if they wish to avoid dogs on footpaths. As a roller-scater who likes to skate with his dog this added requirement would prevent me from being able to do this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It could be possible to allow certain dogs more leeway with the correct training. For instance, if a dog graduates from a "puppy school" and is found to be well-behaved, they could be allowed in more places off-lead, rather than punishing all dog owners for the actions of a few bad eggs. Dogs could have different tags or harnesses for easy identification. Dogs with kiwi aversion training, or similar programs, could even be allowed in areas of higher biodiversity, as they have been shown not to pose a threat to wildlife. This system would incentivize proper training rather than further restricting the already limited number of places where dogs can enjoy a modicum of freedom.<br><br>Additionally, the current dog tags are quite poorly made. On many, the surface has worn smooth, and the QR codes are no longer scannable. I have personal tags on my dog that are the same age and barely scratched, so I'm not sure why the official tags are of such low quality. | Samuel O'Sullivan |
| 29915 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>So you have more control over your dog and know he is close and where your dog is at ALL times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>The footpath is a shared pedestrian area, and whilst dogs are on a short leash you can control the dog and keep it close to your body and not obstructing others, e.g a trip hazard for people and other dogs, bikes and prams on the same footpath.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Beve Thorndycroft |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>I believe in being a responsible dog owner and having protected areas for our wildlife, they are so important to our city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Because if these proposed bylaws weren't in place we wouldn't have these beautiful wildlife. They are very important to us at the Estuary. Dogs can be walked elsewhere!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>These areas need to be protected for our future generations. And dogs can kill these protected wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because dogs can run away and not be obedient e.g. not recalled and not be controlled around other people. Big dogs can knock people and children over if not controlled<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No | |
| 29916 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It is sensible for safety reasons.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I feel that the limit of 2 dogs off lead is too low, and that 3 would be better. For example I sometimes do my neighbours a favour if they are busy / unwell and take both of their dogs, together with my dog for a walk (so 3 dogs). We go to a dog exercise area and the dogs are off lead so have a good run around, and are under effective control. Under your proposal I will no longer be able to do this (i.e. be neighbourly). I know of a number of other people who would also be adversely affected by this limit. | Debby Schefer |
| 29917 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It makes it easier for everyone to use the shared path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To allow that area to function well and create more birdlife and biodiversity | Kylie Harvey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It will mean dog walkers who do handle large groups will need to be more regulated and prove they can manage all the dogs in their care.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>N/A | |
| 29919 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Maybe bigger dogs on short lead but not small<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Maybe bigger dogs but not smaller dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely need to protect wildlife some dogs are unpredictable depending on owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Agree but also need owners to pick up after their dogs here<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on the human walker<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Halswell Quarry<br>Te Kuru | Kerry Anderson |
| 29920 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many dogs are not controlled well and spoil the spaces that should be available for all to feel comfortable in. I have lived beside Nunweek Park for nearly 20 years and I used to be able to walk freely around it. The number of dogs using it has increased so much that I am restricted to the footpaths outside the park.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Barbara Owens |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | There are many dog owners who do not have their dogs on leash at all. It is daunting to the elderly and young children if you don't know how a dog is going to behave.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We definitely need to protect the wild life in our city<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One dog per person - two at most is all an owner control should things get out of hand | |
| 29921 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs on shared paths are unpredictable and often run in front of cyclists and pedestrians which can cause accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs on shared paths are unpredictable and often run in front of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians which can cause accidents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs have been seen chasing wildlife and are a threat to endangered species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely support dogs being prohibited from these areas. It is so distressing seeing dogs chasing birds like the godwits around the Southshore Spit as well as birds along the coastal pathway. The sooner dogs are banned the better.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>See above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners are not in full control of their dogs so limiting the number permitted might help ensure they retain some control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>With regards to short leashes I would like signs to specifically state the leash length permitted where such leashes are required. Many dog owners have their dogs on long retractable leashes which are useless when on shared pathways, etc. | Susan Brittan |
| 29922 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Lynnette Johannsen<br>Lynnette Johannsen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29923 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If under affective control, dogs should be allowed to walk freely.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This reduces dogs to run onto the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>These ideas are pedantic. Dog owners will only often than not, bring their dogs to public places off lead if they are under effective control. A lot of people rely on these places to walk their dog, more for their quality of life so they're not restricted to a lead. Please consider a dogs welfare. Sniffing, playing and meeting other dogs are key skills they need to learn to be safe and happy pets. Restricting them to a lead would create more of a stressor for them. | Shannon Lockie |
| 29924 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because people who think they have control of their dog off leash most often do not, especially when there is another dog present.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because people who think they have control of their dog off leash most often do not, especially when there is another dog present.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs have a hunting instinct and this would take away that risk. | Angela Adams |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>All dogs have a hunting instinct and this would take away that risk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Collectively a pack of dogs can quite quickly get out of control. | |
| 29925 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Matt Johannsen |
| 29927 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Anna Armstrong |
| 29928 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>First "short leash" is referenced regularly in the proposal. What does that mean? 1.8m? 1.2m? Or shorter?<br>It's important to me that I am not pulling the lead constantly on a walk because I trained her and pulling makes her think she has done something wrong.<br>I feel like the formed tracks in green space areas are often the better places to let the dogs have a sniff walk which helps reduce many undesirable behaviours. They should absolutely be | Julie De Joux |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | leashed but a longer line should be allowed in the green space areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I don't want to be driving and have to focus on an unleashed dog in case it runs out (which has happened to me in the last week) and as a result be less focused on the road ahead. It's also awful to be walking my dog on her 1.5m lead and dealing with those ridiculous retractable leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There is still plenty of space to exercise the dogs without endangering the other wildlife. We have a chance to create wildlife corridors and prevent genetic bottle necks in isolated populations by opening the paths for them.<br>Just a shame there is still public firework sales undoing the positive changes the council are making.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It doesn't matter if your dog is well behaved they still scare the birds. So long as there are alternative routes then the positives outweigh the negatives.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above. Creating wildlife corridors<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>People cannot possibly pay enough attention to three dogs off leash so two makes sense. And four on lead would be a limit for me<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Will there be any exceptions for people doing sports with their dogs for example bikejoring? They need to be on paths with a slightly longer lead. Same with canicross. Has the council consulted with their organizations about how the sports can continue | |
| 29932 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too ambiguous because "track" is hard to define. For example, the track to Godley Head is a busy walking track, but the tracks around Bottle Lake forest are not usually defined tracks (many are not even signposted) and are very quiet.<br>How is this going to be enforced? Tracks that are already on-lead only are not patrolled and on-lead is not enforced, so many people don't follow the on-lead rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Absolutely. Safer for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Aimee Webley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes! Too many crazy dog pack walking people out there.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Keep Bottle Lake Forest as off lead! | |
| 29938 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>The east side is so bad for uncontrolled dogs every day on the area facebook groups there's posts about free roaming dogs running around. every year in summer there are news articles about off leash uncontrolled dogs eating poison or getting sick because they swam in dirty rivers. If there was actually some enforcement it would help. As for long leashes it would help keep better control of peoples animals, if people are walking their dog on 10m leashes they don't have control of their dog running up to people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again, lack of control when your dog is 10m away from you<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are plenty of areas where dogs can roam free, an area for dogs separate to bird areas would be great. Leave some space for the wildlife to thrive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Most people cannot control so many dogs. I think this is fair | Sarah Hamzah |
| 29941 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for everyone who uses the footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks.<br>I would, however, be interested to hear how this will be monitored/enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are not always easy to control and by having them on a short leash it makes it safer.<br>I would, however, be interested to hear how this will be monitored/enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Our wildlife is in need of protecting. Too many birds have been mauled to death by dogs that were not controlled by their owners.<br>I would, however, be interested to hear how this will be monitored/enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support the proposal for the Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary - I would, however, be interested to hear how this will be monitored/enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Farmers control their cattle in order to protect waterways. | Ann Vanschevensteen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dog owners should do the same.<br>I would, however, be interested to hear how this will be monitored/enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This may have a detrimental effect on some dog walkers' income, and the only 'victims' are the dogs that don't then get walked.<br>Who determines what 'appropriate skills to control a greater number of dogs' would look like?<br>Would people have to attend training?<br>Would people have to register?<br>Would there be a cost for either? | |
| 29950 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kenneth Dsouza |
| 29951 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because When I walk in Burnside Park I am constantly being run at and /or jumped at by dogs while the owners watch from nearby and all they do is smile.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Douglas Coventry |
| 29953 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Well behaved dogs stay close to owners and shouldn't be leashed. It's the bicycles that come behind at such a speed that frightens them, and they are the ones out of control. Nothing is done about that though.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Sharon Crane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Well controlled dogs are not a problem .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Far to many dog walking businesses have no control at all over the packs they take out.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please consider dogs need to run and play. We have no dog parks this side of the city, but you let cyclists do what they like running us off the paths we can use. | |
| 29954 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There has been inadequate problem definition and no exploration of the alternatives if a clear problem is defined. The current requirement for effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>There has been inadequate problem definition and no exploration of the alternatives if a clear problem is defined. The current requirement for effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There has been inadequate problem definition and no exploration of the alternatives if a clear problem is defined. The current requirement for effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There has been inadequate problem definition and no exploration of the alternatives if a clear problem is defined. The current requirement for effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There has been inadequate problem definition and no exploration of the alternatives if a clear problem is defined. The current requirement for effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Effectively controlling and cleaning-up after large numbers of dogs is implausible.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Overregulation: I have read the proposals and cannot find any data supporting any of the proposed changes. There are already too many limitations on dog owners. The extension of beach bans from 1 March to 31 March was not consulted on and should be rescinded. The CCC should allow dogs on a lead in the botanic gardens which would increase the population using this space and make people feel safer to do so.<br><br>Safety: Dogs should be viewed as the solution and not the problem e.g. there are many areas where the presence of dog walkers increases public safety and confidence. One example is Styx Mill Conservation Reserve which is screened from the road. I would like to see the attitude to regulations changed to reflect dogs as a force for good, providing benefits to the wider community.<br><br>Misleading Consultation: Under 'minor changes, the Council lists "Add a statement that dog owners should not rely on signage but should be familiar with the policy – and that we provide an interactive online map where people can check the dog control status of a place." This is hardly "minor" and is akin to telling road users to ignore parking signs as they are probably wrong. CCC has the duty of care to accurately inform the Public and should not attempt to hide behind archaic and authoritarian approaches.<br><br>I oppose the proposal "Prohibit dogs from the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve to better protect wildlife (except in and near the dog park, and the path around the predator fence)". As a | Rob Jamieson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | regular user of this Reserve I can attest to the fact that the vast majority of users of the Reserve are dog walkers. I would suggest that the remainder would not feel safe without that population and many (e.g. female runners ) would not use this Reserve at all as the area is screened from public view. The CCC is wrong-headed in treating responsible dog owners as a problem to be regulated (excluded) in this way.<br><br>I oppose the proposal: "Change The Groynes to leashed in the whole of park (except in the dog park)" as the problem definition is inadequate as is the exploration of alternatives. There are already far too many restrictions on where responsible dog owners can walk without clear explanation.<br><br>I support the proposal: "Lift the leashing requirement on the Lyttelton Recreation Ground to enable a flat space for people to exercise dogs"<br><br>I oppose the propose the proposal "Introduce new general requirements to leash dogs on sports fields (during games and practice sessions), on wharves, jetties and boardwalks, and in community gardens". Effective control is sufficient.<br><br>I oppose the proposal: "Prohibit dogs from mudflats and other key wildlife habitats around Banks Peninsula". This is a retrograde step and appears to be a move to go back to the bad old days of the Banks Peninsula District Council and outdated views of the role of dogs in society (i.e. as a problem and only suitable as farm animals).<br><br>I oppose the proposal: "Protect areas for cultural reasons with new restrictions for Ōnawe Pā Historic Reserve (wāhi tapu); Kaputone Confluence Conservation Park (rongoā/medicinal garden area); and Janet Stewart Reserve (a traditional harakeke (flax) harvesting area)". There is no proven problem to be solved and no data supporting the change. This proposal therefore fails the definition of consultation as laid down by the High Court. | |
| 29955 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bronwyn Mannng |
| 29956 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't believe this would increase public safety as people and dogs will still be walking past each other. It may make people afraid of dogs feel safer but doesn't help them if a dog is in the green space 5m from the path. Dogs on leads often increase the obstacle on a shared path especially when interacting with each other and around cyclists. This would make dog owners walk on the grass areas and would make new goat tracks which would get muddy and kill the grass. If a dog is off lead in a green space it is normally near its owner if it is back on the path or merely crossing the path to another greenspace so how do you police that.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps dogs and vehicle users safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>How many domesticated dogs are hunting or disturbing wildlife off leash? Dogs under effective control should be fine to stay out of wetland areas and on the paths or green spaces. | Hayden Strachan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>How many domesticated dogs are hunting or disturbing wildlife off leash? Dogs under effective control should be fine to stay out of wetland areas and on the paths or green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>How many domesticated dogs are hunting or disturbing wildlife off leash? Dogs under effective control should be fine to stay out of wetland areas and on the paths or green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It would be very hard to have affective control of more than two dogs off leash. | |
| 29957 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Skye Daniels |
| 29959 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>i do believe this is case by case , often i walk my dog very late at night , thus he is not leashed , but he is very well behaved<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>especially in crowded areas or areas that could put doggy or people in danger<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>a human person has 2 arms , i do not support any person having more than 2 dogs leashed or unleashed , it is unsafe and they cannot honestly say they can control more than 2 dogs at | Tania Lee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | once. also dog pack mentality is very real and if there is more than 2 dogs with the same person , the likelihood of them ganging up on another person or animal is very high<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>there should be a law about owning dogs in close proximity houses e.g. townhouses / apartments | |
| 29962 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I understand not wanting dogs to be off-leash in areas where there are wildlife, but there are many parts in the red zone where there are abandoned streets and it seems ludicrous to want dogs to be leashed on those streets, for example, Robson Ave, Morris Street. Those streets are some of the streets I regularly walk down so my dog can be off-lead and in a quiet area away from walkers, joggers, cyclists, and other dogs around the river (Avonside Drive red zone). It is nice to walk through the paddocks when they are freshly mown but when the grass is long, it's too difficult to walk through it. In winter, when it rains and the land is prone to flooding I can't walk in the grassed areas. In winter early evening, when it's getting dark, I walk my dog around the river (Avonside Road area) where there are lights. There are no lights in the middle of the red zone, so I won't walk there when it's getting dark.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not familiar with these areas so cannot provide feedback.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Page 4 - Minor changes "Add a statement that dog owners should not rely on signage but should be familiar with the policy – and that we provide an interactive online map where people can check the dog control status of a place."<br>It is unreasonable to expect dog owners always to know where they can and cannot have their dog/s off-leash. People are not necessarily going to go online every time they go to a new/unfamiliar place to check the dog control status of a place". Particularly in large areas like the red zone, it will be much easier if you could provide visual maps of the areas and rules. If there are maps, then it's more likely dog owners will check the maps, otherwise expect that a lot of people will not follow these new rules.<br><br>In general, the proposed bylaws seem very restrictive and not encouraging or positive of the council to want to get dog owners out enjoying our local outdoors. It's a shame that a few bad dog owners/dogs are spoiling for those dog owners who are responsible and have their dogs under effective control. | Dianne Maccormick |
| 29963 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This will stop the dog getting in the way of other users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>The dog is better controlled and is less likely to get onto the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>A lot of the wildlife on or near the river is not native eg swans, mallard ducks and canada geese. These birds make a lot of mess on the banks of the river so I do not have a problem with a dog disturbing these animals. Dogs should not be allowed in wetlands or planted areas to protect native species | Lesley Bolton-Ritchie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>The wording above is confusing - it states landward boundary inwards !!! It should read seaward of the landward boundary. I do not want the birds and the life of the intertidal flats of the estuary disturbed by dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It will make dog owners or dog walkers more aware of their responsibilities re their dogs. Not every one likes dogs and it can be difficult to control a lot of dogs. | |
| 29966 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The definition of a short leash isn't clear, but paths & formed tracks often form part of public green space areas, and either no, or long leashes allow dogs to explore scents along the side of the tracks and paths allowing for an engaging walk. Its unclear what problem this is trying to solve, but a poorly or untrained dog could still move across in front of someone if the handler is not being mindful of the situation. This is penalising those who take time to train their animals correctly.<br><br>Is a dog owner required to walk on the grass if they wish to let their their dog be off lead?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Christchurch roads are already mediocre for safety for cyclists, don't make them worse.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How does this affect a person if they are temporarily looking after another dog? Say a relatives dog? Dog walking the neighbours with your own? Do they need to get an exemption? This is poorly written and very generic - different breeds behaviour differently in packs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The dog control bylaw or policy should be seeking to ensure Christchurch registered dogs are trained at a certified trainer, and monitoring the certification of dog trainers. The responsible dog owner process should be improved before penalising responsible dog owners by restricting access.<br><br>The council should also look to improve the green-spaces for dogs and their handlers to ensure they are stimulating areas instead of barren paddocks such as Victoria Park dog park. The Selwyn district council has significantly better dog parks for example, as well as better facilities by ensuring plenty of rubbish bins and free bags to dispose of waste. The removal of waste bins has provided a noticeable spike in both rubbish and dog waste. | Mike Kearins |
| 29967 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We constantly walk along a shared path off Darroch street, it is very quiet which means we rarely see many other people. Having our dog on a leash because it's a shared path seems really silly when it's so quiet. I fully support this in busy areas like hagley park but in quiet suburban areas it seems over the top. | Sharnae Casper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Forcing dogs onto leashes at the groynes seems silly when so many well behaved dogs go swimming in the waterway. I think the walkway beside the dog park should remain off leash too. | |
| 29968 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It should be specific to each reserve. We go to Bottle Lake Forest and the thought of having the dog on a leash while walking on all the paths is a bit silly<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jamie Murray |
| 29971 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree dogs should be on leashes on public footpaths, but what defines a formed track? Also, if I'm walking on formed track and the dogs are running off leash on the grass, do I need to leash them every time they run over to me, even if they don't stay on the path? I think this is very vague. If the space is dogs allowed off leash under effective control then this should apply to the paths also.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Too easy for dogs to run onto the road or force other pedestrians onto the road. But what is the definition of "near roads"?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs protected also. | Andrew Jones |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I agree with all but the regulation for dogs to be on leashes when on the paths that run through the green space where they can be off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have 3 dogs, all under exceptional control when off leash, but what defines that I have the skills to control a greater number of dogs? I am constantly watching what my dogs are doing and taking action in advance to prevent issues such as getting in the way of cyclists or other pedestrians, as well as monitoring their toileting so I can collect all faeces. I see many people that are only responsible for 1 or 2 dogs that are completely oblivious to what their dog is doing at any time, especially missing when it is toileting or becoming a nuisance. Having walked 3 dogs on leashes, I think multiple dogs bunched up are more of a problem than when they are off leash and not bunched up.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I walk my dogs at Prebbleton Domain, Halswell Domain, & The Quarry Halswell, as well as storm water catchment areas on Quaifes Road. | |
| 29974 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Makes me and dog feel safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Clearer and safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Essential to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>A no brained essential<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Not really possible to effectively manage more dogs | Anne-Marie Rose |
| 29975 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Pauline Whyte |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What I am sad about, is the proposed changes to Styx Mill Conservation Area. We live close by, and it is one of our joys to walk through this area from Cavendish Rd. I'm not sure why someone feels the need to change the status here, when I'm really not sure that I have ever seen dogs off lead here, and certainly no wildlife being bothered. (Would anyone mind if some Canadian geese were bothered??😊) | |
| 29977 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It protects everyone, and better protects the dogs of responsibile owners too<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting our native flora and fauna is important. My understanding of this change is that dogs can still be walked in this area if leashed, making it safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This imperative for the safety of the public, other dog walkers and their dogs. No one can control more than 4 dogs in an emergency situation | Laura Mcchesney |
| 29981 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support that leads are required but there needs to be allowances for "long line" leads as they serve a huge purpose for dogs and their welfare when it comes to training (allowing them to sniff the environment, meet dogs without tension on the lead, help people working on lead training)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, but I think "short leads" should allow up to 3.5m in length<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think allowing under effective control or long lines would be more suited so responsible owners are not punished<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Richard Andrews |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the biggest issue you will have is finding resources to actually enforce these changes and likely have people will just ignore and carry on as they always have. | |
| 29982 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I use a long leash for my small dog which gives her freedom. As long as your dog is under effective control it should be allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I use a long leash for my small dog which gives her freedom. As long as your dog is under effective control it should be allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rebecca Walkingshaw |
| 29983 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Catherine Watson |
| 29985 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Why are we penalizing good dog owners for those who will not even pay attention to this by law?<br><br>If a dog is controlled it has no issues off lead. | Chelsea Saywemm |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above. I use a long line to train my dog for recall but I do so in a controlled manner and am very aware of people around me. Others who are not good dog owners will not care and continue as usual. Do not penalize those who are good owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 29986 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To keep everyone safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To keep everyone safe including the drivers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>To keep everyone safe | Steph G |
| 29987 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Grant Mirfin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 29988 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Not all dogs are sociable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Important to have control of dog at all times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Agree with protecting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Some people on phones while dog is running free not paying attention<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I've witnessed people not cleaning up after their dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some people are taking up to 10 dogs to the park offering day care ripping off owners by saying they walk them when all they are doing is letting them run loose in the park<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The groynes not safe | Victoria Daley |
| 29989 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs need to be. Often the owners have good control. IT would be better to say dogs need to be under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Just in case!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I feel some dogs may harm the wild life, but most won't. My own dog has no interest in anything but sticks!!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, not all dogs are going to hurt the wildlife. The onus should be on owners to be sensible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See above | Ang Whitlam |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I believe more than two dogs, you should have to do a course.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs are not all bad! | |
| 29990 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>The owner has more control with the dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are controlled more on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Good top protect the wildlife. Also good for the dogs to have a good run around in a controlled space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Joff Mooar |
| 29991 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for walkers runners and other dog owners who do have their dogs on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's just safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Viv Logie |
| 29992 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>In dog friendly green space areas I would expect members of the public to be a bit more accepting of dogs running free. Granted the owner has good control and the dogs are not aggressive | Jamie Hansen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | which I appreciate can be hard to police<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Out of respect for non-dog owners I always have my dog leashed on shared footpaths etc and I find it incredibly frustrating when other dog owners have their dogs loose. Some owners are great and have perfect control of their dogs but the majority of owners seem to be unphased by the fact that their dog is bounding on up to strangers and other dogs which I find very rude, annoying and I can understand why members of the public complain<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think that is a fair and reasonable plan<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Apologies I don’t know this area at all so feel like I cannot comment on what is and isn’t appropriate for dogs there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>If there are issues with the safety of wildlife then I agree it’s fair to have dogs leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Multiple times I have been surrounded by upwards of 10 dogs who are clearly out with one dog walker who cannot control the amount of dogs let alone monitor each one for defecating etc.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It would be great to have a fenced dog exercise area in Halswell. The quarry is great but tends to be occupied by irresponsible and ignorant dog owners. And obviously having an unfenced area next to a wetlands area is not ideal for wildlife protection | |
| 29993 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It’s impractical to leash and unleash dogs in some areas if they’re passing over a pathway within a green area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is a no brainer to me. Very unsafe for dogs not to be leashed in this context.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It can be hard to keep dogs out of the water if they want to swim, but it’s worthwhile for wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Is this really a huge wildlife area?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Brittany Turnbull |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Absolutely this is a no brainer. Very smart idea<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No thank you. | |
| 29994 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because it's terrifying thinking someones dog could run out and I'll hit it with my car and it'll be MY fault.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Courtney Bartlett |
| 29995 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are many trails in the hills where this would be very inconvenient. Makes perfect sense around roads and cars but off roads should be at the owners discretion. There is nothing better than running up and down the port hills with my dog free to follow or leads as she pleases.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>These areas risk vehicle accidents. While I think it should be the owners discretion but understand the risk is higher here and such a blanket rule could be beneficial.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I see no reason why dogs shouldn't be allowed in such areas if they are leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense, dogs shouldn't be free around nesting or feeding areas. However again, adjacent trails should allow dogs on<br>leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is this really a problem? Sounds like more expense to monitor those who "have appropriate skills". Surely also its the skills of the dogs off leash which are more relevant here too.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Tim Parkin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I have personally not seen any issues with the existing rules. The common sense of owners should just be coupled with signage informing people of local risks.<br><br>I try to get my dog out and about as many places as I can.<br><br>I also find that blanket signs "lambing in progress" for example, when there are no lambs, result in people ignoring such signs when they next come across them. | |
| 29996 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog is very well trained. He is a border collie and loves running in the footpath around our neighbourhood while I bike on the road. I have sustained an ankle injury that only permits me to bike, and because I live in a residential area with a small-medium yard, my BC needs to be run. Unfortunately I can't run with him so I bike, but I bike on the road and he runs on the footpath. It would be a hazzard if I had a long line lead attaching him to me while I bike the footpath. Bodhi also hates being held back by a lead around other dogs. He gets anxious and has far more positive reactions when he can just be a dog and go up and sniff another dog when they're in his space. No negative reactions!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>My dog has been kiwi aversion trained to not go for bird wildlife. I know this is not the same for other dogs, but he loves going along the Avon for a swim in summer and is so trustworthy with the wildlife. It would be such a shame to enforce this as it's his absolute happy place being able to jump and frolic in the Avon<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I do believe some dogs are poorly trained around birds. Even though mine is very good, there are other places (like along the Avon) that I'd take him to because I respect the space birds have and agree it would stress the wildlife too much to bring a dog (no matter how well they're trained) near nesting grounds. Just keep geeen spaces and places along the Avon open for docs to be dogs and play around in!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Although it's only my dog and I that go on walks together, I have got a dog walker who will occasionally take my dog and her 2 dogs out when she has time. This is fantastic for my dog, and it is great peace of mind for me knowing he gets socialisation and walkies when I am unable to do so. If this came in to effect, my dog walker wouldn't be able to take her dogs and mine altogether and this would be a disaster. I know many other dog walkers whose main job is to dog walk, so this would affect them too. | Tori Taylor |
| 29997 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Never seen/heard of this to be a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Never seen/heard of this to be a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Never seen/heard of this to be a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Blair Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Never seen/heard of this to be a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Never seen/heard of this to be a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Prevent dogs without effective control being out in public<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Responsible dog owners will abide by any new laws passed, but many won't. This needs to be addressed at the source: make it harder for people to get dogs, mandatory desexing with an exemption process etc | |
| 29999 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a dog owner, I've had close calls with cyclists and a retractable lead. As a cyclist myself, I've now switched to a shorter lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again, safer for cyclists and pedestrianas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Brockdin Barr |
| 30001 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs could get caught up with a bike if on a shared track causing an accident<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Better control les chance of something happening unexpectedly<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Support wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Support wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Nicola Hughes |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Protect wetlands<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More chance of control of dogs | |
| 30002 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The definition of a short leash is too short to allow natural sniffing behaviour in my opinion, and basically renders a large number of public spaces unusable for dog owners. What if you want to walk on a shared path in a park and it's pouring with rain and theres no one around, and you don't want to walk on the grass... do you still need to have your dog in heel position and not allow them the freedom to sniff and meander??<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I do not like the definition of a short leash for the reasons provided above. It does not allow freedom to express natural behaviour, and for some dogs all they ever get is leashed walks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't use any of these basin areas personally to walk. If dogs are restricted, I hope that cats are being actively fenced out and/or trapped in these areas, or there is no point in restricting dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As long as the exemption process isn't too complicated/expensive. Lots of people involved in competitive dog sports with extremely well trained dogs have multiple dogs that they walk off leash. | Billie Malyon |
| 30003 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs love sniffing when on formed tracks. Having them off leash and under effective control probably makes it more seemless for walkers - those walking the dog don’t have to keep stopping while their dog sniffs and the people behind them aren’t affected with all the stop-go walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Kelly Henderson |
| 30004 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Chloe Drayton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No because there are areas where dogs aren't allowed if people are concerned. But all signs say, dogs need to be under control, and well trained dogs will follow instructions so it's cruel to not let them be able to wander around and enjoy exploring the area as well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Please see feedback above. It is animal cruelty to effectively enforce that dogs have to be on a lead 24/7 unless in a dog park. They should have the freedom to explore and enjoy their walk too. Again, there are spots that aren't dog friendly if people are dog adverse.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs aren't the issue here, people are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Forcing dogs into a small field and refusing to let them anywhere else is cruel. It will eventually become fenced off, and effectively just becomes a dog park for them to run around in. That should not be their only option. Why are they not allowed to enjoy nature the same as everyone else??<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Why does this have anything to do with the council? Stop trying to overstep your mark. For the majority, people aren't stupid and don't need your regulations to decide how many dogs they can or can't handle.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As stated above, I don't not believe that it's fair and reasonable to expect dogs to be permanently leashed unless in a dog park which is effectively what you are trying to bring in. That is so cruel to dogs, and I don't understand how this is even a proposal. I personally have not seen any wildlife harmed by dogs, but if this is really a big issue then there has to be a better way to manage it than enforcing leashes. Maybe a fine system for dogs destroying habitats or killing the animals if that's the issue??<br><br>I also don't agree with no signage and just an expectation that people will 'just know'. If you're going to enforce these awful and cruel policies, make sure it's sign posted so people who don't keep up with these changes know.<br><br>Personally I couldn't imagine owning a dog and then forcing them to only ever walk around on a leash, could you really imagine doing that to another animal? Some people do not like taking their animal to dog parks, then what? They effectively will never get to roam free again? Seems so cruel and unnecessary. | |
| 30005 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I love going there with my well controlled dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Oliver Hyde |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30006 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Jacob Williams |
| 30007 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Far too restrictive. Dog enjoys being off leash. Apply common sense when dog is in the way of other people using a space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Sam Mcmillan |
| 30009 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Good for safety on all parts<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Tom Blain |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30013 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No, if an owner is comfortable with having their dog off leash on a path and confident that it won't harm anyone then that is their responsibility, NOT the councils.<br>If something were to happen to the dog, that is the owners responsibility.<br>If a few people have fallen over because a dog has been in the way or has even knocked someone over, that is also on the owner and their responsibility. MOST dog owners would be horrified if their dog hurt someone else and would either; leash the dog regardless of the rules, or train their dog to remain under control.<br>For those dog owners who are reckless and wouldn't care if their dog harmed someone, they are unlikely to follow the leashing rules anyway and these people shouldn't be used as the baseline to create rules, that is unfair.<br>If the reasoning behind this is that a few people have been inconvenienced or don't like dogs on pathways, well that's life... We can't be creating rules to try and protect everyone from being inconvenienced, this is not a sensible argument. It's an inconvenience for someone to have to leash their dog, especially if they are running with them on a path, pushing a stroller or even just having a nice walk with a friend and their dog.<br>This seems like an over the top, bubble wrapping, society categorizing proposal that is definitely not what our taxpayer money should be going towards!<br>We are one of the few countries with an amazing amount of beautiful tracks and great landscapes, but you're not allowed to take your dog to most of these, EVEN WITH A LEASH! Yes, to protect endangered fauna and flora, that is understood. But on a path where dogs are allowed, that is absolutely insane. The last place left to let your dog off leash, great.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above, except this is more tricky, only in regards to the paths near roads because the only dogs I have ever seen on paths near roads are either extremely well trained and behaved or are running scared because they have escaped. So no rule is going to change this situation. As said above, for those dog owners who are reckless, these rules will not necessarily be followed.<br>Also as mentioned above, MOST dog owners love their dogs and wouldn't want to put them or anyone else in danger so they will leash them when appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>No, I think the red zone, where no one can build anymore, should be utilized as much as we can. This feels unfair and again, like a categorizing proposal based off a precise scenario. Not all dogs damage wildlife, actually very few do! BUT, ALL dogs love exploring. Restricting dogs to just a mowed grass area is sad, like giving them outside time in prison where they just stand around. Yes, some dogs like playing fetch, and that's about all the fun you get out of a mowed grass area. Try putting our taxpayer money towards cleaning up the pollution, stormwater runoff and actually building something for the community rather than taking it away.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This has some sense to it. Especially if the rules are only in effect when these birds are nesting and migrating. For other times of the year, there is no harm and dogs should be allowed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This is appropriate to help with the stormwater basins themselves, Te Kuru Wetland is very close to the Haslwell Quarry which is a better location, but again mowed grassed areas are NOT the solution to restrict where dogs are allowed!!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I've never seen anyone out of control with a group of dogs, I have no comment on this. | Cam Mcdermid |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please stop using the taxpayers money to make MORE RULES!! Provide something rather than restricting it.<br>And stop seeing dogs as these destructive animals that harm and degrade the environment, we have people, materials and machinery that do worse! | |
| 30015 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be on a lead on the footpath around roads, but I think shared paths and formed tracks are a totally different category, the council should take this into consideration.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If they are on a lead they are on a lead. This is petty measuring the lead. The vast majority use a shortlead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>All very petty.<br>The few people who are bad dog owners with bad ruin it for everyone else.<br>My dog walker successfully has the dogs off lead and in total control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>What are they?<br>I think overall the council are proposing strict changes that are going backwards. Overall not good.<br>Why don't you put time and money into dog control for the dogs that attack and get complained about. I know for a fact that dogs that have attacked other dogs and people, get off with no reprimand. | Sally Fitzsimmons |
| 30016 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Up to the owners , I have never seen a problem<br>So many other things in CC that need your attention , this is nonsense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A lot of these questions are tricky and worded to easily create a fake poll , your rapidly loosing respect of your community<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Your effectively wanting to punish all dog owners for the behaviour of a few<br>This is driven by grumpy old people and dog haters , with a bias , it’s nannying and meddling<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>You are penalizing good dog owners for bad dog owners behaviour<br>Your nannying people not needed | Billy Mccall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yet another ccc own goal of nonsense,<br>was caught creating stories to ban dogs and tried to get 1000s destroyed<br>But his agenda was exposed , very embarrassing for the Christchurch city council.<br>And fyi everyone 100% calls it the cashmere wetlands , yet another woke nonsense<br>Ps , I'm Maori<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I don't own a dog but never seen a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I often experience large groups of dogs when walking daily , never a problem<br>Always a pleasure always nice and approachable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I AM NOT DOG OWNER BUT!!<br>Like many others I am shocked at this ccc meddling , there is not a problem<br>9 out of 10 walkers have a dog<br>This is being driven by a small percentage of dog haters who need to work on thier own fears ,<br>All this so called surveys why have I , my wife or our two friends never been surveyed ?<br>Answer because it's selective and manipulative in who it asks , it's fake news .<br>When responsible dog owners train thier dogs the long lead is crucial , banning it is idiotic,<br>Rules made by dog haters .<br>Where I walk 90 % of the people have dogs and we love it<br>A bigger problem is cyclists in large groups powering through expecting pedestrians to step aside<br>And lemon sucking sour old people ( my age )<br>Who just like you have to meddle and spoil the day of others (,a reputation ccc is gaining.)<br>Perhaps we need to ban them , but I could just smile and work around them and not be a Karen | |
| 30017 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely this is a problem for all dog walkers and on more than one occasion I've seen a walker drop the dogs at a dog park and then sit in their car. Needs regulating for the dogs and for all dog walkers | Sue Ogden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30018 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There are those that own small dogs that walk them unleashed on paths that just don't care if their dog runs up to other dogs that are leashed. I find it frustrating especially when they're response is either that ours should be muzzled or theirs are friendly. How do we know that?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I am all for protecting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I am supportive of protecting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This should depend on owners recall and control if unleashed. If they know they do not have good recall they should be leashed. I have 3 dogs, I like all 3 to have the freedom to run when off leash in an open area such as the RedZone. But they have good recall if other dogs are seen and leashed straight away until clear. I agree leashed if you have four. But not so keen on two if unleashed.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Owners should leash their dogs immediately when they can clearly see other owners with their dogs coming especially if they have recalled their dogs and leashed them to avoid conflict. Some owners completely ignore the fact they can see another dog owner has noticed them, recalled their dog and leashed them until it's clear to release them. They just allow their dogs to run freely to approach that persons dog thinking it's ok when it's clearly not. Every dog reacts differently to this situation. | Felauai Lemamea |
| 30019 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I often walk my dog in Hansens Park off lead most of the time.<br>The big problem is cyclists going really fast, sometimes frightening my dog.<br>I have had abuse yelled at me from cyclists for no reason.<br>They sometimes come up behind on the paths silently so I have no idea they are there.<br>Cyclists who want to go fast should not be on shared paths through parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Jan Wright |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30022 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I support this as when I bring my dogs for a walk, we encounter larger dogs off the lead and it distresses my dogs. Most of the time owners are on phones and not paying adequate attention to protect their dogs and others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, we need to protect our wildlife and native birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, this is a great idea, that those properly trained should only exceed this amount.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Areas such as Travis Wetland still has a high volume of owners brining dogs around it. I think additional support is required to established areas to ensure they are not forgotten. | William Conran |
| 30024 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Is Bottle lake forest considered a shared space? My dog doesn't walk on streets due to being scared of traffic so I frequent places such as bottle. I value the fact she can explore or escape to the trees when she is nervous of bikes etc. She is wonderful around dogs and I feel this is in part because she has some freedom in this space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rebecca Latimer |
| 30025 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that this can be managed by people being sensible. It is important to me that my dog is able to have a run when no one else is around. He is almost always on a leash, but it makes | Nicola Tiffen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | him very happy to be off the leash for a few minutes to he can have a run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, this is fine, as I would usually have my dog on a leash in this situation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am not sure of what areas you are proposing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is difficult to control more than two dogs, I think. | |
| 30026 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Have you considered those dog owners who use mobility scooters / walking aids and need to be on a footpath? How can they walk their dogs off a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Corinne Paine |
| 30027 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Saftey for the dog and everyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again safety for the dog and everyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Gail Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dogs on a leash are not a threat to wildlife or anyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs on a leash are not a threat to wildlife or anyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs on a leash are not a threat to wildlife or anyone else<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sometime dog walkers struggle to control so many dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes - I would love a designated dog park in Lyttelton - fully fenced | |
| 30028 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It makes you feel like the owner has more control and you know the distance for the dog to not come close to you<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>for the key reasons stated - to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>When you see people with a few dogs, they do not look like they are in much control especially if something happened. people need to feel safe<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I don't think dogs need to go to shops. I understand some people might have to take them on buses, but really hope they don't let bigger dogs who cannot be in cages on.<br><br>My reason is I have an autistic child who also has other development issues who is terrified of dogs. We have had been put in so many bad situations due to this and dog owners just not caring.<br>We have been abused at Bunnings by a dog owner who barked at my child and I asked them to move so we could go down an aisle. I cannot leave my child my home, but dogs can be left at home.<br><br>People at beaches/parks/playgrounds don't obey the rules already, so I'm not sure how much it will change. | Cora Howison |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I would like to see something coming in place where I could maybe be able to report a situation where the owners are not following the rules and it is affecting my child (where we have to leave somewhere because the owner feels like their dog has more right than our child). | |
| 30031 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths, yes. Shared paths/formed tracks don't really make sense, there is space for either individuals or dogs to avoid each other in the instance that either may not be comfortable interacting with a dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's for the safety of the dogs and motorists to avoid them entering into traffic. It is also considerate to leash dogs on footpaths near roads so that they are restricted in their interactions with individuals and other dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as there is clear signage/fencing to indicate areas that are appropriate for off leash dog activity. Protecting wildlife and wetlands are important. Having exclusive off-leash areas for dogs is also an essential aspect of ensuring that the wildlife and wetlands are protected so that people are not letting their dogs off in areas where it is not appropriate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is this including leashed dogs? If a dog is on a short (1.2m or less) lead then it surely shouldn't matter if they're in the area?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How would you manage having areas of on vs off-lead dogs?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I like the idea of dog walkers should have to complete a course about dog control and/or be certified by CCC to have multiple dogs off leash in the appropriate areas? Would also be good for CCC to have a database of these 'certified' dog walkers who get specific notifications of potential changes of dog policies, notification of summer dog area rules, notifications of toxic algae in certain areas when identified etc.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>When you register your dog/s each year, it would be good to have a digital copy of the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy distributed out once the registration is complete. It would hopefully provide good clarity to everyone on what is expected. As well as a map of all areas where off-leash is welcome. | Ruby Familton |
| 30032 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that it's the owners responsibility to ensure their dog is appropriately trained to be able to walk off leash.<br>Most dogs who have gone through a puppy school programme, who have owners who are committed to ensuring their behavious is acceptable, a lead isn't necessary.<br><br>This rule would work for the minority of people who cannot control their dogs, but the majority of us can.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I think that it's the owners responsibility to ensure their dog is appropriately trained to be able to walk off leash.<br>Most dogs who have gone through a puppy school programme, who have owners who are committed to ensuring their behavious is acceptable, a lead isn't necessary.<br><br>This rule would work for the minority of people who cannot control their dogs, but the majority of us can.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Marie Willman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>It's impractical to allow dogs free roam in the grassed areas, but when they approach a pathway amidst these areas, they must suddenly be leashed. Again, this comes down to the owners control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>see above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Again, depends on the owners control over their dogs. What constitutes the 'skills' to apply control? Is there a specific certification, or a test to achieve this? Or is that subjective? | |
| 30034 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Thé définition of a path is vague (eg .. is that the worn track that loops the halswell quarry fields?)<br>What is the definition of a short leash?<br>A dogs natural behaviour is to weave and move from smell to smell to provide the mental stimulation that is the purpose of the walk. A short leash does not allow for that freedom.<br><br>Because the type of leash doesn't address the issue of owners who don't respect public spaces and maintain effective control over their dogs, instead it just restricts the ability for good owners to allow their dog to engage in natural behaviours.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long lines / no leash are a pain and risk in a restricted area such as a footpath next to a road . This makes sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Same comments in regards to short leashes in other shared areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Full prohibit for the protection of other wildlife makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense, assuming an exemption for dog walking professionals who demonstrate experience and knowledge of dog handling | Shelly Robinson |
| 30038 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Gives other peiple even other dog owners confidence that the owners of dogs they encounter are under effective control. Too often while walking my dog I will encounter other dogs off leash and I have no idea how friendly they may be to me and my dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Chris Stone |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Gives other peiple even other dog owners confidence that the owners of dogs they encounter are under effective control. Too often while walking my dog I will encounter other dogs off leash and I have no idea how friendly they may be to me and my dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Good compromise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Good move.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Good move to protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Just makes plain sense.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No. | |
| 30039 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The groynes rule shouldn't apply to the fenced in spaces , the dog park is to busy .<br>I agree to ensure dogs are leashed at the water way due to protecting birds etc . However not the enclosed parts next to the dog park | Leanne Claasen |
| 30040 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for others and my dog from other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for our dogs and prevents dogs from running into the road and after others in the footpath | Janine Greenwood |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife and the environment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife and others in the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect our dog from dangers and the environment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Better control is needed and also makes it possible to remove dog waste | |
| 30041 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think it depends on whether your dog has good recall or is reactive or not. Dogs who are seen as reactive should definitely be on a leash however dogs who are well trained with good recall should not have to be on a leash at all times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think dogs should be on a leash on roads and footpaths etc purely for the owner and dogs own safety, as well as the public and some people are fearful or unsure about dogs especially in busy populated areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jess Brown |
| 30045 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Nicola Griffin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30046 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think effective control of dogs in these areas is sufficient<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Isabella Blunt |
| 30048 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't see what the issue is here - dog's by nature like to sniff things and should be able to explore and sniff around greenspaces as long as they are under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>to ensure that dogs aren't running out into the roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Some of us don't want to go for a walk in mowed grass and want to walk along the paths with our dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There needs to be some common sense here and dog owners need to be part of the final decision making | Natasha Evans |
| 30051 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On footpaths by roads is absolutely sensible however on formed tracks in greenspaces is impractical and hugely impacts dog owners ability to use the shared recreational space. | Holly Lee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Dog owners should absolutely take responsibility for not allowing their dogs to obstruct other users but having a leash rule on any path within a greenspace is unnecessarily restrictive<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I understand the reasons but having a specific lead length seems overly prescriptive and not allowing common sense to prevail. A short lead by a main road is great but a longer leash might be perfectly appropriate next to quieter roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Restricting access to some areas of the river for wildlife is perfectly fair but taking away any river access from dogs is removing an important resource for summer where dogs can cool off. Most dogs create no more disturbance to wildlife than rowers, kayakers, and fishermen.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is fair as protected birds are here and there are nearby options for sea access<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>More than half of users of these areas are dog owners and this takes away a massive resource. There are already limited areas where dogs can be walked off leash or where people can go jogging with their dogs. Fencing/restricting smaller areas would be a better balance<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would support a limit of 3 dogs off leash with exemptions for licensed dog walking businesses who are proven to be competent<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No. | |
| 30055 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As it’s safer for everyone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Let’s keep all animals safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>What about peoples who walk<br>Dogs for a living ? | Christopher Mcfie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30056 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If any change is to be made, change it to under effective control. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into training their dogs to listen and come when called, don't punish those who can control their dogs just because some people can't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If any change is to be made, change it to under effective control. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into training their dogs to listen and come when called, don't punish those who can control their dogs just because some people can't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If any change is to be made, change it to under effective control. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into training their dogs to listen and come when called, don't punish those who can control their dogs just because some people can't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>If any change is to be made, change it to under effective control. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into training their dogs to listen and come when called, don't punish those who can control their dogs just because some people can't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If any change is to be made, change it to under effective control. A lot of people have put a lot of effort into training their dogs to listen and come when called, don't punish those who can control their dogs just because some people can't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As someone who walks dogs for a living I see far too many people who walk more dogs than they can handle and it is just chaos and fights waiting to happen. | Shayde Wright |
| 30057 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs approaching strangers or jumping at bikes on shared paths can be dangerous or intimidating to people trying to walk or cycle past. Unleashed dogs running around in the greenspace area are fine, it's just the ones on the track that get in the way and their owner can't control them effectively if they're on a retracting leash or none at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs approaching strangers or jumping at bikes on shared paths can be dangerous or intimidating to people trying to walk or cycle past.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I'm in favour of protecting wildlife from dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I'm in favour of protecting wildlife from dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I'm in favour of protecting wildlife from dogs | Jenny Buckley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have never had an negative experiences with a person failing to control a large number of dogs. In my experience the people who go out with large numbers of dogs do have the appropriate skills.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | |
| 30058 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner and consider myself responsible, I do not observe that in many other dog owners. There are many people who have no control or care to control their dogs when walking. It is not OK for a dog to run up to another dog not under control of an owner, this is how fights start. There are increasing numbers of unsocialised of dogs, again due to owner ignorance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense when people are walking, parents with prams, older people with walking frames, not to have a dog who may not be well controlled running freely. It can also be intimating to some people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It is essential to protect these unique areas, there are plenty of other places for us to walk our dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am unfamiliar with this area, but the proposal seems to be sensible and does offer compromise. Again, preservation of wildlife is so important. .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some people are unable to manage even 1 dog!<br>However, professional dog walkers who are well capable may be adversely affected by this. | Lorraine Parker |
| 30061 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I feel this is far too broad and unnecessarily restrictive. Dog parks don't suit all dogs. Our dog likes to walk and cover some ground - not play, and she's not at all interested in the agility equipment that other dogs are. Green-space areas and storm-water basins are by far the best place to exercise her (and us).<br>We walk our dog off-lead or on a retractable lead as much as possible - and for ONE reason only - it is by far better for the dog. They exercise better and can be their natural selves. When off-lead our dog completely ignores the vast majority of other dogs we meet. I have noticed that if I put her on-lead (e.g. if the other dog is on-lead) she is much more likely to bark a warning at them. I don't know why. My guess is that when she feels she is restrained she feels more threatened and that she has to defend herself.<br>And my dog is my mental health lifeline! She forces me to get out and exercise in the fresh air twice a day, EVERY day, when it would be all too easy not to. This is one of the best things I do for my mental health.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To me, this is basic road safety and as far as I know it has always been this way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Wolfgang Hill |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I don't support this as I don't support the "short leash everywhere" proposal at all. And I don't have much faith that the council can actually keep 200 hectares of grass sufficiently mowed for it to be useful for dog-walking. We walk our dog off-lead or on a retractable lead as much as possible - and for ONE reason only - it is by far better for the dog. They exercise better and can be their natural selves.<br>Our dog is 11 1/2 years old- that means we have had about 11 years of walking her twice a day every day. And in that time she has never once harmed another person, a child, another dog, or any wildlife. Yet she has brought immeasurable health benefits (both physical and mental) to my girlfriend and I with her companionship, and by forcing us to get out and get some exercise. My dog is my mental health lifeline!<br>I simply don't understand why this is now deemed so dangerous and unsafe that the council needs to step in and create more rules, regulations, and restrictions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support this as long as the areas affected are specific and well sign-posted and are not just "everywhere somewhere near where someone once saw a bird".<br>And provided that there are adequate alternatives provided for people to exercise their dogs. Otherwise I feel the council should just stop pussy-footing around and ban dogs entirely. Isn't that the actual endgame here?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again I feel this is just far too restrictive for no real need. I no longer take my dog to the Halswell Quarry Dog Park in the spring and summer months as I consider it too unsafe with the number of cyclists that ride through there at speed and with no regard for other park users. I don't think they would ride like that through a children's playground, but somehow a dog playground is different and doesn't count. So we go to Te Kuru instead as it is safer for her.<br>When I walk my dog at Te Kuru in the colder months the ONLY other people we ever see are also walking dogs (and getting some good exercise themselves). I guess the council would rather leave this wonderful but expensive facility empty rather then let dog walkers enjoy it.<br>Our dog is 11 1/2 years old - that means we have had about 11 years of walking her twice a day every day. And in that time she has never once harmed another person, a child, another dog, or any wildlife. Yet she has brought immeasurable health benefits (both physical and mental) to my girlfriend and I with her companionship, and by forcing us to get out and get some exercise.<br>I simply don't understand why this is now so dangerous and unsafe that the council needs to step in and create more rules, regulations, and restrictions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen people struggling to control large groups of dogs. It actually requires special training and specific understanding of dogs and how they think and behave. | |
| 30062 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>dog saftey<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>dog safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>not necessarily if the person has effective control as its mot about how many dogs one person has if they are all behaving as one person can have one dog and no control | Jodi O'Loughlin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All good owners have good dogs , if everyone does their bit to pick up poo and keep their dogs under control there should be no problem. | |
| 30063 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as they aren't bothering anyone, I'm fine to see them on the path unleashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Its dangerous with cars<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If they are on short lead, then I think its fine but there needs to be enforcement and fines if they are off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Thats good you've allowed some parks to open up so people can have their dogs under effective control | Gloria Wallis |
| 30064 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as there is room for me to walk, I don't mind if they are off their lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes due to driveways and the road<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes if they have all that other room<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes for the shore birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It depends, there are many places, if the dogs are on a short lead here then thats okay.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | David Wallis |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30067 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This unfairly limits and punishes dogs that are well trained and owners who actively control their dogs on leash. It also limits the opportunities for dogs to practice and train which will ultimately lead to less dogs in Christchurch being capable of suitable off leash. New Zealand already has so many restrictions around dog ownership, this would be a further infringement on the ability of dogs to be part of our culture.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I feel this issue can be affectively managed for requiring dogs to be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I feel this issue can be affectively managed for requiring dogs to be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I feel this issue can be affectively managed for requiring dogs to be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Provided dogs are under control I do not see any reason to have a limit on the number that one person can be in control of. Once again this seems an unnecessary barrier to dogs being a healthy part if Nz culture<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>While I strongly support environmental protection, this can be effectively achieved with allowing dogs to be on a short leash. Other policy changes appear to be unnecessary and ignore the value that dogs and dog ownership has for New Zealanders. | Zoe Morris Trainor |
| 30068 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This would be fine as long as dogs are allowed on the pathways and grassy areas. They deserve to be able to use the open spaces too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Wendy Stump |
| 30069 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Kevin Harmer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I agree with dogs on a leash, but 1.500 metres is too short, should be 3.000 metres.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a frequently walked route by dog owners and the 1.500 metre leash is too short, could be extended to 5.000 metres in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Maximum number should be 3.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There will be a problem with the Groynes Leash requirement outside Dog Park. This park needs to be extended or a similar area created for small dogs so they can be exercised safely. too many aggressive big dogs when small dogs are in same area. | |
| 30072 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Please think about areas like bottle lake forest - 99% of the people I see walking the forest tracks are walking their dogs (off leash and responsibly). It's not fair to well behaved dogs & responsible owners to require them to be leashed, especially when there (generally) are only other dog walkers around. It is also not safe for people to wander through the forest off track, yet that's what you're proposing for dogs to be exercised off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>There are more pedestrians on paths and areas near roads so I think this is reasonable. Also safer for the dogs to be on leash near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't agree with pathways being under the general leashed rule in this area. Most pedestrians in this area are dog walkers and are walking their dogs responsibly & under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Jayne Curtis |
| 30073 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>As a runner and cyclist I do not want to be tripped up by an uncontrolled dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As a runner and cyclist I do not want to be tripped up by an uncontrolled dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the wildlife in these areas and to prevent uncontrolled/undetected fouling by dogs | Bruce Steven |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the wildlife in these areas and to prevent uncontrolled/undetected fouling by dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect the wildlife in these areas and to prevent uncontrolled/undetected fouling by dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I don't have confidence in peoples ability to effectively control multiple dogs when they are off leash. | |
| 30074 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because there's a 1000 different variables, what if you and your dog are the only ones there, what if you have perfect control over your dog by voice command.. Footpaths on roadsides are understandable and safer with cars but shared paths, and formed tracks in green areas is taking away a lot of space for exercise and enjoyment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Self explanatory really.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It just doesn't seem fair that dogs and dog owners can't go to scenic areas, we're already banned from so many. So many walks I'd love to do but don't go because my dog can't come.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>ABSOLUTELY NOT, and this one makes me kinda angry.. That space is used by so many dog walkers and is one of the last decent natural areas we have within city limits. I believe the wildlife is aware of the high traffic volumes through there and for that reason choose not to nest there or choose a more appropriate place where humans can't reach, naughty boys island is an example despite being a slightly different area or the opposite side of the estuary . But above all that, I use that area a lot with my dog for years and it's rare I see a problem. I recall 1 incidence in an 8 year period where I saw a dog chasing a bunch of swans and those are the people who let the rest of us down but are few and very far between. Whether you're aware or not, I have seen endless motor cross bikes or just unregistered bikes and motor scooters and similar screaming through the area frightening wildlife everywhere and people. What is done about them.? You call the police and they can't be bothered as details of a motor cross bike is near impossible or the bike and person is long gone. Then theres people doing burnouts and drinking alcohol and having car park parties on occasion near the sailing club.. the litter is atrocious and dumping of rubbish is frequent as I'm sure you know. Dog walking is barely the issue yet here we are being punished again and all I've mentioned above will still continue. How is that even remotely fair.?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know much about these but I would question wildlife nesting in a stormwater basin. Will you be banning storms and floods to facilitate nesting too.?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>People with multiple dogs are usually a problem.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'm not sure if this is part of anything so I apologise if not, but one thing that annoys me with dog ownership is you can lose your "responsible dog owner status" by simply moving houses and suddenly not having an accessible front door without dog interference or however the law is worded. You can be doing everything else perfectly without an issue but a simple property layout, out of someone's control can jeopardise that. Again, seems incredibly unfair. | Steve Roberts |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30075 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of children ( especially young toddlers), old people and cyclists. I do not appreciate dogs approaching me and I am always concerned that my grandchildren may get threatened or attacked by dogs. We often have dogs roaming around in our area because their owners are irresponsible. I have made many complaints to dog control. Whenever I go to places like the beach where there are clear dog-rules, there are always dog-owners who ignore them and there is never anyone enforcing them. Is there going to be any enforceable change?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because we have problems in Hornby with dogs that are not on a leash at all. They roam up driveways and defaecate everywhere in the playgrounds and their owners never pick up after them. I have had to chase off dogs from my property and I have seen dogs in my area jump up and bark at people who are walking along the footpath. It is frightening for the people, especially children. Some kids will not go the local shop because of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Because as a conservationist, it is important to protect our wildlife, especially endangered wildlife, from roaming dogs. It is in a dog's nature to hunt. When they are on a leash they can be restrained.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the same reasons as above. There are plenty of other areas dog owners can take their pets to for exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>For the above reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because a lot of dog owners have little respect for others rights to use public spaces. I do not believe one person is capable of controlling more than two dogs especially if there is an encounter with another group of dogs. Once an attack starts, it is very difficult to stop. without someone getting hurt.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like stricter measures enforced in this area named below. A lot of people are slack about paying active attention - so dogs are left to intrude on others enjoyment of the outdoors.<br>The problems relate to dogs running around off leads, leaving stools which are not picked up by owners and generally barking unnecessarily.<br>Change the definition of under effective control<br>Change under effective control to ensure any dog owner or person in control of a dog in a public place pays more active attention to the dog. See section 3.1 in the policy (Obligations of dog owners) and clause 5 of the bylaw (Control of dogs in all public places and at all times) for the definition and more information. | Meriam Milne |
| 30076 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because some tracks they should be allowed off leash under effective control. Short leash only does not provide enough freedom of movement for most dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The current regulation of short leash on roads is suitable. Many of the shared paths through green spaces in subdivisions etc are appropriate for dogs to be off leash under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do not understand why they need to be prohibited. Leashed in areas to protect wildlife is more suitable | Rachael Hunt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am concerned about decreasing access to spaces to walk dogs in.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Stormwater basins are currently a great space to exercise and enjoy walking dogs. I am concerned about the reduction in spaces for dogs to enjoy freedom of movement of their bodies. The restrictions concern me for the welfare of dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>No. Many people in Canterbury have 3 dogs. By restricting the numbers able to be walked off lead this affects and stigmatises owners trying to ensure their pets basic freedoms are met to maintain mental and physical health.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am concerned about the restrictions potentially being placed on dog owners walking dogs. Today I walked my 3 dogs with my husband on our lunch break at a lovely area of storm water catchment. We saw many other dog owners exercising their dogs off leash. All dogs were under effective control. This is in the best interests of these dogs and their human companions. Taking away these options affects not only the dogs health but the mental health of the humans that share their lives with these dogs. These proposed reviews are short sighted and not in the interests of the citizens or their companions. | |
| 30077 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's going too far to leash dogs on formed tracks. They are fine to be under effective control on such trails.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Alisha Newton-Rudhru |
| 30081 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Melissa Brittle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30082 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I feel they could be on long leash that can be pulled in. But should be allowed to be off leash on tracks , as long as not bike tracks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Should be allowed in the water if clean<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Some people have and own 3 dogs<br><br>What skills should someone have to apply to greater skills | Nikki Ellis O'Hanlon |
| 30084 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've been threatened too many times by aggressive barking dogs that are unapologetically uncontrolled by their owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>short leash ***NOT*** long leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>and also the Heathcote River.<br>Unleashed dogs should only be in designated dogs parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Extend this to all Avon & Heathcote river bank areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Murray Cullen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>There are too many big dogs in the wider city are that are not properly exercised and supervised by their owners.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Not sure which part of the bylaw this comes under, but it is very frustrating to have so much dog excrement left behind by irresponsible dog owners.<br>Enforcement ... having been the victim of an unprovoked dog attack, I have been left with the distinct feeling that both the dog owner and the CCC Dog Ranger blamed me for the incident despite full video evidence of the attack. The level of follow-up and support from the CCC was negligible, leaving me with the impression that any enforcement powers are non existent. The CCC Dog Ranger's attitude felt very much like "you're alive, so what!" That may not be her intention, but that is what it felt like to me. | |
| 30085 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>if a dog is well trained like my dog is it shouldn't matter<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety is key<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>it wouldn't be fair to the dogs that are well trained like my do who has never hurt any animals of any sort and never would because i have put a lot of time and energy into her training<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>same as my comment above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>same as my comment above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>please get rid of dog registration as we don't need it because dogs have to be microchipped and that is enough | Lance Tolchard |
| 30086 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do agree that most footpaths/ shared paths this should be the case however the paths within the red zone that are surrounded by green space should remain without limits.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Abbey Mahon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long as this does not cause issues for existing dog walking businesses. | |
| 30087 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If my dog can be off lead near a path, there may be times that they cross the path or briefly walk along it; especially when a path runs through the middle of the park<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think a lot of the changes are positive and don't have any particular issues. I like the fact that it will be easier to open dog parks, as this will allow more spaces for dogs to go instead of going to protected areas. | Chloe Flinn |
| 30089 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>We have too many dogs in this city. And because dogs roam uncontrolled, chasing ducks and birds along all banks of the Heathcote, not just in the Estuary zone of that River. Off short leash dogs leave excrement everywhere, giving owners (male in particular) an excuse to avoid noticing/picking up their dogs' leavings.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Because the laws are toothless, with no reinforcement. Dogs and owners regularly roam the river precinct, both off leash. No consequences. Cut dogs to 1 per household that currently hold them & enforce laws, not with wet bus tickets, either.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Against this proposal. What is 'effective control' when it is unpoliced and relies on self-regulation? No support until conditions for dogs (and owners) in both river precincts within Christchurch are exactly the same. Why is the Heathcote treated by the Council & legally as such an inferior, second class and degraded environmen? Surely it can't just be because Fendalton rate payers have more clout and can push pollution & disturbances away to the south east??<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>And prohibit them from the rest of the Heathcote's banks, ducks & birds nest inland too, especially on the flight path across the city between Riccarton Bush & Victoria Park/Governor's Bay.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Create dog parks for walking dogs off leash only. Dogs can attack/frighten any individual when roaming free. | Lynette Thomson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Mandatory dog number (singular) per household. Restrictions on type of dogs housed in the city - especially given the City Council is hell bent on housing intensification. Noise pollution from barking animals held in these confined circumstances could be horrendous. | |
| 30090 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that dogs being required to be on leash in residential areas is already not being enforced. Also this restricts those who like to use long lines or retractable leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is reasonable, but again who will be enforcing this?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It's important to protect wildlife from people who can't control their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>They should at least be required to be on lead, but owners already disregard the rules so a total ban might be necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>This will be hard to define and enforce. Does this apply to storm run offs in residential areas that are mowed?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Keleigh Bruning |
| 30091 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Children are more likely to run in front of a biker on a shared track than a dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I totally agree with this proposal although many people don’t follow these roads especially in merival. If this is going to become a rule it needs to be enforced with appropriate warnings and or fines for not following.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>1 person can only effectively manage up to 3 dogs on lead at a time in my opinion. Off lead people can only really control maybe 2 dogs effectively. | Willow Penwarden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think taking away more off lead dogs areas to protect the wildlife is a fair change but the beaches should be dog friendly over summer. I find more people tend to set up towels and belongs while they relax on the right side of sumner where dogs are allowed to go during summer. So it would make more sense to make all the parts of sumner available to dogs if we are limiting areas to walk our dogs. Also Taylor's mistake beach should be dog friendly during summer as many people take their dogs up godley track and would like to let the dogs cool down in the beach after wards.<br><br>If we are making less spaces for dogs to be off lead we should be provided with other options, the red zones have a lot of wandering dogs so many people stay away from them and with the Avon being so toxic there's very few water ways for the dogs to play in when it's hot.<br><br>Second point there's needs to be rule changes around what is considered dog abuse because we are far to lenient on what is appropriate care for animals. We need stricter rules around dogs being chained up their whole lives as this is unacceptable. People need to being jailed for harming animals, people that hurt animals only get a slap on the wrist and continue to do it. We need a way to ban these people from owning animals if they have been caught mistreating their pets. | |
| 30092 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think we all need to be responsible owners, not everyone likes dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think all dogs should be on a leash unless at a dog park.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mandy Paget |
| 30093 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because of the danger to children, and bikes who also share these paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because dogs can run on the road and may kill themselves or cause accidents<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Otherwise they might attack the birds and wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Its important that we protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Lola Vatselias |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It might impact people with dog walking businesses, but also its hard to control more than two dogs off a leash. | |
| 30100 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's a shared path meaning others using it might not have dogs and some can be scared of dogs and don't want them rushing or jumping on them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of the dogs and people walking/driving.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To save wildlife... easy question, we need to do all we can to support our wildlife and it's future, easy decision<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, wildlife should be safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Anything to save wildlife and planted areas... we must think of our kids future here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Most definitely, you can not control a pack of dogs with one person unless you are trained. This is a big YES from me, I've been rushed by multiple dogs off lead while mine has been onlead, it will cause a big vet bill for someone and a huge telling off from me too | Lou Gregory |
| 30101 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>To restrictive.  Believe they should be able to be on a long leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Believe that being on a leash is sufficient<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Believe that being on a leash is sufficient<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Believe that being on a leash is sufficient | Andrew Hampton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30103 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>long leash on shared paths is fine<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>long retractable leash in these areas is fine<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as long as the areas where dogs are not allowed is appropriate and there remain some areas where dogs are allowed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>not aware of any special wildlife that lives there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't get carried away regulating everything - let common sense prevail | Amanda Gould |
| 30110 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not sure how short the proposed leash is - concerned it will be too short to allow proper walking. but otherwise support being leashed here<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>not sure how short the proposed leash is - concerned it will be too short to allow proper walking. but otherwise support being leashed here<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I employ a dog walker and am concerned she would be unable to work/there would not be many dog walkers available. I also know of households with 3 dogs who like to walk them all once. I've also never seen anyone with more dogs that 3 unless they're a dog walker - and I've never seen dogwalkers cause a disturbance!! basically unsure who is asking for this one | Josephine Adams |
| 30112 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Kevin Mcsweeney |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I am not a “dog person” and do not like having uncontrolled dogs around me.<br>My preference would be this to apply to ALL public areas except those specifically designated which should be securely fenced<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Quite often the leashes are the expandable sort which means they can cover a large area and, in my opinion, means they are not under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I’d prefer they were leashed at all to es<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Most seem sensible<br>However whatever is done needs to be enforced. I live in Akaroa where there are restrwhich are clearly signposted . When first put in place there was (limited) compliance but over time it has been ignored and lack of enforcement means it is totally meaningless. | |
| 30114 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My small dogs could not harm anyone. Nor could he ever catch wildlife. She is slow and noisy. All these policies seem to be more relevent to large dogs, that are either able to catch wildlife or intimidating in any way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I'm not sure what is covered by this description. Perhaps you should include photos to show the types of paths and pedestrian areas you mean.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Small dogs do not catch wildlife. This policy seem to be more relevant to large dogs, that are either able to catch wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Small dogs do not catch wildlife. This policy seem to be more relevant to large dogs, that are either able to catch wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Small dogs aren't fast enough to catch wildlife. This policy seem to be more relevant to large dogs, that are either able to catch wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Again, the size of dog isn't taken into consideration. This is about control and someone can easily control 3 dashunds. | Kristen Soper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My small dogs could not harm anyone. Nor could he ever catch wildlife. She is too slow and he has a noisy collar. All these policies seem to be more relavent to large dogs, that are either able to catch wildlife or intimidating in any way.<br>This will stop me from all kinds of activities, particularly running, that I do with my dog on paths in green areas. | |
| 30115 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Marcia Eaton |
| 30123 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many accidents with children being bitten, too many irresponsible owners letting their dogs on the road which results in them being hit by cars.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More enforcement out and about, no point in having the rules if there is no one enforcing them. Harsher fines for rule breakers where serious consequences have occurred (sever injuries, deaths etc). | Katie Garvey |
| 30126 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is unnecessarily arbitrary. Can the person be on the path and the dog on the grass alongside the path, walking to heel, and be off leash?<br>Can the person and dog walk alongside the path and be off leash?<br>This will be very difficult to patrol/enforce | Jessica Crampton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important t protect the widlife in these precious new green spaces in our city<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Important t protect the widlife in these precious new green spaces in our city<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Important t protect the wildlife in these precious new green spaces in our city<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30130 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some formed tracks in green space should be allowed off lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jessica Pollock |
| 30132 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some dogs are fine off leashes, while othres are not. the rules that dogs should always be under effective control is fair and reasonable. It is the responsibility of the owner to manage this and make this deicison.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Some dogs are fine off leashes, while othres are not. the rules that dogs should always be under effective control is fair and reasonable. It is the responsibility of the owner to manage this and make this deicison.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Matty Lovell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30134 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are too many rules and who is going to monitor.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>There are too many rules and who is going to monitor.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>people who own dogs only wish them to have good experiences. There needs to be some spaces where you can work with your dog. So where are we teaching dogs if every off leash space is under effective control. does not allow for puppies<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>More rules. To support the birds maybe rules about clean rivers and prevention of industrial/residencial waste into their area. Understand that there was a report saying dogs interupted the bird patterns but was it the dog or the owner screaming...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Too many rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Who is going to be running around town enforcing these rules. And you dont mention age of dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog owners wish their dogs to have good experiences. Introducing more rules. Blanket rules which dont allow for puppy vs ault dogs, owners working with their dogs and the public who is not always in the right. If we are going to have dogs -we need to allow them to have some off lead time, spaces to sniff by themselves, family dogs are trained to be companions not obenident show dogs (in other words they hesitant), and we are going to need spaces to work on training (a place one on one no other dogs). Even proffessionally trained dogs are not perfect - do people need a fine, a telling off or an expectations that they need to work with their dogs so their dogs have good experiences. Are we going to get better behaved dogs by limited walks, constant monitoring or by owners wanting the best for their dogs. Work on Owners understanding what is better for their dogs. | Charmaine Farringont |
| 30143 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I can see the sense for busier areas but in some cases effective control is sufficient or at the very least a long line.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Lucy Duffus |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Keen to protect wildlife but this might be achieved by keeping dogs on leashes in some of the sensitive areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Keen to protect wildlife but this might be achieved by keeping dogs on leashes in some of the sensitive areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Stormwater basins are often near residential developments so this would limit the areas people can walk their dogs near their properties and would increase people and dog numbers in other areas which may not be good for more anxious or reactive dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30156 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A short leash simply won't provide the same experience for dogs and owners, as well as making little to no difference in how much control is had over the dog. A dog should be able to have a long leash, and as long as they are still tethered they are not free to run off or reach areas they should not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Ruby Svehla |
| 30161 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>If dog owners want to exercise their dogs "off leash" then they should take them to a controlled dog park.  Not everyone  isn't fearful of dogs, and not all dogs are well behaved - even those that are well behaved are animals and can be unpredictable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Not everyone  isn't fearful of dogs, and not all dogs are well behaved - even those that are well behaved are animals and can be unpredictable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The Otakaro Avon River Corridor should be observed as a wildlife reserve in order to provide a safe habitat for the native wildlife to return back into that space.<br>The Council are proposing to ban dogs from the Estuary in order to protect wildlife, so why not ban dogs from being off leash in the Red Zone too.<br>There are plenty of other places elsewhere that dog owners can take their dogs to run off leash!<br><br>By the way, the way in which you have worded this question in the survey should have been broken down into two separate questions for feedback to be submitted. | Gregory Partridge |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I hope that by me ticking "No" doesn't get interpreted that I am suggesting that dogs should be permitted to run free in the Red Zone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This entire area should be treated as a nature reserve in which dogs are not permitted, period!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>These areas should all be treated as nature reserves from which dogs are not permitted to be able to run free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30164 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What constitutes a "short lead", there are some very good long leads that we often use around while walking around our subdivision - does this mean these can no longer be used. If there is no one around i will let this out (4-5 metres) however approaching cross roads / other people or dogs approaching i will shorten. I object to not having that flexibility.<br><br>Does this affect bottlelake forest, is a dog required to be on lead all the time - again, we often have our dog off lead, but put back on lead if there are young children, other dogs on lead, or people walking without dogs. Again wish to retain this flexibility.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>refer to my comment above - yes on lead but my question is definition of a short lead is not clear or whether there is flexibility.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>agree with the principle to protect wildlife however a map of where proposed would be helpful. Dogs on lead may still be ok in this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>again a map would be helpful<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>again a map would be helpful<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>the proposal seems reasonable<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>unsure. | Julie Bramley |
| 30165 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Justin Morgenroth |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30167 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Leashes, especially for old dogs, are unnecessary and block more of the path than is necessary on shared paths. Some dogs prefer paths to open areas though they still want to walk in their own rhythm near their owners and should be allowed to do just that - stop & sniff, catch up, stop & sniff, repeat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>It depends. For most dogs this is appropriate. For some dogs, it's not. The owner is the one who takes responsibility for knowing the dog's abilities.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The Red Zone shouldn't be mowed. It's a waste of money and petrol resources, and is damaging to the environment. If the land was allowed to naturally recover, then there would already be a lot of regenerating forest in that area. Cut paths for access through the land would be nice, but mown areas are pointless & wasteful. Dogs on wild paths aren't as much of a danger to wildlife, so could be left to enjoy their walks with their owners at their own pace.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The path from the Heritage Park to the Freeway is a popular location for dogs and birds alike. There are few fewer native bird species there now that the council have cut down the majority of the trees, and cut the shelter / lower branches off those that remain, but dogs shouldn't be punished for the council's poor management of the area. They weren't disturbing the birds along this pathway in the past, and aren't the reason for the sharp reduction in bird species in that area - the sheltering tree removal caused the destruction of grey warbler, bellbird, fantail, plover, kingfisher, and many other native species' habitat in this area now that it's very windy and cold throughout without the shelter.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Except the pathways as mentioned earlier. Old dogs have trouble walking off path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Multiple dogs on lead is difficult to manage as the leads get tangled together. Multiple dogs off lead are easy to manage as they all know their names and basic rules. Someone got this concept backwards.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog exercise areas should have paths and be long so families walk through them rather than spend time in one area. When a family spends time in one area in a dog park especially in small enclosed areas, dogs can become territorial and dangerous to other dogs coming into the area. Our dog lost an ear to a territorial dog of a family sitting in a small enclosed dog park at the Groynes for doing nothing other than calmly going up to say hello. Since then we've heard from many others who have experienced this same phenomenon. Moving dogs and families are fine, stationary families in small enclosed spaces can be dangerous to other dogs. | Dana Dopleach |
| 30171 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>To feel safe | Suzanne Hermansen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>So no xtra hazards for drivers etc,<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Well I do t see why not, if keeping your log on a leash is enforced<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again so long as cob is on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This is something that would depend on dog size, obviously a person with small dogs would be able to control perhaps more than two | |
| 30174 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I understand that dogs are allowed to be unleashed in St James park. However the Northern Line Cycleway passes through that park. Unleashed dogs on the cycleway are a real hazard.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs are a problem on the Northern Line Cycleway every time I ride that path. I also occasionally encounter dog walkers using a long leash. In the evening, the leash and sometimes also the dog are not visible until I'm close to them. That is definitely a hazard for the cyclist, the dog, and the dog owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>If we are to bring native bird life back to the city, there must be areas where birds are safe from dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I don't see how anyone can have full control of more than 2 unleashed dogs. | Stuart Mackintosh |
| 30177 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A dog under control is no more an issue than a child under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | David Orozco |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | A dog under control doesn't require a lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Cats kill heals more birds. Unless that issue is addressed this is tinkering on the edges.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Let dogs play in the ocean. If you're concerned about birds, ban free ranging cats.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Some dog walkers have too many dogs. | |
| 30190 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Formed tracks in greenspaces are the sticking point of being restrictive. There are not cars or cyclists close and these paths are used by owners who don't want to get wet feet and their dogs can run on the grass<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think that where cyclists are able to use the same paths as pedestrians, dogs should be on a short leash. There is no speed limit for cyclists keeping dogs close to their owner is important for all to remain safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I don't use this area to take my dog but think grassed areas for off leash is fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable to protect the eastuary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>While the dog is off leash is the owner able to use the path?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It can be intimidating when dog walkers come to local areas with up to 10 dogs. I know they feel confident, but as an unregulated industry it does not look good to others sharing the space. | Emma Mckenzie |
| 30191 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Brooke Christie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>A dog park (similar to Kakaha Dog Park) in Hoon Hay/Spreydon area | |
| 30194 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If dogs are under effective control they do not need to be on a short leash in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Please provide supporting evidence about the need to protect wildlife in these areas. Allowing dogs to be off leash and under effective control in mowed grass areas but not in Weltand and planted areas is impractical and the "areas" are open to interpretation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I fully agree with prohibiting dogs to protect wildlife in key areas of the Otakaro River corridor and Te Ihutai Estuary.<br>I also agree that dogs on shared paths and pedestrians areas near roads pose a risk so should be on a leash.<br>Please provide evidence that there is a need to change to leashing dogs on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks - in my experience I have seen no issues with safety or wildlife. | Lisa Young |
| 30195 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Susanne Ziswiler |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It would be very disappointing if we would need to leash our dogs at the Groynes dog park. if all of the above changes would be in place, our dogs will have a pretty boring life together with their owners. I would propose to be more strict in picking up dog poos and have this controlled via the law! | |
| 30198 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Where I exercise my dog (and I see many others exercising their dogs) I've never come across an issue, so why the changes?<br><br>Perhaps restrict access to a number of important wildlife stormwater basins in their entirety. But for others, access should be granted without dogs being on a leash, but under effective control, as this is more practical and balanced than the proposed blanket restrictions.<br><br>"Formed tracks" are often formed by dog walkers, so this needs clarifying. Surely "Council built and maintained tracks" is better? When my dog steps from one grassed area across a track to another grassed area it is more practical for it to be under effective control and for me to stop adverse interactions, than the requirement to leash it. I expect the proposed requirement to leash it is impractical and will not be followed in all cases so will not achieve the desired outcome.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Joe Young |
| 30200 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We have a 13 year old labradoodle bitch. She is better behaved than most people. It is absurd to suggest we need her on a short leash everywhere unless we drive for miles to some out of town out of sight wasteland. There must surely be an ability to be more adaptable to dog breed, sex and age. Why should we force dogs onto leashes. They are entitled to a bit of freedom.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Footpaths beside roads yes. Putting dogs on a leash in Te Kuru is utter nonsense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Why should we force dogs onto leashes? They are entitled to a bit of freedom. How many times does a dog actual maim, injure or kill wildlife? CCC please butt out of trying to run a nanny state or defy the natural world. This is NZ not China.<br><br>Besides, it is invariably the owner not the dog that is ever a problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Warren Hardie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It is invariably the owner not the dog that is ever a problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Why should we force dogs onto leashes? They are entitled to a bit of freedom. How many times does a dog actual maim, injure or kill wildlife? CCC please butt out of trying to run a nanny state or defy the natural world. This is NZ not China.<br><br>Besides, it is invariably the owner not the dog that is ever a problem.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Laws should aim to control dog owners that need controlling, which is generally a very small subset of dog owners. The remainder should not be penalised just because of the bad few. | |
| 30202 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Samara Brown |
| 30209 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the dog is under voice control i think they should be free to run off leash.  Our elderly dog regularly walks on the paths in Hagley Park and  Bottle Lake and there are no issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A/A<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Rose Webber |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30213 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog has great recall and has been trained to walk both on and off lead. There are also many dogs in our area who are walked off lead and very well behaved as well. This would be unfortunate for us who have spent considerable time to train our dogs to be under effective control to have that taken away.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Could fence the wetland areas as this could be helpul with keepings dogs away from potential algae<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Great idea | Estela Sangkop |
| 30218 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Teaching dogs the difference between a path and green is difficult. I think this rule will be setting dogs up for failure. The dog will be under control in the greenspace so why can't they be on paths too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs lack road sense so this rule makes sense to keep everyone safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are prey driven so it is a good idea to keep them out of temptation's way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs are prey driven so it is a good idea to keep them out of temptation's way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Disagree with the pathway rule in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sarah Ramsey |
| 30219 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Stuart Lumsden |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30221 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't think a blank statement makes sense here and believe we should allow responsible dog owners to exercise judgement on when to lease dogs. There are plenty of times when there is no other traffic (except maybe dog walkers) and in those cases these rules make no sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This makes perfect sense as the danger to dog and penetrations are elevated in these urban environments<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I have seen very little wildlife (other than rats & mice) in these areas and have seen very little evidence to suggest there are any issues with the current rules as many dog owners value access to such an incredible resource and treat the area with great respect.<br><br>If there has to be some form of restriction, having a clear "no off leash dogs along the river paths" maybe effective enough to protect nesting wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>While I agree there is a significant amount of wildlife around this area, I have not seen any evidence to suggest the current rules are not effective.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I have not seen any evidence to suggest the current rules are not effective.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>In urban areas I think this rule makes a lot of sense, however it is common in green space areas for friends to exercise other friends and this would make things very challenging (ie i have 2 dogs and are pet sitting a 3rd)<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There has been no signage in any of the most effected areas to draw attention to this change. Additionally the clarity around what exactly is changing in the red zone area is not high and can easily be misinterpreted. | Chris Kimber |
| 30227 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I feel this is unfair to all the dogs that are well behaved and have training. Why should well behaved, trained and under control dogs be punished? | Abigail Oliver |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, if people have spent the time training their dogs why should they be punished by their dog being constantly restrained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What are you going to propose for controlling the domestic cats that will be affecting the wildlife that should be protected? I feel alot of the blame is put on dogs when cats should be controlled.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Can this be altered to be at key times for the birds, i.e. nesting and breeding times?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I think you need to reconsider the leash rule on pathways. Majority of the time dogs are happy to stay on the pathway and if they are under effective control why should they be punished.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30230 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Effective control is sufficient.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of the animals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I do not agree to dogs being prohibited from the river and stop banks. Dogs are not the risk to wildlife. Feral cats, rats and other animals, along with white baiters who camp along the river pose the threat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not the risk to wildlife. Feral cats, rats and other animals pose the threat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not know this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I feel this is appropriate unless this is a registered dog walker, they should be able to apply for employment concessions.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have read through the water areas where dogs are allowed and it is 99% prohibited. Please think this through and do not make the entirety of all water areas prohibited. | Rachel Porter |
| 30235 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Jackie Bowley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I support dogs being leashed on tracks and paths etc but as I hv 2 small dogs myself I do like to give them a run at my local park . As I'm not near a dog park and hv had some bad experiences at dog parks I wouldn't like to see this as my only option . As long as they are under control and there's no sport being played on the park I'd like to keep doing this otherwise I fully support dogs being leashed in most areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Not everyone likes dogs and are comfortable around them . They should be able to take a walk without worrying about running into an unleashed dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It's important to look after our wildlife . By still allowing dogs off leash in the mowed grass area I think that is more than fair<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Once again I would like to see our birds and wildlife protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have 2 small dogs and that is enough to handle unless your an expert | |
| 30241 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>A short leash means there is some hope they are under control and won't attack people or wildlife . It will still be confusing as owners will not being leashing dog in areas allowed either side of track.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>You need fenced dog park areas and dogs are to be put on a leash in car and then off leash in dog park only. I don't think it works for people and wildlife to have dogs roaming off leash. The owner may think effective control but not . Dogs should only be off leash in designated fenced dog parks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Better to not have dogs in other areas as well as too confusing where can and can't ho. Dog owners will just keep doing what they have always done.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>The dog and most owners can't tell where they are allowed and where not so dogs go everywhere. Dogs should only be exercised in fenced dog parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One off leash dog is one too many . They can disturb wildlife by just being close.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill - good move to restrict access to dog park only. Too confusing to say perimeter fence as well. Most people will not know where this is. I have never seen a dog being walked around | Sharon Lake |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | perimeter fence. It's not a complete perimeter fence. I walk here often and there has been an improvement with more dogs on a leash but every walk one or more off leash and not under effective control. There is a fenced dog park so that should be the only place for dogs. | |
| 30254 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sam Gordon |
| 30255 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't own a dog but I see well controlled dogs and careful owners and I don't see this being necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety for dog/ people/ animals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Again, I feel this is excessive control and unnecessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Native/ small birds need protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Same reasons as before, I actually walk Te Kuru a lot and have never seen or experienced a problem from dogs.<br>The biggest problem is the NON native geese who are over - running this and many other areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think overall that the plans are excessive and over the top. | Dawn Finn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30256 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It should be up to the dog owner to make a grown up and responsible choice for their dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It should be up to the dog owner to make a grown up decision for their dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>It should however be a cat free area. They kill more birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>It should be a cat free area they kill more than dogs do<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>It should be up to the dog owner to make grown up responsible decisions for their dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Ban cats not dogs | Emily Hunt |
| 30258 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs under effective control has been and is adequate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This is sensible, and currently works<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>People with dogs shouldn’t be banned. To many rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I think the current arrangement works well. I see people walking their dogs every day, never seen any issues.  No reason to change<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This makes no sense. I don’t care how many dogs someone walks. | Gavin Hutchison |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the current bylaw is adequate. There is no reason to change. To many rules, why add more? | |
| 30260 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>One of the issues which can cause a dog to be problematic is frustration due to restriction, lack of stimulation etc. Using a lead restricts a dogs ability to instinctively sniff, inquire and interact with other dogs. This makes walking less pleasant both for the dog and walker. Forcing owners to only be allowed to have there dogs off lead in fewer designated areas may actually reduce the time dogs get exercised, creating a dog behavioral problem. Well trained dogs walked off lesh present less agression as they are able to use typical canine body language with other dogs. The bigger issue is not, should dogs continue to be allowed off leash as permitted in current legislation. But should a person be allowed to own a dog without first completing a course in basic canine needs, behavior, care and training. As always its not the dog which is the problem, it's the owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>These areas have a much higher level of distraction for some dogs due to high speed traffic from, cars, motorcycles, and cyclists etc which could cause a dog to enter the road accidently causing an accident.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The owner should be left to identify if their dog is a risk to wild life and/or is creating stress for wild life and remove their dog if required. Many dogs have no interest in wild life, some which have not been socialized correctly can be a problem. But again it's about educating the owners, not restricting ALL dogs unnecessarily.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>The owner should be left to identify if their dog is a risk to wild life and/or is creating stress for wild life and remove their dog if required. Many dogs have no interest in wild life, some which have not been socialized correctly can be a problem. But again it's about educating the owners, not restricting ALL dogs unnecessarily.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am not familiar with this area. I do feel wetland should be protected .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Only qualified dog walkers who have proven that they can control more than two dogs off lead should be allowed to walk more than two dogs off lead. | Matt Parry |
| 30265 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This isn't fair for owners who are able to keep their dogs under effective control in these spaces and it is unfair on the dog - they are not able to get as much exercise in as they can when they are off leash. It's people who have aggressive dogs or dogs that they are not able to control that should have to keep their dog/s leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Emma Carson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30267 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Martin Harris |
| 30272 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes. I have uploaded my submission on the proposed changes to the Dog control Bylaw & Policy. | Richard Hallum |
| 30273 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is important to have clear rules and norms on this matter, but actual enforcement needs some flexibility in assessing actual risk/harm from how dogs are managed. I say this as I have at times let my dog off lead while I am walking on a footpath, because at the time the area is empty with great visibility to give time to react to any hazards. Letting my dog off at that time is likely lower risk than at dog allowed spaces that are busy. We don't go to the Halswell Quarry dog park anymore because of our dog being attacked (which has made him quite defensive and reactive when scared now), as an example.<br><br>Lately park maintenance of greenspaces has been very disappointing, causing long grass with lots of weeds and grass seeds. In that environment, its not really safe to run my dog through the greenspace, instead I walk on paths next to the park where weeds are (usually) better maintained. I shouldn't be punished if poor park maintenance causes me to do this. Grass seeds are very dangerous for dogs and it takes ages to pull them out with tweezers from my dogs paws/legs and causes a lot of distress!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is important to have clear rules and norms on this matter, but actual enforcement needs some flexibility in assessing actual risk/harm from how dogs are managed. I say this as I have at times let my dog off lead while I am walking on the shared path next to the motorway, because at the time the area is empty, there is a fenced barrier and there is great visibility to give time to react to any hazards. Letting my dog off at that time is likely lower risk than at dog allowed spaces that are busy. We don't go to the Halswell Quarry dog park anymore because of our dog being attacked (which has made him quite defensive and reactive when scared now), as an example.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is important to have clear rules and norms on this matter, but actual enforcement needs some flexibility in assessing actual risk/harm from how dogs are managed. I say this as many 'greenspaces' in Christchurch, particular in newer developments are used as some form of stormwater basin. This is great as flood protection, but leaves limited green spaces not | Michael Schramm |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | covered by this policy. The policy to regulate a given basin should identify the types specific areas council is concerned about regarding wildlife welfare, including bird species to watch out for and show extra care towards. I have let my dog off lead in greenspaces near my house, which would act as a stormwater basin; on occasion there have been birds, such as seagulls in the basin, my dog might sometimes chase them. I do not encourage the chasing, but I do not feel this is problematic behaviour as seagulls are less vulnerable and the stormwater basin area is generally just grass. It is important that dogs can have access to diverse terrain types as well. For example, if there is a bushy or 'wetland plants' area that its not okay for dogs to go for wildlife reasons, council should identify areas of similar interest that is okay for dogs to explore. We need to ensure there is plenty of habitat space for wild animals, but not all such spaces should be allocated just for them and access spaces should be enforced based on actual risk/harm to allow owners to seek out dog walking environments they understand to be lower risk for everyone. We don't go to the Halswell Quarry dog park anymore because of our dog being attacked (which has made him quite defensive and reactive when scared now), as an example.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think a problem which is not addressed by this policy is reactive dogs in residential spaces (e.g. in someone's front yard) next to public spaces, such as footpaths or parks being loud or intimidating, particularly when people or dogs pass by. These dogs don't necessarily bark often enough to be a 'barking dog noise complaint', but they act in an extremely heightened manner, usually because they are just excited, which makes passing by the house with the dogs stressful or scary. Those reactive dogs have the effect of stressing myself (the surprise loud bark and them launching themselves at fences almost gives me a heart attack!) and my dog who then becomes more scatty and reactive himself, requiring me to then take considerable time and effort to calm him down so we can continue our walk.<br><br>There should be some mechanism for reporting those dogs separate from what currently exists as those reactive dogs are often lovely, friendly dogs, in the correct environment, but by having them outside, bored, watching passers by causes them to be horrible. In many instances I believe having the dogs inside, or limited from being quite so close to the public footpath completely eliminates the hazard. If every reactive dog-house in my neighbourhood were to remedy this I think walking around my area would be so much nicer and lower stress for me and my dog.<br>I say separate mechanism, because currently enforcement of nuisance dogs appears to mostly focus on restraining dogs, particularly in public spaces, but often if those problem dogs got more exercise they would actually be less reactive! I wouldn't want those dogs owners to be afraid of taking their dogs out due to some enforcement notice, instead I would like for them to be notified that its a problem at their house and please try a few different options to fix this to make things nicer for everyone (and make non-dog owners less grumpy about dogs too!) | |
| 30274 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I work very hard on training my dog and having him walk down the st beside me without running away or getting excited when he sees other people or dogs while we are doing that is part of the training. I would like the option to continue doing that. To be respectful of others who may not be as trusting or comfortable with dogs I always put him on a lead if I see any discomfort or see someone else with a dog who is on a lead. (Just because my dog is friendly doesn’t mean theirs is and it’s best to be respectful)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I love walking my dog in the red zone and as long as there are still large areas for us to roam then I am happy to support with wildlife protection  I think that there is enough space for all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Angela Stephens |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | It's good to have this regulated and then those who have a business would need to be registered.<br>I have been around when a group of dogs became. 'Pack' on a few occasions and it isn't pleasant<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I love walk my dog at the groynes dog park and beyond. | |
| 30275 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The council and government in general are diminishing the freedom of people left, right and centre, such as introducing those ridiculous 30km speed limits, while at the same time increasingly taxing rate payers and people in general to unaffordable amounts. The council should back off on trying to restrict freedoms, which does not make life better, and focus on achieving the basics for a responsible price.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Shikara Haar |
| 30276 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think it's worth requiring that people be thoughtful and control their dogs for the benefit of all users of public spaces (good/considerate dog owners already do this). The idea of requiring short leads (presumably banning retracting leads?) is tricky. It'd be appropriate to request that leads be locked on short on shared pathways, but not to ban retracting leads. But regardless, it's all unenforceable. It's better to provide people with clear guidelines on what 'considerate dog owner behaviour' looks like, so we can apply peer pressure instead of it being a legal issue but subject to toothless enforcement.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I think it's worth requiring that people be thoughtful and control their dogs for the benefit of all users of public spaces (good/considerate dog owners already do this) and to recognise that dog leads can create a hazard for other path users. The idea of requiring short leads (presumably banning retracting leads?) is undesirable. Some dogs don't need it, others will still be a problem on a short lead. Dog owners need to be considerate. That self-policing is already in effect in most places, but if there's an official pronouncement that dog owners must give preference & consideration to other shared public space users, that provides better tools for those who use peer pressure to help bring those who are inconsiderate into line.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think there should be signs which say that these are ecological zones where dogs off leads can cause substantial damage, and request that they be on leads. Otherwise there's a huge imbalance between the onus on dog owners and on, say, cat owners, whose cats run amok in these zone without regulation, causing far more ecological damage than dogs do.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think there should be signs which say that these are ecological zones where dogs off leads can cause substantial damage, and request that they be on leads. Otherwise there's a huge imbalance between the onus on dog owners and on, say, cat owners, whose cats run amok in these zone without regulation, causing far more ecological damage than dogs do. | Dave Lane |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think there should be signs which say that these are ecological zones where dogs off leads can cause substantial damage, and request that they be on leads. Otherwise there's a huge imbalance between the onus on dog owners and on, say, cat owners, whose cats run amok in these zone without regulation, causing far more ecological damage than dogs do.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This does create a real penalty for owners of several well-trained dogs who will need to change their practices. It's good, however, to limit the ability of professional dog walkers to take on too much responsibility with dogs they might not know well.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This tightening of regulation seems pointless, as it won't be enforced any better than existing regulation. I think the better approach is to clarify expectations on dog owner of what amounts to 'considerate' behaviour in various contexts, signal that clearly, and then members of the public can exert peer pressure, backed by the council, on inconsiderate dog owners. As is done now. Give us the tools, but don't undertake toothless punitive legislation (that's not enforced).<br><br>Also, the asymmetry between these proposed bylaws/policies and those applying to cat owners is vast. Cat owners don't even have an obligation to leash or supervise their pets, which are allowed to go *anywhere* without legal limitation. Without a comparable bylaw any suggestion by the council that these policy changes are for 'ecological' reasons are very lacking in credibility. | |
| 30278 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are under effective control, and the pathways are not busy then that should be sufficient. Outdoor activity is crucially important for well being. Dog walking and ownership increases this for many people. If dogs are not under effective control then the owner should put them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are under effective control, and the pathways are not busy then that should be sufficient. Outdoor activity is crucially important for well being. Dog walking and ownership increases this for many people. If dogs are not under effective control then the owner should put them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are under effective control then that should be sufficient. Outdoor activity is crucially important for well being. Dog walking and ownership increases this for many people. If dogs are not under effective control then the owner should put them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are under effective control then that should be sufficient. Outdoor activity is crucially important for well being. Dog walking and ownership increases this for many people. If dogs are not under effective control then the owner should put them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If the dogs are under effective control then that should be sufficient. Outdoor activity is crucially important for well being. Dog walking and ownership increases this for many people. If dogs are not under effective control then the owner should put them on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I do support this for more than 4 off leash.<br>We have a blended family with a number of dogs. It is not unusual for 3 of them to be walked together at a time. They are all siblings, and are all under effective control at all times.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Lisa Sinke |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I propose that dog owners should be able to enter the Botannical Gardens with their dogs. We all pay rates, and we should all get to enjoy it. If I am going for a walk I want to combine it with exercising my dog. I do not have time for doubling up on walks. I am very interested in seeing the Gardens, but do not get to, yet I frequently walk around them when I am exercising my dog and myself.<br>My proposal would be that dogs are allowed in, on leash, at limited times such as from 7am - 9am every morning. If owners do not pick up their dog's poos then they get an immediate fine. I think this is entirely reasonable and enlightened. And I'm surprised that it is not currently allowed. | |
| 30280 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This blanket rule is so unnecessarily restrictive that it will not be complied with. I walk my dog in Bottle Lake Forest for example, and often I will not see anyone for 20-30 minutes at a time. There is no sugnificant griund wildlife in the forest and to keep my dog on short leash in this situation is ridiculous<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible for dog and pedestrian safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Access to the river is really important for dogs- somewhere they can swim and get cool, especiallyin summer. This will only get more important as climate warming intensifies.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense- strongly protect a really important wildlife habitat.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with these spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The limit of two dogs seems too low and the requirements seem punitive for commercial dog walkers. | Robin Gardner-Gee |
| 30282 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Essential for pedestrian safety, particularly old people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Essential for pedestrian safety, particularly old people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense. Dogs cause considerable disruption to wildlife and need to be restricted in this way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jim Nicholls |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Having been mobbed by a group of eight dogs emerging from Bottle Lake Forest while supposedly under the control of a commercial dog-walker, I think that the exemption for "people with appropriate skills" is not justified. It is impossible for anyone, however much experience they have, to effectively control more than four dogs (particularly ones they do not own), and then only when leashed. I have seen dog-owners bringing four dogs to the beach and allowing them to run wild, and clearly not having any effective control over them.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>GENERAL. I do not believe that the council fulfills its responsibilities in regard to dog control. Making regulations is of no use if they are not enforced, and they clearly aren't. I know that there are far too few animal control officers with a huge area to cover, and the council seems unwilling to add more staff. Signage is appallingly poor, and there is far too little. Even where it is placed, it is not designed to draw the attention of dog-owners. For instance, signs placed at the beach show a map of the area and a line showing where dogs are not allowed, and some small text, and are ignored by almost everyone. Instead, a clear statement like "No dogs within 100 metres of the surf club, November to March 9 a.m. to 7 p.m." would at least be clear, and printed in an appropriate manner would catch the eye of any beach visitor. It appears that enforcement of the penalties for infringing the rules is almost non-existent. If more patrols were done and penalties used, dog owners would soon learn that it paid to read and observe the rules, much as car owners have learnt to obey the parking rules or face the consequences. | |
| 30285 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Believe the rules on dogs are getting out of control, there is no need to create unnecessary by-laws on dogs, there needs to be more attention to responsible owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, owner responsibility on how the dog is being trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This seems like another council regulation for people to do a lot of work to get an exemption if they were a dog walker<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There needs to be more monitoring on the owner and not the dog | Tania Wati |
| 30288 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On footpath, yes (even though my dog loves his early morning walks on a long lead which give him extra exercise than the older human can handle.<br>However, in a park, where he could (and should be) off lead, he may cross a path, which would be in violation of the bylaw. He is not currently an issue to anyone using a path.<br>It is noted that cyclists are an issue to pedestrians in parks on paths.<br>e.g. Avonhead Park<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Would much prefer just leashed as the long lead gives the dog more exercise and mental stimulation than a short lead, especially for older humans.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Kate Steel |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30293 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Gives the owner more control of their dog/s when approaching the elderly, children, etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason as outlined above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the same reason outlined in the proposal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same reason to protect wildlife, etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Four dogs are too many for one person to control when leashed. I've seen it too many times when traveling overseas. Two should be the limit!<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think dogs should be banned year-round from the most popular beaches, e.g., Sumner, New Brighton, etc. I've seen too much dog poop left on beaches. Owners don't take any notice of the signs (which are mostly hard to find) asking dog owners not to have their pet at the beach during certain times. Young children dig in the sand, even eat the sand, put their hands in their mouths, and it disgusts me to think what they could contract (parasites, etc.) | Chris Smith |
| 30296 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>In green spaces where dogs are allowed I think it is okay for the dog to be off leash and under owner control (can be recalled by owner)<br>Otherwise dog walkers will just walk next to the footpath and make alternative tracks! eg. in Hanson Park i could just walk next to the foot path on the grass with my off leash dog....<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety of dogs and motorists and pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Fair enough to protect wildlife from dogs. | Jenny Wilson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes protect nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>See comment above. I think dog should be allowed off leash on footpaths in areas where dogs are permitted. I think they should not be allowed off leash near wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Not much point in having regulations if they are not enforced. I very rarely see a dog officer or official when I am walking my dog at various parks around the South side of the city. | |
| 30298 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It seems impractical to have dogs allowed in green spaces but leashed on its pathways. I may not understand the intention here. It is a good rule on shared paths however I note there are no dog exclusive paths in the city currently which makes it hard to have an unleashed walk with your dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It is a good rule on shared paths however I note there are no dog exclusive paths in the city currently which makes it hard to have an unleashed walk with your dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The pathway rule is not great.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like a space to exercise dogs on the north west side of the city. Currently all large spaces are some distance away from Fendalton/Ilam and would require a car journey. | Victoria Mitchell |
| 30299 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Residential footpaths, yes. Greenspace areas where dogs are allowed: no. The vast majority of dogs in their spaces are being walked by responsible owners. Restricting dogs to being on leash reduces the ability for dogs to get adequate exercise and for the owner to have a more relaxed walking experience. The dogs usually walk in the green space, but may cross the path or walk to see their owner on the path. It is impractical to put the dog on a leash for such a short period. During winter, the fields are too muddy for owners to walk in the greenspace with their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of people and dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Natalie Ekman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>I support protecting wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support protecting wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I support protecting wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I sometimes walk a family member's dogs alongside my own and I can easily control 3 dogs off leash.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please don't punish responsible dog owners with restrictions that make caring for our dogs less enjoyable. | |
| 30303 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Simon Burrows |
| 30309 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I don't feel that every dog owner has effective control over their dogs so by being on a short leash it will make us feel confident when out walking. Last night my husband and I were walking around Burnside Park around 8pm and stopped to chat to a dog owner who had his 2yr old dog on a retractable lead. we were just chatting about his lovely looking dog and we were standing a few feet away from them. However the dog made a jump towards my husband and had it's front paws on his legs. The dog owner snapped the retractable leash on too late. It happens so quickly and I really think dog owners just don't understand how unpredictable their dogs can be. There needs to be more educating of dog owners and they should go through intensive training and have a dog licence before they get a dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br>I assume this means any footpath in a residential street as well?  That way we won't get dogs running onto our lawns/gardens and using it as a toilet. I often see dogs in my area not on a leash doing just that.  Their urine always burns the grass.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Angela Nicholls |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>It's really important to protect our wildlife especially in new developments, to make sure they get established.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Interesting enough our walking group walked around Te Kuru yesterday morning for the first time. We loved it and thought the Council has done a great job. It is an asset to our city. Hearing the frogs croaking and seeing how clear the streams were was great.<br>However we did note a lot of dog poo around the edges of carpark area and onto the walkways close by. Both bagged and not bagged poo. I would say about 70% of dogs we saw were leashed on the footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think 4 dogs on a leash creates a wide area for us to walk past or get around them. For more than 2 dogs they should go to a designated dog park. | |
| 30317 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog owners are already (understandably) limited as to where they can take their dogs and where they can be off leash. Additional restrictions like these go too far and punish those who have their dogs under control - and those who don‘t, won‘t listen anyway. I agree with a short leash requirement on all shared paths and on footpaths OUTSIDE of any parks or greenspace areas but not footpaths within greenspace areas and definitely not on formed tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>to minimise the risk of accidents for both, dogs and humans, this makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not affected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not affected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not affected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>With the „effective control“ rule, this rule is not required and would punish those that are in control of their dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Signage: There are so many bylaws in place I feel it is not appropeiate to expect everyone to know them by heart or to investigate online before each trip around the city. Signage should still be required where no dogs are allowed or where leash rules apply etc. | Sandra Ryser |
| 30321 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br><br>*See attachment - page 854 | Jean Drage |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30324 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I walk for recreation, to get to places like the doctor, supermarket, cafes, and to enjoy the parks and greenspace. So I walk a lot, daily. I strongly support the proposal requiring dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas. Responding to your opening statement, I do not like dogs - and I disapprove of them because they are a terrible burden on our carbon footprint - and I tend to fear them, having myself and family members been bitten by dogs without any provocation on our part. The short leash also needs to be "effective" as a large dog can escape its leash by sudden tugging or by being restrained on a faulty leash - I was brought off my bicycle on a shared path near Hagley Park two years ago by a dog that suddenly released itself from the owner. I had to go to the doctor/nurse for treatment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I walk for recreation, to get to places like the doctor, supermarket, cafes, and in addition to enjoying the parks and greenspace, my daily walks include shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads. I strongly support the proposal requiring dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads. This would make walking and cycling far safer. I do not like dogs - and I disapprove of them because they are a terrible burden on our carbon footprint - and I tend to fear them, having myself and family members been bitten by dogs without any provocation on our part. The short leash also needs to be "effective" as a large dog can escape its leash by sudden tugging or by being restrained on a faulty leash - I was brought off my bicycle on a shared path near Hagley Park two years ago by a dog that suddenly released itself from the owner. I had to go to the doctor/nurse for treatment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It's a fantastically good idea to regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (former residential red zone) by prohibiting dogs in key areas to protect wildlife (river, wetland and planted areas). This would be good for wildlife but over and above that, it would be good for people's wellbeing, peacefulness, and relaxation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, I strongly support this proposal. Give the birds a life, and let us enjoy the spectacle they provide for free given our protection.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>If there is wildlife to protect or encourage I strongly support this idea. Apart from that, stormwater basins are a great way to get exercise and to enjoy some peaceful space for relaxation. Dogs destroy both wildlife and our peace for people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Here's the thing: when the dogs are off the leash almost every dog person is not effectively in control of their dog(s). I know, I have been bitten as have family members. I would not allow dog owners to release their dogs in a public space at all. If owners love their dog(s) so much, let them go to a dog park to release their dog(s) or walk them on the leash only in public places. I reall do not like dogs. I fear them for good reason, and loathe the burden we (dog owners and non-owners alike) have to endure that dogs make to our carbon footprint.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I propose that dog owners (even those with one dog, but increasingly so for multiple dog ownership) be levied a dog tax to pay for the costs the Council has to bear on our behalf for enforcing the by-law, cleaning up dog waste, and other dog owner-associated activity. Plus add a levy to cover the cost of each dog to the city's carbon footprint. | John Clemens |
| 30325 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Anthea Atkinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30326 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | G Burrowes |
| 30328 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>On leash only<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>On leash only<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>On leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Some owners are great and have well trained dogs - its these animals and owners that suffer due to ignorant dogowners. But to keep things even just keep dogs on leashes around and in wetland areas. | Angela Willan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30329 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Marie Walsh |
| 30330 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The joy of a walk for a dog is to sniff / look at / explore places freely<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>But there needs to be very clear signage! Currently signage isn't easily visible or the signage isn't posted in enough places.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I'd like to see more areas created where dogs can walk off lead. Dog parks can become crowded at peak times and they are repetitive for dogs. There needs to be more areas where owners & dogs can walk off-lead (without threatening wildlife). | Rebecca Orr |
| 30331 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Because I've been bitten by a dog off a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Andrew Cooper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Bird safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Bird safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>It's a massive area and the birds are safe in the wetland where dogs don't go.<br><br>They should be on a leash in the car park and there must be bins for dog poo as it's everywhere on walking tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Obvious reasons. Control<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Bigger fines for not picking up waste.<br><br>Bins needed in public spaces and wetlands areas. Too much poo on walking paths. | |
| 30332 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Very hard to control a dog in a greenspace not to step onto the concrete...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Amy Mallia |
| 30333 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I feel anxious around dogs and am fairly regularly approached by, and jump on by dogs that aren't leashed. I don't have a problem with people walking their dogs, but I would prefer to be able to not come into contact with dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Annah Johnstone |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Wildlife is important and the river corridors should be a safe space for plants and native birds to thrive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know enough about why the proposal is being made.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is a big ask to control more than 4 dogs at a time<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hansen park is pretty feral, with many people actively describing it as a dog park. One woman with a dog told my daughter that she was stupid to be in a dog park when she flinched at being approached by a dog. | |
| 30334 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Carmaletta Halford |
| 30339 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>this is too blanket of a law that would have second order consequences. there are thousands of dog owners in the area and if dogs can't be let off lead in natural areas, they'll all be crowded to places where that's possible like at the beach pre 7am or overcrowd existing dog parks. current arrangements prevent that overcrowding from happening<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Justin Tan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30341 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs and people are kept safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs and people are kept safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>We need to protect our waterways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for dogs and people<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | Michelle Mck |
| 30342 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jackie Wynn |
| 30347 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Stephanie Obrien |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | If there is a significant big green space where my dog can be off leash safely this proposed change doesn't make sense<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>What defines short leash anyway? Why change the leash length?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30348 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sacha Pedofsky |
| 30349 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Aaron Woods |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30360 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This is a good clarification of the rules and enables everyone to enjoy these spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The proposal is good as it clarifies meaning throughout the area | Lizzie Garside |
| 30361 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It's not necessary, the dog owners who use these areas are the one who register their dog/s look after them, exercise them regularly and make sure they are under control.<br>The dogs that roam are from lazy, uninterested owners who don't train their dog or even consider taking it for a walk.<br>Creating a bylaw to make all dogs to be on a lead won't happen, all it will do is create disharmony between responsible dog owners and those that don't own a dog or oppose dogs in general.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above, what about cyclist passing walkers on paths  they are more dangerous than a happily walked dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As above, the bird life if chased will simply fly away  this is a natural response to a predator, much the same as a human approaching them  they take flight.<br>Who is going to enforce these ridiculously proposed rules?<br>Again it will create tension between dog owners and paranoid city living individuals with no connection to any outdoor pursuit.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>They fly away to a safer place if disturbed, humans do exactly the same as a dog, they will be together and what will the birds do.....<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I have we'll trained dog which is stock proof, I can keep her under effective control without a lead.<br>More conflict here with others.<br>Here's an example, I walk my dog through a farm park year round, I never have her on a lead  I have walked past a park ranger with her off lead whilst lambing was taking place, no | Simon Mechen |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | comment about the dog, but a good morning greeting..<br>Draconian bylaws fail.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>More animals More problems to control them | |
| 30362 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Some dogs are not trained to stay with owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>No unruly dogs please and I am a dog owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs have plenty of space, protect species<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This is a great idea | Gill Smith |
| 30365 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife, bike run or walk without dogs jumping up or chasing etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Protect other users from interference.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>protect wildlife mainly, tho also to allow walkers cyclists runners to enjoy space without interference. Enforcement and clear signage import to make this work.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Pete Schon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Necessary particularly in areas such as Southshore spit to protect wildlife - birds feeding, penguins nesting and allow others to enjoy the beach or public place without disturbance.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Southshore Spit on both estuary and sea sides is a feeding ,nesting area for sea birds but they are constantly chased and at times attacked by off leash dogs. Leashing of all dogs should be compulsory in delicate ecological areas such as these. | |
| 30367 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Most dog owners are responsible, stop trying to put these unnecessary rules in areas that do not need them, instead you should focus on the roads and water - something which is a productive use of your time, the obsession with reducing dogs is ridiculous and a waste of funding.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>No, this is unnecessary, as I said before, most dog owners can control their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't support this as the council will just continue to reduce dogs rights into smaller and smaller boxes until they aren't allowed anywhere.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs love the beach, many people who own dogs live near the beach and require access to exercise their dogs, prohibiting this would result in unfavourable dog behaviour such as excessive barking, excreting on pavements, etc.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Most dog owners are responsible, just because a few are not does not mean you should generalise all owners in this manner.<br>These restrictions are cruel and unfair.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think you are wasting your time and if these laws go through, the council will anger a lot of people, myself included. | Imogen Germain |
| 30372 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps people and pets safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps people and pets safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need to keep our wild life safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Keep wildlife alive and safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Phillip Rosslee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Keep wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Maximum of two dogs per person<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>None | |
| 30373 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The proposal to allow an exemption for more than two dogs based on appropriate skills is not tenable. Dog walkers using dog parks exercise very little control over dogs and often lack the skill to manage more than one or two dogs. I have experienced a number of situations where our dog has been threatened/attacked by a dog from a dog walker who simply failed to exercise adequate control over one of 4-6 dogs. Many dog walkers are self appointed in their role and often quite inexperienced at controlling several dogs at once. | Jarg Pettinga |
| 30374 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>it is best that they are as dog owners seem to let their dogs run loose and they dont have control of them sadly it is the smaller dogs that run up barking and charging at you and your dog thats on a lead so best for all dogs at all times and places<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for the safety of the dog as well as people on bikes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>places and wildlife need protection restrictions needed for cat owners as well<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>areas need protection for wildlife and plants we also need to bring in restrictions for cat owners as well<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>there needs and has to be restrictions in place | Avril Moses |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>i would say 2 on a lead max off lead 1 i have seen numerous owners struggle to control 1 dog on or off lead and to be honest i actually think people should have to have a license to be dog owner and sit a test to get it too many people own but dont take responsibilties that come with ownership | |
| 30375 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've been running and dogs on long leads have jumped up on me. Only bitten once in 20 years, luckily.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Not everyone likes dogs. Personally, if someone wants a dog, fine, but I don't want to be bothered by it, it's barking or it's waste.<br><br>So the more ENFORCED dog free areas the better. | Clive Thomas |
| 30376 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the dog is under control, it should not need to be short leashed on footpaths. The dogs most people complain about are the dogs not under sufficient control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I live rurally and there is very rarely a car go past as it is a single lane road and I am attentive to any vehicles coming up on my dogs and I so it to be necessary to have them leased on the shared path  of the verge seems unnecessary and it is rarely policed anyway. A dog got out of a parked car in the parking space and ran onto my property and killed my chook and a short leash rule or not would not have helped me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife provide entertainment for many families and the mowed grass means there is less chance of unexpected events occurring.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Birds nesting and eating should have precedence in an estuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Stormwater basins are not usually the most picturesque places and it would be good to be on the mowed grass areas. | Jacinda Paice |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen many dog walkers walking far more dogs than they control in some green areas. It would be better to regulate this. | |
| 30379 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There has been a huge increase in dog ownership in recent years. They all seem to think their dogs are well trained and won't bother anyone, but I have come across many dogs that are a nuisance. Another factor is when young children are around, they are often afraid of dogs jumping over them. If dogs are on short leashes that issue will be minimised significantly.<br>Another major reason for me, is on shared paths with cycles, unleashed dogs are a major hazard.<br>I commute to work everyday by bike and find unleashed dogs on cycle ways dangerous and completely inconsiderate from the owners. I regularly have to dodge them while cycling.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, as per above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>A reasonable change.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is fantastic legislation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is fantastic. I don't see many dogs under direct or effective control cutrently in the wetlands.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think it very reasonable. And any professional dog walker can still apply for an exemption. | Matt Mckessar |
| 30380 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Short leashes are far too restrictive to dogs, dogs "see" their world by smell, they need the freedom to sniff and explore on a walk. It should be adequate to specify that dogs should be UNDER CONTROL ON A LEASH (length should not be specified). We walk extensively on an extender leash, I pull them close to me when necessary on suburban footpaths but when no-one is about they love to sniff around the trees on berms, when reaching the river they love to roam more freely exploring the grass and river bank area. This policy will make both mine and my dogs life a misery. You should focus on really bad behaviour such as people on bikes racing around with loose dogs running beside them. I do not think dogs should be leashed on "tracks" at all. We also visit Hansen Park - the trouble on the shared path there is primarily caused by cyclists speeding. Most every person and dog I have encountered at Hansen are great owners with good dogs, we should not be penalised in this way, it is just not fair. I dont think I have adquately expressed how annoyed I am about this "short leash" suggestion. N.B. you will "unleash" every petty minded complainer in Chch who hasnt got anything better to do than to report seeing a dog on a slightly longer lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>No I think mandating this will lead to conflict in so many ways. The problem I have with this entire proposal is the "short leash" - it is too restrictive .Every good owner keeps their dogs safe near roads, however dogs are walked often early in the day or of an evening when no-one else is around, causing no problem for anybody. We walk around the river in Beckenham area, it's great. There is no point in demonising good responsible owners, and how to you propose to make folk comply? Chase down and fine a few hapless good owners. Compliance issues will abound. Perhaps you could put some rules in place to keep walkers safe on footpaths - you could start by banning cyclists. If the dogs are off lead in safe areas they can at least get out of the way of these fools quickly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Alison Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Again the same problem. Short leashes for dogs on paths. This is not an area we use so really can not say more.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again not an area we use. If you are so concerned about wildlife why don't you ban those 4 wheel drivers on the riverbeds where critically endangered birds nest? Dogs are not the prolem here it is people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I do not support any proposal that insists on a "short leash" - if it was made "under effective control on A LEASH" you may get me on board.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do support the proposal, I could have ticked "yes" but I have concerns about just who will get an exemption. There are a couple of really good professional dog walkers I have met out there and there are some awful ones who seem to prefer Victoria Park, large packs (10) big dogs who leap out of the back of enclosed utes. I think the bar needs to be really high for someone to get an exemption. There are several people who walk 3 dogs at Hansen park, 3 dashunds and another 3 collies, they are just ordinary folk and the dogs are well behaved. Will they fall foul of this?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In general terms Christchurch is a diverse area, you are using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. One policy size just simply does not fit all situations, what might be ok in Brighton near the beach may not be in densly populated Riccarton. We chose the live in the southern area to enjoy the river walks etc but this "short leash" is draconian. What professional dog behaviourist advised you on this policy? It will create so many problems where they currently dont exist. You cannot regulate irresponisble bad behaviour out of the city, those people don't care now and they won't care in the future. | |
| 30384 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What problem are you trying to fix?<br>The proposal seems to indicate that dogs are still allowed to be off leash unless they actually ON the footpath, shared path or track?<br>At your average suburban park a dog owner could walk on the path but their dog is only allowed to walk beside the footpath, shared path or track? How will a dog determine if it's on a path or not?<br><br>The proposal is nonsensical. Dogs that are not under effective control (and their owners) will not care where they are in relation to a path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This proposal is just as non-sensical as the first one.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not the problem. Cats are the problem. Sort the cat problem before punishing responsible dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not the problem. Cats are the problem. Sort the cat problem before punishing responsible dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs are not the problem. Cats are the problem. Sort the cat problem before punishing responsible dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Desmond Fraher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>I have never seen an excessive number of dogs with a single person. This is a solution looking for a problem. CCC seems to specialize in this.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Reserve: I regularly walk my dog through this reserve, she remains on leash until we get to the dog park. How about enforcing the existing leash rule??? Why punish responsible dog owners?<br><br>The Groynes: why?<br><br>These proposals will all achieve nothing to curb the behaviour of anti social dogs/owners. Every single proposal does nothing other than punish responsible dog owners. | |
| 30386 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Natasha Melley |
| 30399 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>My dog is under voice control... It's not my problem if other owners are useless!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>'Pedestrian areas' is pretty self explanatory!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>'Protecting wildlife' is pretty self explanatory!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>'Protecting wildlife' is pretty self explanatory!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>'Protecting wildlife' is pretty self explanatory!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Bronwyn Harmer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>You can't be distracted and in two places at once... | |
| 30406 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Such tracks can get busy and used by all age groups. Prevents dogs frightening people or running into cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Pavements can get busy and used by all age groups. Prevents dogs frightening people or running into cyclists.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Allows dog recreation opportunities and protects wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protects wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protects wildlife but allows some dog recreation<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>The leads get tangles up and in the way of other users. More dogs makes it hard to control encounters with other dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I support all the prohibitions and controls on the Banks Peninsula Bays, Akaroa Harbour, Whakaraupo, Te Waihora and Wairewa. Please make sure there is adequate and LARGE signage warning people where they park cars, enter and area, or cross boundaries. | Richard Suggate |
| 30409 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>To have a dog on a short leash is like telling an 18 year old that they can only go out with their grandmother! It's ok to have them on short leads to go places but not for a whole walk!<br>I got a dog to encourage my family to go out for a walk every day, because it's good for our mental and physical health and it's good to do as a family. Each weekend day we will go for a walk on the port hills (usually) and each week day we go for a walk along the river. We pick these places because we can have our dog off lead. It would be no fun at all to walk with a dog on a short lead all the time. Either the dogs would be really frustrated or we would, I don't want to stop and sniff every lamppost. This would entirely defeat the purpose of having a dog - to make our family healthier and happier. I realise there are places it's not suitable for a dog to be off lead, but all tracks in our parks and reserves is just not necessary. I feel the introduction of this rule is very blinkered. A dog could bite or poo. Put it on a lead. Instead of what is overall going to be best for our residents and environment. Seriously how many bite reports do you get from the port hills, how many people get out there and enjoy them because of their dogs. We also enjoy mtbing with our dogs - this is just not possible with a short lead. Trail running with 2 dogs on a short lead? It simply will not work. Nobody has been bothered by my dogs when I'm running on the port hill trails with them, I don't see why this should all be taken away. For every person who may be bothered, there is 200 who will no longer be able to enjoy our outdoors. Dog parks are of no interest at all for those who want to exercise with their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Some roads yes, but not all, as long as the dog is under good control. It is less annoying to others if the dog can get out of the way on a narrow path for example. The other is it is entirely impractical when biking. I have taught my dog to never step onto a road unless I say "OK". This means I can bike on the road and they will run beside be on the footpath, crossing side streets when I say OK. If they had to be on a lead you would be forcing me to be illegal by riding on the footpath.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Suzanne Furkert |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Some places certainly, but not the whole river. Dog walkers enjoy walking along our waterways too!! High impact areas where birds nest, live, feed, no problem, but not a blanket ban. If there is just a duck swimming by on a river, it's in no danger from a dog. I feel that it's OK to have some areas in the city where there is a do ban (travis wetland), but remember that this is a city. The central city is a great place for those who like to shop. The parks are a great place for those who like to walk with their dogs off lead. There are less populated areas where total dog bans can make it ideal for wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think it is OK to have some non dog areas, but other areas could be on lead, and where there is low value (to bird) areas or seasons let dogs be able to be under effective control. Dogs live here too!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Leashed in wetlands, but the way this is going dogs will only be able to be free on grassed areas. I have no interest or desire to go walking around/across grass. I did not buy a do gor get our family to do family grass walks. Please give us some decent options of nice places to walk with our dogs off lead! Also you will get more people respecting the rules if there are some places they can go legally.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes is general, though I would make it 3 for both. It can actually be easier to keep multiple dogs under good control when off lead, as their leads don't get tangled.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please at a minimum keep the rives and port hills as off lead places. Dog walkers like nice walks too and on lead just doesn't work for many dog owners. | |
| 30410 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keeps both humans and dogs safe if walking on tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Huge area of unused land, perfect for dog owners who need to exercise their dog but dog is not comfortable at a dog park. My dog is reactive in a dog park but in the red zone is happy to roam, is able to avoid other dogs when wants to. But put on lead when on rivers edge.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Should be on leash only.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If someone is able to keep control of their dogs in a public space then that is up to them.<br>Some people can not control one dog, putting number limits does not affect that. | Tennessee Davis |
| 30411 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not fair to elderly and disabled dogs that stick very close to owners.<br>We have a wheelchair dog that we regularly walk on paved cycleways (as it's easier for her to drag her wheelchair) We have never had an issue ensuring she is well away from cyclists or | Toni O'Regan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | pedestrians<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>People have a vested interest in keeping their dogs safe. Well controlled off leash dogs or dogs on longer leashes will be affected by this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Once again - responsible owners do not let their dogs go into wetland areas.<br>This becomes an issue for owners of disabled or elderly dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>In general - it would be good to stop the so-called dog walkers that let multiple dogs run loose in the red zone, but they would probably get an exempption too.<br>We have 3 dogs (and are licensed for 3) The are all well controlled but this means they would all need to be leashed including the disabled dog<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This looks like you're creating a lot of rules that are not required for responsible owners.<br>Does the council not enforce the rules you already have? | |
| 30412 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not on shared paths or formed tracks. This places unfair restrictions on dogs enjoying off leash time especially if this is the only area a dog is walked.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety for all road users and pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a great quiet area for walking dogs. Great for anxious, nervous dogs and those learning. Not all dogs are interested in the river and not all dog owners are capable of walking over grass in general and especially in all weather conditions<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jane Hossack |
| 30419 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Although most dog owners are responsible, I have dis covers that some are delighted for their dog to jump on you and lick you. | Margot Toon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | As I have no idea about the behaviour of this strange dog and also do not appreciate this attention with the owner not controlling the dog, yes short leads please.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I was walking on a busy paved path when I was knocked over by a dog from behind me. This resulted in a broken arm for me.<br>Had the dog been on a lead and especially a short one I feel this would not have happened.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Totally, there are plenty of other places to walk dogs so please protect the wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Totally, especially the migratory birds which need rest. Impossible with dogs racing around.<br>I feel certain beach areas should be dog allowed. North of Waimari Beach would be excellent<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Difficult one as many dog owners consider their dog never to be harmful until they area. Yes in the grassed areas and if in the restricted areas put a realistic fine in place.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>But difficult as some dogs are large and some are tiny. Added to this some dog owners are more physically able than others.<br>So a tiny slightly frail person cannot control a big dog but a strong fit person could easily control two or more.<br>And professionals I have encountered are just that.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Roaming dogs should be caught and euthanised if not collected within a certain period of time.<br><br>Dog's neighbouring  your property should not constantly bark, snarl and scratch on the fence with the owner not caring.<br>I had this situation and felt the Dog Control treated me like a dog hater. | |
| 30420 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It's safer for people and the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety Golgotha all concerned.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Adrienne Williamson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>One person can only properly control one dog<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Owners should pick up after their dogs no matter where. | |
| 30427 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Short leash walks are not enjoyable for either the dog or the owner in greenspace areas . My suggestion would be to have dogs under effective control in those areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I think it's safer for the dog, owner and road users that dogs are in leash near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Those key areas should be fenced to prevent dogs, cats and people to enter the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not familiar with the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This is a good idea, but who decides what makes the person appropriate to walk multiple dogs?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Why do we need to register our dogs yearly? | Annika Kiviniemi |
| 30428 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I really like the ‘dogs under effective control’ often used in these areas. We’ve spent a lot of time training our dog to both enjoy being off lead but under call control. Our dog looks forward to his daily walks so much and I feel his enthusiasm will be severely diminished from being on a short leash. I agree some dogs need to be on leash to achieve effective control, but don’t ruin the experience for those of us who are responsible and have put the time in to train our dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Similar to above, please keep the ‘effective control’ standard so that responsible dog owners can let their dogs be freer to enjoy their lives outside the home<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds like a good balance of letting dogs be free where they aren’t going to destroy environment or disturb wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don’t know this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Mark Browne |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>Stormwater basins are useful areas to keep free for dogs to run free. Make them 'under effective control' areas and let the public use them as space to get moving.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>If you have more than 2 dogs off leash, it sounds like you would have a hard time controlling them. | |
| 30430 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If walking at a park in winter sticking to the path keeps your feet dryer. If the dogs are running around off leash and cross the path or walk on it with me then we shouldn't need to leash them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed to run around but be under effective control. The new Avon river pathway would be an example of this where they could enjoy the red zone but would be hard to keep leashing them if they cross the path etc as you walk on it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As someone who lives in the area and often walks their dogs in the red zone near Avondale road and locksley ave I feel this could cause issues when our dogs are enjoying off leash time in the red zone. They have never harmed or harassed wildlife in the area. I have also walked them along the river when biking home from work which allows them a walk during the time I come home from work (my wife drops them off in the car).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>My mum (2 dogs) can often help look after our 2 dog while we are on holiday visiting family in the north island. If she also has my sister dog then she couldn't walk them. She has never had an issue and keeps them on a short leash. She shouldn't be stopped from this. | Mark Parker |
| 30431 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Mikhail Krasnykh |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30432 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Tony Ambrose |
| 30436 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Our dog loves a swim at the Redcliffs beaches at either end of Beach ville road and it's unclear if this would be included, banning from the rest of the estuary is reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As a responsible dog owner I'm generally in agreement but I strongly disagree that there is no control of cats who have an immensely negative impact on native wildlife and yet cat owners don't pay a penny towards anything. The dog laws would be much fairer if cats were also controlled to the benefit of people and wildlife, Tasman has just set an excellent starting point for this although arguably do not go far enough. You'll likely feel this is out of scope of this consultation but I disagree, wildlife should be protected from all animals trying to do harm and this harm comes far more from cats then dogs. | Charles James |
| 30442 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This proposal is too broad and presents too many unintended consequences. There are many situations where it is suitable for dogs to be off leash when they are under effective control, such as on tracks in the Port Hills which are too narrow and rocky to walk side by side on a short leash. There are a number of places that are sufficiently remote where we do not encounter any people or dogs at all, and it is good for my dog's health and well being to be able to sniff freely if no-one is being disturbed. I am particularly concerned with the "formed tracks in greenspace areas" which is not clearly defined. Is it only hardstand or gravel paths maintained by CCC? What about hard compacted ground? I see one of the Q&A below mentions dogs can't walk along stopbanks, but I can't see where that is in the draft documents? Does this include mountain bike tracks that are created by volunteers groups rather than "official" ones by CCC? Does it include desire lines beside waterways that are not maintained by CCC? Can I walk along a track if I make sure my dog only walks on the grass beside? It really isn't clear and I | Samantha Quigley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | am confused about where I can legally walk my dog off leash with this proposal.<br><br>I also agree with the following questions from below:<br>When I have to use path/track; I use effective control if allowed/extended lead, & a pedestrian/cylicst approaches, I call my dog to me/short lead - so passerby is uneffected. If there's another dog owner I check to see if we can socialise, & allow off or loose lead - so dogs can circle & sniff each other or play without lead entanglement. Would this still be allowed? & when the area is clear of others/very quiet times of use, can we still allow dog off/loose extend lead? Can this be added?<br>People may use tracks daily:grass isn't mowed/wet/frosty/on slope, need stable terrain (pram, foot injury, wheelchair, jogger), a local area/can't go to open area. Permanent short lead is restrictive, dogs are more tense - dangerous for socialising, impossible to play & roll = have fun, mark or sniff grass/bush. There will be long term behavioural & health implications (neck from dogs pulling). One rule everywhere is not fair. Consider give way to others, or short lead when others are present?<br>Are the owners allowed on the paths? If they recall the dog, is the dog then allowed on the path or do owners have to train them to stop before reaching the path? Dogs don't understand the difference between path and green areas. If a path crosses through green space is the dog in trouble if it crosses over the path to get from one side to the other? Most dogs like walking near their owners, just at their own pace (dogs aren't designed to walk the same way a human does so off leash is better)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, I have an issue with the clarity of this change. How far away from a road does a shared path need to be that it doesn't count? Do I need to take a tape measure to walk my dog? What if we go out at 5am and there is no one around, shared paths are usually very wide and if my dog is under effective control and returns to heel if someone comes isn't that complying with the intention? What about walking along the Southern Motorway footpath if there is a tall fence between the footpath and the road? Or if there is deep planting between the road and the shared path creating a barrier that my dog can't easily cross, is that a shared path near a road? I don't think this rule is as clear as it needs to be.<br>I also have a very large dog, who is more than 1m long, so the requirement for 1.5m leash can be insufficient at times to allow safe passing in narrow areas, particularly if we are running (which we do regularly). A longer leash is also safer if I stumble while running to ensure I fall clear of my dog (which also happens). Even in a stationary position, if my 1m long dog wants to sniff at something on the ground, a 1.5m leash only allows for a 1m radius around me which is not really practical; the entire radius is filled with dog. Sure, I understand the need to limit the length so people don't use 4m long extendable leashes, but 1.5m is too short. It really isn't clear where this is required and I am confused about where I have to legally walk my dog on leash with this proposal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>These areas are not clear. Is there a map? I have had some people tell me that this proposal means that dogs are forbidden to be near any sources of water that flow into the Avon, is that right? How do I know which streams feed that river. This really has caused a lot of confusion.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, great, I understand the need to protect the godwits. There seems to be a good balance of areas where dogs can be, but I implore you to add sufficient signage to make this change viable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This proposal is of greatest concern to me. I live within easy walk of three stormwater basins (Te Kuru, Sparks Road and Lower Cashmere Valley) and take my dog to them multiple times per week; they are the main area where my dog exercises off leash. As such, my dog has been trained to leave the birds alone since she was a puppy. She also has good recall and will walk to heel if there are other people, dogs or cyclists around. And of course I put her on leash if I am concerned about anything. This seems to me to be a perfect example of being under effective control. The exercise and mental stimulation she gets by being off leash in these areas cannot be matched by me walking with her on a short leash. Were she prohibited from these areas, it would severely reduce my ability to exercise her effectively. The nearest two dog parks both require car trips to access, and at the times we do go there are often no carparks available as they are very popular. This proposal would make dog parks even less accessible if these were the only spaces available for a dog to be off leash. Presumably these stormwater basins have been designed with the safety of wildlife in mind, so could dogs be permitted off leash around the perimeter tracks, but on leash in the interior paths? There are limited areas of mown grass in these spaces, and they are not always connected to allow easy transition between, so I don't think the "areas of mown grass" metric is sufficient. These stormwater basins are excellent recreational assets, and are hugely beneficial for my and my dog's mental health so I am strongly opposed to the prohibiting dogs from them.<br>I do bird watching while walking my dog in these areas, and love the increase in diversity that we have seen in the few years these areas have been open. I would never let my dog harm a bird. This is an example of "if you provide it they will come", which includes both the birds and people with their dogs to enjoy the space - both can coexist with the "under effective control" rule.Dogs that do interfere with the wildlife are not under effective control. | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I appreciate the exemption process for commercial dog walkers, but wanted to check the clarity of two off leash and four leashed. It isn't made super clear that this is an either/or requirement, so could people have six dogs in total if four of them were on leash?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The newline about not relying on signage is not helpful. There needs to be clear signage in place to limit confusion and clearly delineate changes between the different zones, particularly for example between the unfenced Halswell Quarry dog park and the rest of the park (I had a person hysterically freaking out about my dog being off leash in the dog park area because they didn't know they had stumbled into that zone). A number of parks already have this infrastructure, so this should continue to be included for clarity. The online map is not clear enough as it doesn't show all paths which require leashing.<br>I have walked my dog at the Styx Mill reserve a number of times, both around the perimeter track (which was significantly underwater and impassable in some places) and within the reserve. I would be as reluctant for dogs to be prohibited from this area as I would be from the other stormwater basins. You will note that I have never been to Travis wetlands because I can't take my dog.<br>I am comfortable with the proposed changes to the Groynes, mudflats and community gardens.<br>I'm not quite sure if the new wording for "effective control" is quite right. The use of the "intimidating" in the explanation is to subjective to be easily proven, I have a large dog and often have people crossing the road to avoid her because presumably to that person she seems intimidating, regardless of what she is doing. | |
| 30444 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Paul O Kane |
| 30445 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs aren't completely trustworthy. When there are all ages and types of people around, they should be controlled.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs aren't completely trustworthy. When there are all ages and types of people around and vehicles, they should be controlled.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes please, protect the wildlife. Effective control means so many different things to dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes please, protect the wildlife | Wendy Fergusson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes please, protect the wildlife. Good that pathways would have leashed dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Great idea, not sure how many would cope when the dogs decided to do their own thing<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have had some scary encounters with dogs in Hagley Park. Two owners recently said their dog had never done that before, but they definitely weren't under effective control. So, now I am worried about every dog not on a leash. Unfortunately there was no way I could get names to make complaints, hopefully you will be policing some of these areas.<br><br>Dog parks are a great idea. | |
| 30450 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Treating all dogs the same. Should be owners choice to asses their own dog social skills.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Up to each owners ability. | Duncan Macintyre |
| 30453 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>no, penalising well controlled dogs from running around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>On a lead - it does not need to be a short lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If the wild life is free range - let all animals be free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Julie Macintyre |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think this could be 3 or 4 for all people. | |
| 30455 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We use Bottle lake would hate this to be leashed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Currently do<br>Think this is best<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Christina Rintoul |
| 30456 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>When dogs are well trained this is not an issue. It seems unfair to punish well trained dogs with attentive dog owners. It's another rule that is likely to not be followed within these regulations as it is over reaching and impractical. Dogs need freedom to move, smell and exercise their decision making and training. Focusing on training people to train their dogs properly is a much better approach and to implement a culture of using muzzles for dangerous dogs would be better.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I've never thought a dog leash was too long while out walking around Chch, this seems trivial.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't support this if it's the all river sections that pass through the red zone. Maybe some sections protected and some open for dogs to swim<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>These are extremely popular places to walk dogs and there are more dogs than ever living in the City - more space is required not less. These native species and habitats are important but we live in a heavily developed urban environment where there is much more than just dogs disrupting these species. It seems unfair to target a group that likely uses and enjoys these spaces the most. Bringing awareness and education would be a better option with maybe some sections for native habitat only. Already heavily used areas should be left as is<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Megan Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | If they are already popular with dog owners this again seems a bit unfair. Maybe some can be dog friendly and some not. Education is key, preventing dogs from chasing birds or running rampant though the wetlands is not good so teaching people how to make their dogs wetland/bird friendly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I've never tried to have more than 1 so I don't have an opinion.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't have time to read it so don't know : ) | |
| 30457 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Adele Matthews |
| 30462 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The path types should not be grouped, and flexibility applied to decision on particular tracks. The overall sense being portrayed with the proposed changes appears to take a view that dogs must always be restricted, as opposed to starting with a city-wide strategy to integrate dogs as part of the community and therefore identify reasons why dogs 'can' as opposed to 'cannot'<br><br>A case in point is the section of the Otukaikino walkway that runs beside the Groynes Dog Park and the river. This section should be flexible for dogs and multiple river access points maintained. If there are issues with bikers, then they need to slow down and respect the shared nature of the track. The meaning of shared is for everyone. If this is a problem, then gate either end of this section and make it clear dogs are off leash and the expectation that bikers slow down and are cautious.<br><br>I also suggest that Council explore aways to offer dog owners information on dog training, with new owners targeted with critical messaging for socialisation of pups in the first 2 - 3 months. Even make it a requirement.<br><br>Overall, I want to see a change in the objectives and strategies for dog management and it could start with using the word management and not control and approaching dog management with an objective statement to have dogs integrated into the Christchurch community as a social and safe norm.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Short leash is too restrictive and a blunt approach<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Tony Teeling |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Its not clear where this will apply<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Recognises that owner have dog management skills | |
| 30465 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are green spaces, such as Little Hagley Park, Hagley Park, the Avon Loop, where keeping dogs on a short leash is to restrictive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is good<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the prohibited areas are well maeked<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the prohibited areas are well sign posted<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Does this apply to all wetland areas?<br>Are all areas going to be sign posted?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ian Gibson |
| 30481 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If dog is under effective control by voice command. What's the problem. It's enrichment for the animal. Some dogs behaviour better off the lead and are more reactive on the leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again why does this have  to change. If dogs are under effective control. My dog doesn't really interact with other dogs just happy to walk along side me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Again. Why not allow everyone to enjoy the space. This has been a great use of zoned land. Again great enrichment for our dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Compromise on this idiotic legislation | Lorraine Heaton-Caffin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Omg it's a nanny state<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Sometimes I walk my neighbours dog to as she elderly. You just going to make everyone's life harder not easier. Ie dog walkers<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please don't do this. We all know you will and this consultation it's just what you need to make all this happen. Please don't make owning a dog a punishment for dogs and owners. We need areas, difference places for enrichment for our dogs | |
| 30489 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>To ensure ample space and opportunity for dogs to have walks in parks - eg Hansons park, Opawa. | Courtney Chappell |
| 30510 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>common sense prevails in open space paths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>encouraging wildlife is important without adding an extra predator/disturbance<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Sheryl Fraser |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30527 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>some dogs need more excerise than what can be gotten on a leash - however the dog should be able to be recalled to owner if needed to leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>law in place<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Toni Severin |
| 30530 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The majority of dog owners comply with the term "effective control" when their dogs are off the leash. This feels like punishing the majority for the actions of a few.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>We leash our dog when on a footpath or near a road but feel that the decision should be the dog owners. There are many instances of good dog ownership where dogs are off a leash and still under the complete control of the owner<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I can appreciate protecting wildlife but you allow people to drive on beaches (which I think is ridiculous) - how is this any different?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with the area but if this is a smaller area with a more dedicated rule, I would be comfortable<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not familiar with the area or how large the mowed areas are<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not very familiar with people walking multiple dogs but I feel, if people are doing this regularly, they are likely to be used to controlling multiple dogs. Perhaps this is where the exemption process comes in | Rob Logie |
| 30541 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think long leads would be acceptable if there is sufficient greenspace and minimal interaction with other walkers. | Deborah Callahan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Some owners do not have adequate control over their dogs, which is hazardous not only to walkers and cyclists, but also the dogs are at risk of running into the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs on lead are not a hazard to wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs on lead are not a hazard to wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I don't know anyone who walks more than two dogs anyway, but unless your dogs are extremely well behaved, I think the proposed limit is appropriate.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Reserve - enabling dogs on lead on the pathway (as is current policy) around the outside of the dog park area is extremely beneficial to both the owner and the dog. There is no actual wildlife at risk - pukeko are on the other side of the stream, and the only other wildlife along the path are rats, rabbits and stoats - hardly anything we need to protect. The path alongside the park and along the stream is cool in the summer for both owners and pets, and it's a really enriching environment for the dogs, especially compared with the monotony of the off-leash dog park. | |
| 30543 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Emma Rooney |
| 30544 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to be on a longer leash to be able to interact with other dogs and their environment. This is important for their wellbeing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above | Aimee Leefe |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners control their dogs around wildlife. A big reason that I love where I do is so that I can go on evening walks straight from my home with my dog along the river bank and through the red zone.<br>Consider harsher punishments (fines) for bad behaviour by uncontrolled dogs. Please don't take away our enjoyment of this space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Responsible owners with leashed dogs do not pose a threat to wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs are social creatures who require a lot of exercise and stimulation. Limiting opportunities for this will result in poor dog behaviour.<br>Increase registration fees if you must but please, let us take our companions with us when we are out in nature | |
| 30546 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am tired of being knocked over and jumped on by dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>please control dogs - there are so many now in urban and suburban areas. I am tired of being knocked over and jumped on by dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>please do everything you can to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>please do everything you can to protect wildlife in all areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>please do everything you can to protect wildlife in all areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>please control dogs - there are so many now in urban and suburban areas. I am tired of being knocked over and jumped on by dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>please do everything you can to protect wildlife in all areas | Michele Laing |
| 30557 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>A large dog [off leash] attacked my small dog in the car park at New Brighton beach. The owner had no effective control. | Jan Mcwhirter |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs to be protected. I have encountered dogs at Travis Wetland [on leash] despite clear signage that dogs are not allowed. Some owners seem to think dogs are ok anywhere as long as they are on a leash. These owners should be fined.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>City Centre./Stanmore Rd: This area can be unsafe as people ride bikes with their dog running beside them. [unleashed] I don't know how this can be stopped but it creates a lack of safety for pedestrians and people walking their leashed dogs. | |
| 30558 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>it is also proposed to update the 'under effective control' definition. make that the measure. Make the owners responcible for their dogs rather than punish everyone before a exceptionally small number of people are poor dog owners.<br><br>Definition of shared paths appears to be very poor. it needs to be very clear where these rules would apply as there are make 'shared paths' all over canterbury which provide fantastic off lead dog walking. It is unfair to make all areas that could be considered to be a 'shared path' on leash only.<br><br>Exercising with dogs offers numerous physical and mental health benefits for people, creating a win-win situation for both human and canine companions. One of the most immediate advantages is the encouragement of regular physical activity. Walking, jogging, or playing with a dog helps individuals meet recommended exercise guidelines, improving cardiovascular health, maintaining a healthy weight, and enhancing overall fitness. The responsibility of caring for an active pet often keeps owners more accountable, as dogs require consistent exercise to stay healthy themselves.<br><br>Beyond physical health, exercising with dogs significantly impacts mental well-being. Spending time outdoors with a furry friend promotes stress relief, reduces anxiety, and boosts mood, largely due to the combined effects of physical activity and the release of endorphins. Additionally, dogs offer companionship and unconditional love, which can combat feelings of loneliness and depression. This bond strengthens during shared activities, fostering a sense of connection that benefits both mental and emotional health.<br><br>Exercising with dogs also encourages a routine that brings people closer to nature, whether it's a walk in the park, a hike on a trail, or even just playing fetch in the yard. Being outdoors increases exposure to fresh air and sunlight, which supports vitamin D production and helps regulate circadian rhythms, improving sleep quality. Moreover, engaging with a dog during these activities enhances mindfulness, as their enthusiasm and presence encourage people to stay in the moment.<br><br>Finally, exercising with a dog can help build community connections. Dog owners often meet others during walks, at dog parks, or in group training classes, fostering social interaction and expanding networks. This sense of community further contributes to emotional resilience and overall well-being, making exercising with a dog an enriching and holistic approach to better health.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Karl Moore |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I belive that this should be recommended and not required.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is one of the many miinformaiton areas around dogs and wild life. While Cats are allowed to roam freely with no regulation it is unfair to punish dog owners by restricking places that they can walk dogs off leash and under effective control. We life near travis wetland and see cats roaming freely in there at all times of day with no control measures.<br><br>Control for dogs and cats evenly or don't discruminate against the dog owners while cat owners are left unmonitored.<br><br>Again, effective control covers the requirement. Any own who's dog commit some sort of 'crime' is obviously not under control and the owner should be fined accordingly. Increase fines but also increase effective control areas.<br><br>Again, don't punish all dogs/owers because a small number of people are poorly behaved owners.<br><br>The kinds of people that let their dog cause problems won't change their behaviour just because a by-law is changed. It's the good owners who already have control of their dogs that will put them on leads and then the dogs won't have as much fun nor will they be as well exercised and as a result have a higher likelyhood of misbehaving in the future dure to not having enough exersice.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>on the surface this sounds reasonable until you actually walk in the area and see how people climb all over the dune areas and trample/wreck tuccosks and the dunes in places. Punishing dog owners by removing areas to excise their dogs will cause more problems than the imagined savings.<br><br>Again, many houses nearby have cats who can roam free and we know it is factually correct that cats are far far more dangerous to bird populatoins than dogs.<br><br>Please review the facts/measured impacts data available as to how many many more times a cat will have a negative impact on birds compared to ANY other threat. Control cats, I know it's hard, but it will have a huge benefit on the bird population and will show just how small of an impact dogs actually have on the birdlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Stormwater basins are required as part of all new sub divisions. Many families use these are exercise areas for family and family pets. Taking this away from families after they have paid to live thier seems unfair. It's like having a park you can't play in any more.<br><br>Many people use these as an exercise area for their dogs using a ball or similar to run them and tire them out. this results in a more well behaved dog. Taking away exercise areas for dogs will cause an increase in problem dog activities.<br><br>And again, Cats. unrestricted access to these areas. Be fair, don't punish dogs without also restricting cats. If cat's can roam free and freely kill birds (which we know the data shows they do in large amounts) then dogs should be able to be under effective control and not required to be on leads to the extent that these changes seem to require.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I'm a dog over, but the dogs need to come first. Effective control is a responsibility and that gets hard if you have 3+ dogs to one person. | |
| 30561 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I've had several experiences where loose dogs have ran toward my dog and me while out walking, this is very frightening for both of us as we don't know if other dogs are friendly. There are often loose dogs in the children nature play area on Brooker Ave: if they are on the loose, how can their owners see if they've done their business and clean it up?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Christine Tiffin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Safety for the dog as well as others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There needs to be clear pathways in the planted areas so that I can still walk my dog there and enjoy the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's a sensitive area with a huge variety of birds, there should be plenty of signage and consequences for offenders.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Nature needs a chance to grow.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think 4 dogs are too many for one person to manage.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Brooker Avenue red zone. We walk our small dog there because she's timid when walking around suburban areas, she's always on a leash and we always have bags to clean up after her. We like to see the eel in the river and small fish, and watching the variety of birds, it's good for our mental health too. | |
| 30563 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is proposed to update the 'under effective control' definition. make that the measure. Make the owners responsible for their dogs rather than punish everyone before a exceptionally small number of people are poor dog owners.<br><br>Definition of shared paths appears to be very poor. it needs to be very clear where these rules would apply as there are make 'shared paths' all over Canterbury which provide fantastic off lead dog walking. It is unfair to make all areas that could be considered to be a 'shared path' on leash only.<br><br>Exercising with dogs offers numerous physical and mental health benefits for people, creating a win-win situation for both human and canine companions. One of the most immediate advantages is the encouragement of regular physical activity, something sorely lacking in the general population (trust me, as a health professional, I know). Walking, jogging, or playing with a dog helps individuals meet recommended exercise guidelines, improving cardiovascular health, maintaining a healthy weight, and enhancing overall fitness. The responsibility of caring for an active pet often keeps owners more accountable, as dogs require consistent exercise to stay healthy themselves.<br><br>Beyond physical health, exercising with dogs significantly impacts mental well-being. Spending time outdoors with a furry friend promotes stress relief, reduces anxiety, and boosts mood, largely due to the combined effects of physical activity and the release of endorphins. Additionally, dogs offer companionship and unconditional love, which can combat feelings of loneliness and depression, something all too prevalent in modern society. This bond strengthens during shared activities, fostering a sense of connection that benefits both mental and emotional health.<br><br>Exercising with dogs also encourages a routine that brings people closer to nature, whether it's a walk in the park, a hike on a trail, or even just playing fetch in the yard. Being outdoors increases exposure to fresh air and sunlight, which supports vitamin D production and helps regulate circadian rhythms, improving sleep quality. Moreover, engaging with a dog during these activities enhances mindfulness, as their enthusiasm and presence encourage people to stay in the moment.<br><br>Finally, exercising with a dog can help build community connections. Dog owners often meet others during walks, at dog parks, or in group training classes, fostering social interaction and expanding networks. This sense of community further contributes to emotional resilience and overall well-being, making exercising with a dog an enriching and holistic approach to better health.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Alice Moore |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I believe that this should be recommended and not required.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is one of the many misinformation areas around dogs and wild life. While Cats are allowed to roam freely with no regulation it is unfair to punish dog owners by restricting places that they can walk dogs off leash and under effective control. We life near Travis wetland and see cats roaming freely in there at all times of day with no control measures.<br><br>Control for dogs and cats evenly or don't discriminate against the dog owners while cat owners are left unmonitored.<br><br>Again, effective control covers the requirement. Any own who's dog commit some sort of 'crime' is obviously not under control and the owner should be fined accordingly. Increase fines but also increase effective control areas.<br><br>Again, don't punish all dogs/owners because a small number of people are poorly behaved owners.<br><br>The kinds of people that let their dog cause problems won't change their behaviour just because a by-law is changed. It's the good owners who already have control of their dogs that will put them on leads and then the dogs won't have as much fun nor will they be as well exercised and as a result have a higher likelihood of misbehaving in the future due to not having enough exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Currently, it is people who climb all over the dune areas and trample/wreck tussocks and the dunes in places. Punishing dog owners by removing areas to exercise their dogs will cause more problems than the imagined savings.<br><br>Again, many houses nearby have cats who can roam free and we know it is factually correct that cats are far far more dangerous to bird populatoins than dogs.<br><br>Please review the facts/measured impacts data available as to how many many more times a cat will have a negative impact on birds compared to ANY other threat. Control cats, I know it's hard, but it will have a huge benefit on the bird population and will show just how small of an impact dogs actually have on the birdlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Stormwater basins are required as part of all new sub divisions. Many families use these are exercise areas for family and family pets. Taking this away from families after they have paid to live their seems unfair. It's like having a park you can't play in any more.<br><br>Many people use these as an exercise area for their dogs using a ball or similar to run them and tire them out. this results in a more well behaved dog. Taking away exercise areas for dogs will cause an increase in problem dog activities.<br><br>And again, Cats. unrestricted access to these areas. Be fair, don't punish dogs without also restricting cats. If cat's can roam free and freely kill birds (which we know the data shows they do in large amounts) then dogs should be able to be under effective control and not required to be on leads to the extent that these changes seem to require.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Effective control is a responsibility and that gets hard if you have 3+ dogs to one person. Hard, but not impossible. | |
| 30570 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Short leash will ensure that the owners stay in control of their dogs and the dogs don't leap up on other people including children who might feel threatened.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety to prevent them running on to roads and being hit by cars or bikes etc. | Christine Mccormack |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need to protect our biodiversity and ensure that wildlife is safe from harm from dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Definitely! Again we need to protect our biodiversity and ensure that wildlife is safe from harm from dogs. Especially in the estuary which is a very important feeding ground for waders including migratory birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen dog walkers with at least 3 or 4 off-leash dogs that are not under control. This proposal will ensure that dogs stay in control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Strongly support the proposal for Lower Heathcote Saltmarshes which are a hot spot for off leash dogs disrupting wildlife especially native birds and occasionally rare birds like the kotuku. | |
| 30571 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For public safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We totally object to Latimer Square and Rauora Park rules being changed to allow dogs to be able to exercise there without a leash. This is totally unacceptable and should be removed from the plan forthwith.<br>Why choose Latimer Square and Rauora Park areas in particular which will invite dog owners from all over to congregate in a beautiful area where safety and quality of life at present is very satisfactory? Imagine the mayhem from fighting dogs uncontrollable by their owners and the fact both areas would become a dog toilet. Local residents such as ourselves are very proud of these areas, and the way they have matured during the past few years and object strongly to the proposal.<br>Maybe to be fair, you should also include Cramner Square into the plan also. | John And Jo Skevington And Ruane |
| 30574 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Charlotte Armstrong |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | High traffic shared spaces with bikes, yes, short leads are good, bikes are fast and longer leads are more dangerous (although no bikes should be going too fast on a shared footpath, toddlers walking free or clueless people on a shared foot path are more dangerous than dogs on longer leads that you can control).<br><br>However, for FOOTPATHS, NO, you can't run with a dog on a short lead and longer leads like flexi leads are better for sniffing (sniffing is a critical aspect of a dogs walk). Most of the places I go no one is around. If I see someone I heel my dog closer. 99% of owners are good at keeping their dogs close.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If you think of high traffic places like Hagley Park, yes this makes sense, however most of suburban path and pedestrian walkways, no, this is so over the top control. I encounter a handful of people MAX on my 30-60 walks with my dog. When we do, I'll either heel the dog, or cross road or step aside if it's narrow.<br><br>The idea that I could be fined for making sure my dog has the most fulfilment in an already limited environment when I'm very proactive in making sure strangers have space is so disappointing.<br><br>Have signs for high traffic areas for short leash or better education on dog owner etiquette. But don't punish ALL dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Blanked rules that limit dog control even more only punishes good dog owners.<br><br>The bad dog owners will continue to rule break. There's so many people who currently walk their dogs without a lead at all! This won't change for them, but those that do follow the rules will be punished.<br><br>Rather then put more rules and limitation in, you need EDUCATE dog owners more. Have signs in high traffic areas saying keep lead short when busy! Run the occasional add to say don't let your onlead dog go up to strangers etc. | |
| 30577 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because some places have few other people, sometimes no other people, around and it's nice to let your dog walk off-lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because it's safer for the dog and any road users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't think dogs should be prohibited in key areas to protect wildlife, but they should be on leash in these areas. Many dog owners live near these areas and want to be able to enjoy them with their dogs. | Deborah Thomason |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This seems fair.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This would restrict people and their dogs too much. Stormwater basins are practical solutions to water management in a low-lying city with sprawling urban development. It's nice to plant them but not necessary or even practical for them to also be exclusive wildlife areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Pairs and packs of dogs can be intimidating and aggressive. However, professional dog walkers seem to have dogs well-controlled.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There are some places, eg Sumner Beach and Hansen Park, where a lot of people walk and socialise their dogs and there is rarely a problem. People seem to self-manage and be respectful of other beach/park users. I'm very happy for the status quo to remain. | |
| 30578 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have no problem with requiring dogs on leash on footpaths but oppose mandating leashes in green space areas where dogs are allowed as long as dogs are under effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For their own safety and the safety of others<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There are so few areas that dogs can be off leash other than dog parks which can be intimidating because of their generally relatively small size, I believe that as long as dogs are under effective control this should not cause a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Suzanne Conley |
| 30579 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It’s overly restrictive, there are several formed tracks throughout Christchurch where it is highly suitable for dogs to be off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Doesn’t affect us.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Ben Crawford |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>Doesnt effect us<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Should at a minimum be allowed dogs on leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Pointless regulation to punish a very small number of dog walkers | |
| 30583 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>1. The proposal repeatedly mentions safety as a primary reason for this change. What data exists to support this view? How many of the proposed changes are evidence-based? Has there been an increase in dog-related injuries in these areas? 2. The proposal also mentions consistency as a reason for the change. The consistency being sought won't be achieved: there are currently 5 variations on dog freedoms in parks etc, (not to mention the Bottle Lake Forest exemption) this change would remove only 1 variation. Not much of a saving for a whole lot of inconvenience for dog-owners. Signage at park entrances will still be required to manage the other variations.<br>3. Further, not all dog owners are walking. Using Hansens Park as an example, the path is a perfect place for the owner to ride their bike/mobility scooter/etc whilst the dog roams off to the side of the path. This makes getting out in all weathers possible where being forced off the path to allow the dog off-lead could be impossible for those with mobility issues or visual impairments, for example.<br><br>I think the proposal makes more sense in places where there is no room to either side of the path so the dog would be directly in the way of other users. It doesn't make sense where the path is simply part of a wide open space.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>I'm not sure what the distinction is here between the proposal and the existing rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting the wildlife is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'd be keen to know what evidence exists as a rationale for this one.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Will there be set distances that dogs must be away from sports games/practices? Some parks are large enough for dogs to be off lead away from sports fields but there is no clear boundary between the playing field and the rest of the park. This should probably be defined as "within nn metres" or similar. | Tessa Benzie |
| 30584 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I particularly treasure the parks and reserves where it is possible to share a walk along a path unleashed from my small dog. My dog is elderly, slow and gentle. She stops often to sniff | Alicia Warren |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | invisible things. She gravitates to paths because she is small and doesn't cope well with taller vegetation. She particularly looks out for people who wish to interact with her as she appreciates their attentions. I also stick to paths as I now have an arthritic ankle due to a past injury, and uneven ground hidden by tall grass is especially painful when unpredicted. The joy of walking together but not leashed together is not having my stride broken for a sniff every few steps, and her being able to stop for a sniff when she wants. Similarly I prefer a long retractable leash to a short one most of the time within built up areas so that she gets some sniffing opportunities and I don't have to stop suddenly every few steps. I chose to live at the base of the Port Hills so that my dog and I could walk the Port Hills paths unleashed from each other but together. As well as Port Hills paths I particularly enjoy the following parks unleashed from my dog: Te Kuru wetlands, Cracroft wetlands, Sparks Rd wetlands. We avoid the dog parks such Victoria Park and Halswell because of the number of energetic dogs not using defined routes, instead rushing about all over the place. This is far less predictable, more difficult to manage, and more traumatic for a small old dog that occasionally needs her owner to protect her from other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I support the proposal for dogs to be on a leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads. I just don't support the requirement that the leash is a short one. Sniffing is the key enrichment and purpose of my dog's day. It is very difficult for the person and dog to have an enjoyable walk when they are leashed together by a short leash. There needs to be some flexibility in the length of the leash for both parties to have an enjoyable walk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I support the need for wildlife to be protected from dogs. I don't support the requirement that people and dogs can only be uncoupled from the leash when they are not on paths. This is because both my dog and I have physical limitations due to size or injury that make off-path walking difficult.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support the need for coastal wildlife to be protected from dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I support the need to protect wildlife from dogs. My small elderly dog and I wish to continue to walk the paths unleashed for the reasons stated above. The mowed grass areas are only suitable for us to walk where the grass is really short and there are no hidden irregularities in the surface due to my ankle injury. My dog gravitates towards paths because of the ease of travel, and I do too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30588 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Having a blanket rule is very exclusive. There are many people like myself who choose to walk their dogs off lead (and under strict voice control) and are forced to stick to pathways due to having small children with bikes, pushchairs, or wheelchairs. If I had to leash my dogs that would be no exercise at all for them as my toddler moves along at a snails pace and is easily distracted! My dogs are able to play together and sniff around which is a crucial part of their mental stimulation, and therefore wellbeing. If we were forced to do this at a specified off lead grassed area my toddler would be bored standing still (unable to ride her bike off the path) and therefore require more of my attention, meaning my dogs are less supervised.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, not all people are dog people and in this situation there is not a lot of room to pass by. Having a leash means less chance of an awkward encounter for those nervous of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Not an area I use<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Charlotte Coates |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Not an area I use<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Having more options for people to exercise their dogs in built up areas is crucial for preventing dog - dog disagreements. Having too many rules around where they can and cannot go in an area is effectively forcing them out. Even the most obedient of dogs find it hard to resist the water on a hot day, it's natural after all! If all the dogs in a built up area are forced to exercise in one off leash park there will be a higher number of dog fights. Dogs don't have to be aggressive to start a fight, sometimes they have less tolerance due to being old or having a painful condition. These dogs disperse to have quieter options to exercise in peace.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>When dogs are running free of leash in a pack, sometimes pack instincts will kick in even if they are normally good on their own. This puts cyclists, horses and other dogs at risk of being chased. | |
| 30589 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I live in South Brighton and seen the damage uncontrolled dogs can do.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I like to see more control of dog activity in and around the New Brighton sand dune areas.<br><br>Uncontrolled dogs are the reason we have very limited penguin numbers in these areas. | Phil Abraham |
| 30590 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is well behaved and under control then there is no need<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Even obedient dogs are still dogs after all. For the safety of the dog as much as much as traffic they should be leashed on roads with vehicles<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dog walkers shouldn't b restricted to the grass areas. When its raining or been raining it can be very wet underfoot and you get soaked, if you want dog walkers to stay in certain areas then you need to provide adequate footpaths | Ria Holly |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I don't believe that the majority of dogs are out there killing birds, I believe that cats pose a bigger problem. Dog owners do have a responsibility to ensure that there dogs behave in an appropriate manner but that is a different issue and you propose to penalise all for the actions of a few. Dogs and there walkers are just as entitled to enjoy spaces as the birds are and lets face it the birds don't pay extortionate rates whereas the dog owners do<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This is a ridiculous rule. Professional Dog Walkers are being penalised and as a result their services will disappear and the dogs will suffer.<br>Private individuals often have more than 2 dogs and your suggestion will not be adhered to - I certainly won't adhere to it.<br>Additionally, Council won't provide the man power to police this issue so it will end up with busy bodies trying to take the high road in public places and that never plays out well.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My view is that the results of the Councils Dog Control surveys and Consultation were pre-determined before they even went out to the public. After all, legally the Council only has to consult - they do not need to take any notice of the feedback from that Consultation | |
| 30591 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on how many dogs one person has<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Do more to protect farm areas and citys from roaming and unregistered dogs | Ie Somerton-Smythe |
| 30593 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think the rules should be specific to place as they are. Some areas are large enough and free from hazards that dogs can be under effective control safely, others close to roads and other hazards are better to be lead only. Blanket rules take away the opportunity for people who live close to a suitable off lead park to make use of it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Close to roads dogs should all be on leads. Even the best trained dog can get distracted and be put at risk of being hit by a car.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Steven Walker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Wildlife areas free of Dogs are important. Even as a dog owner I respect this. As a regular jogger (without my dog) in the marshland wetlands area. I see hundreds of cats making their way through the wetlands. They myst be decimating the bird life. I would love to see some restrictions on cats to protect bird life also.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I'm all for protecting bird life. And improving their habitats. They are an important part of our environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as there is a balance between off lead and on lead in sensitive nature areas. I think that's fine. I'm definitely for keeping rules relevant to each area though. Blanket rules will spoil some areas for dog walking when they remain suitable for it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes as an owner of 2 large dogs I find it hard to believe that most people can controll more than two at a time effectively<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No. My only concern is the Blanket on and off lead rules will restrict massive areas for dog walkers when some would be suitable for off lead use. I would like rules to remain specific to each area. | |
| 30595 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Conservation Area.<br>For many of us who walk their dogs at Styx Mill dog park daily and love to walk through the conservation area as well , I would be very sad to see the conservation area restricted. Most of us leash our dogs and pick up after ourselves. Leashed dogs cant hurt wildlife. | Rose Chapman |
| 30598 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Good trained dog will cause no harm to walkers or any bird life. It's very restricting for the dog to exercise if we will only be allowed to let her off on area of grass, but not the whole way we walk for example around the wetland. The exercise/walk/ run for my dog is very important for her health and brain stimulation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Alice Tolley |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Good trained dogs cause no harm to anyone in this wetland.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>This bylaw is going to punish good trained dogs and its going to impact their health and brain stimulation. I enjoy my long walk around wetlands and wantching my dog walk and run free. My dog is always under effective control and I can call her to me anytime I need. It's going to be very restrictive to give the dog a proper long walk and run. Also cats kill more birds then dogs. Are you going to regulate them too? All the cats in our neighbourhood don't have bells on them and kill a huge number of birds. | |
| 30599 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think the current rules on effective control work fine.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>It should be owners responsibility to decide if a leash is required near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I don't believe that dogs are a risk to wildlife in the red zone area. The red zone is a great place to let dogs run free and leashing within 200m is very restrictive.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I feel like the estuary areas should be protected as there are lots of native birds nesting here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is fair enough. | Matt Greenslade |
| 30603 | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Alexandra Dennis |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30614 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because in green areas dogs should be able to run free under effective control so therefore running free around footpaths in those areas. If someone with a dog who has no disregard for others then they won't care whether their dog is on a lead or not as to any bother their dog may cause.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because in green areas you generally can see further and there's more room to move around when others are near by, on footpaths it's not so easy and you also have cars coming out of driveways as well as kids. If your dog gets spooked it may bolt onto the road so it may get ihit by a car or a cyclist. I'm a dog owner and I always have him on lead on footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I should be able to go whereever to enjoy the sights and not be limited if I have my dog with me. My dog ignores birds but how about an on leash rule for evwryone. Again, those that don't care won't stop going in those places with their dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again, make it an on leash only area. Dogs are effective control then and dog owners get to enjoy those places as well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again, make it an on leash rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>While I feel this is a tricky one, I feel that it's probably the right number around control. Owner handles one while another person has to deal with only one off lead dog if things go south. I think it should be 3 dogs or more on leash because of the above scenario to just and make things more easily sorted if there is any sort of issue with just one dog. | Dave Bain |
| 30630 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for everyone using the footpath.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for all<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife, and the ecology of the Avon River corridor, are sensitive and vulnerable, Dogs will not enhance them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above - protec speciall ecosystem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>These numbers are still too high. Larger numbers are an absolute impossibilit y for anyone.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The current bylaw is ignored frequently. Every day I see multiple dogs on footpaths without leads. Sydenham cemetery has multiple dogs off lead all the time. The owners ignore the law. | Gordon Findlay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Without EXTENSIVE education and greatly enhanced enforcement, these changes are likely to be totally ignored. Current enforcement level seems to be negligible, and that was confirmed by a Freedom of Information request. | |
| 30634 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs on the Lyttleton Rec ground- if the proposal goes ahead then enough bins and poo bags would be handy for dog owners incase they forget to carry them. Enforcement of the law be carried out for those that don't compile. Ideally an allocated dog exercise would be best- an out of the box thinking- how about seasonal dog park on the Naval Point car park or even where the freedom camper area is. A dog park over a carpark anytime. Understand that in summer the car park can be busy and too hot for dogs but space there can be shared.<br><br>Although this survey is asking for feedback on dogs we need to mention the destruction that cats cause on birdlife- a campaign to cat owners about collars and bells as one example to help birds. | Cathy Lum-Webb |
| 30636 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This should be that dogs not under effective control need to be on a lead on these areas. Some dogs are so well behaved that a lead is insignificant in these circumstances so why waste time and money enforcing this?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>So the main difference here is that the lead needs to be short? Define short? If you have a Great Dane on a leash is its 'short' Leash different to that of a chihuahua's 'short' leash? Again if it is already required that dogs are on a leash in this area why not put on a leash and under effective control. If the person uses a long or retractable leash but holds it short in these areas will this count? Will they need to measure the length the hold the leash at everytime? This seems too subjective<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>If areas need to be protected because of wildlife that is a valid point, and yet still providing dog owners a place to effectively exercise dogs. Fair I think<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again protecting wildlife seems fair. Can cars drive along here?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Bella Black |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Again protecting wildlife seems fair. Can cars drive along here?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Again subjective. So many different elements that can come into play with this. Especially limiting the number of leashed dogs. 10x chihuahuas probably take about the same control as walking 1x Great Dane. If the dogs are under effective control. Does the number of dogs matter? A strong argument could be made for no.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | |
| 30639 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think that if you have a well behaved dog you could be putting them on and off the leash numerous times.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again you could be putting dogs on and off the leash numerous times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>We have a dog that has dog dates with up to 6 other dogs all of whom are extremely well behaved and their walker is exceptional - she only takes them to green spaces like the Agricultural park - perhaps this could be vetted via complaints if there have been issues with walkers and not having a blanket rule. | Jude Jordan |
| 30642 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Mark Brokenshire |
| 30646 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>What constitutes a shared pathway or formed track? I need a definition?. The new bylaws are adding complexity to dog-owners. The new bylaw is so complex and requirements change | Lora Peacock |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | from place to place that dog owners will give up and do their own thing as they don't know the process. In some situations it is safer to have dogs off lead on very steep or rocky tracks. Dogs can be highly reactive on lead than off. If WE have to have our dogs on lead on shared tracks then the council should make a rule that OTHER USERS give us at least 1 m clearance when passing leashed dogs on paths and tracks. It's not fair that our concerns are not considered given that we pay rates for all the amenities LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense to prevent harm to the dog. More education is needed for other users, people on bikes and scooters shouldn't be on the foothpath AT ALL and they often speed forcing pedestrians to get out of the way very quickly. Instead of picking on dog owners, how about educating ALL USERS, pedestrians, bike and scooter riders their obligations to be respectful to other users.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>don't agree that dogs should be leashed on pathways in the red zone. What is a pathway? - needs a definition. Pathways are not clear cut in the red zone, do you mean the existing footpaths etc.,<br>Suggest signage to be implemented to keep dogs out of special areas. Dogs and their owners are not the only users that can damage plantings because PEOPLE do also.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Agree special areas of significance for migratory birds need to be protected, not only from dogs but also cats and other users on bikes or motorbikes and vehicles.<br>However there MUST BE EFFECTIVE SIGNAGE that alerts dog owners to their obligations. Cats and other animals are by far the most predatory on migratory birds. Instead of picking on dogs as the sole cause of bird decline there needs to be a systematic approach in management of breeding habitat for migratory birds such as predator control, cat control, banning cats from nearby houses, habitat restoration (terrestrial and aquatic). Banning dogs will not solve the problem of wildlife decline .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Yes and no, however stormwater basins are artificially derived and may or may not become areas of significant wildlife. I'm prepared to keep my dogs away from wildlife of special significance etc. The bylaw had added complexity as some of these paths will be formed tracks and owners will have to use a formed track to get to the off-leash areas. The council hasn't provided a definition on a formed track.<br><br>The complexity of the bylaws will prohibit dog owners from enjoying areas around the city that they pay for. In compensation the council should create more areas and dog parks specifically for dogs. We are your highest number of rate payers. Christchurch has the highest dog ownership in the country . Why is the council so anti-dog?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I will only agree if you create a bylaw that prohibits humans with more than two children in public. Would you tell your rate payers not to have more than two children? I see it as a breach of human rights that the number of dogs out in public is dictated to us by the council.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The proposed dog bylaw has become draconian and hard to follow due to its complexity across sites. It penalises people who are responsible dog owners | |
| 30649 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>this is a wrong question. Yes I agree that dogs need to be on a leash on a footpath but not on tracks in green spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Kees De Vocht |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Allow dogs on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Allow dogs on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please do not make the bylaw more restrictive. Please do not ruin the enjoyment of 98% of the population to prevent an incidental accident.<br>Please do not fix anything what is not broken. | |
| 30650 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>what is a short leash? 1m - 2.5m ?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>the tracks through there are good for running with dogs, one rule does not fit all this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Warren Scott-Douglas |
| 30654 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too restrictive, there are many natural formed tracks esp. Banks Peninsular where this limited humans walking and no protected wildlife where dogs under effective command can walk off lead without any issues<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Why would you determine leash length this is too 'Big Brother!'<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs vs protected wildlife never a good idea<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above | Jeremy Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Once again this smacks of 'Big Brother!' | |
| 30659 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>footpaths need to be safe for people walking.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Two when off-leash is too many. it should only be one dog.<br>Effective control should mean that the dog comes when called, AND IF IT DOESN'T THEN THE OWNER RESPONDS TO PREVENT HARM TO PEOPLE/OTHER DOGS.<br>On multiple occassions this year at Sparks Rd or Te Puna Wai my dog (always on lead in public places except dog parks) has been threatened by two dogs working together to come at my dog from different angles (different dogs/owners each time, but generally little breeds). The owner calls them, they ignore their owner and the owner just shrugs and stands there as I have had to scream for help and try and protect my dog.<br>In my mind, effective control means that if your dog does not come immediately when you call them (and sometimes this will happen even with the most well trained dog) you get in there and grab your dog to protect me and my dog. If you have two dogs offlead, you can only grab one, leaving one to attack me or my dog.<br>if you want any more than one dog off lead, you should have to prove how well trained your dog is. this could be by CGC or other dog training club qualification.<br><br>My dogs have the right to use these public, dog-friendly spaces as well and not be attacked/threatened by other dogs. I have two dogs, and only ever walk one at a time, on lead. i am very much aware that because my dogs are big breeds they will ALWAYS be blamed if a little dog attacks and they defend themselves. And, lets be clear: the consequences of that are that my dog may be required to be destroyed because some negligent owner had several dogs offlead that they could not control, or did not try to control.<br>having dogs offlead in a public place should be a privilege, and earned by proof that owners can control them | Debbie Wilson |
| 30661 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I support it for footpaths, but I don't support it for shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed because I worry that it will stop me being able to enjoy spaces like the red zone with my dog off lead and other tracks in greenspaces around the city.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>More likely to come across people/cars, so it makes sense to keep people and the dogs safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends which areas you are going to be prohibiting. If it is areas currently used alot by dogs and their owners, I would be sad to loose it. Would it be possible instead to fence off areas so dogs can still roam but not get to the wildlife?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends where it is and if there are still areas nearby that dogs are not prohibited from and can enjoy off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Bethany Cox |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends which areas you are going to be prohibiting. If it is areas currently used alot by dogs and their owners, I would be sad to loose it. Would it be possible instead to fence off areas so dogs can still roam but not get to the wildlife?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>what constitutes "appropriate skills"? Is this going to make it too difficult for people who currently have three dogs they can control well off lead from being able to do this?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please don't take away the horse shoe lake red zone area. This area is used everyday by many dog owners to run/walk their dogs off leash. I would be very sad to loose this. It is not currently being used for anything else. If anything, you could fence off the wildlife area from the inside so the dogs can still roam, but not get to the water/areas near the water where the birds are. Win win! | |
| 30663 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is excessive in local parks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Around areas with wildlife I think it's a good idea. I don't think that dogs should need to be leashed on pathways in the Corridor.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Giovanna Christensen |
| 30666 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ravil Atlas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30675 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Some dogs are better behaved and trained to stay close to owner. This assumes all dogs aren't under control unless leashed. This is not the case.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes safer for all concerned.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Agree but only if very key areas and proven and backed by scientific evidence that dogs off leash would cause harm. Again you assume all dogs off leash just run away. Closed minded and unfair. Again some dogs don't ever stray off leash so applying blanket leash rule punishes all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Agree. No one can control more dogs on their own. This will help with those dog walkers with too many dogs and out of control. This is reasonable. | Kirsty Billington |
| 30676 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as dogs are obedient, well trained with recall & walking to heel, & owners are mindful of busy areas, then dogs should be able to be off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Very important for the safety of the dog, no-one wants to see a dog run over.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This should only be in nesting season from September - February.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This should only be in nesting season from September - February.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If the dog is NOT interested in chasing birds, walks to heel & has good recall (such as mine, a 12 year old border collie who stays close & minds her business, not interested in other dogs, people or ducks) then they should be able to be off lead.<br><br>What about small children chasing ducks/ducklings etc? I see more of that, and stupid parents feeding bread to the birds than I do of dogs chasing.<br>Will toddlers have to be on leads? They are also annoying, unpredictable & get in others way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | Aimee Best |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Because it is close to impossible for someone to have proper effective control of more than 5 dogs at a time. On leads they get tangled up with other dogs (stretchy leads are a trip hazard). Picking up poo would be a huge issue. Which leads me to suggest that you install poo bins at Te Kuru as too many people dump their poo bags which is worse than leaving the poo on the ground. People DO NOT take it home with them!!! (I do however I have a lidded bucket in my car). But others just throw the poo bag on the ground, or in the water or bushes.<br>"Professional dog walkers" should only be in dog parks or dog off lead areas.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Only responsible dog owners will actually take heed of whatever rules are in place.<br>The scummy bad owners with poorly trained dogs will not care, will not follow the rules, will have unregistered, un-microchipped dogs & will continue to give responsible owners a bad name.<br>These rules will only punish good owners & dogs, while the rest will continue doing whatever they want to anyway, & they won't pay fines or face any repercussions. Perhaps the council should focus more on these issues rather than punishing good owners?<br><br>Furthermore it will be interesting to hear how you propose to enforce these somewhat draconian rules. The council surely can't afford to have paid staff patrolling all park areas 24/7 ? | |
| 30678 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs that are under control are not a problem, the problem is people who own dogs that they can't control. Why do you feel the need to penalise people who have trained their dog to have good recall. Target the people that own dogs they can't keep under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs that are under control are not a problem, the problem is people who own dogs that they can't control. Why do you feel the need to penalise people who have trained their dog to have good recall. Target the people that own dogs they can't keep under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs that are under control are not a problem, the problem is people who own dogs that they can't control. Why do you feel the need to penalise people who have trained their dogs to have good recall. Target the people that own dogs they can't keep under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs that are under control are not a problem, the problem is people who own dogs that they can't control. Why do you feel the need to penalise people who have trained their dog to have good recall. Target the people that own dogs they can't keep under control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jamie Macintosh |
| 30679 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>For safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Danielle Dixon Lash |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | For the safety of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>For the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>For safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For more effective control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Groynes Dog Park. People needing to have more effective control of their dogs when off the lead. | |
| 30685 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Often the dogs are a considerable distance from the owners which have no idea of or control of defecation by the dogs and are unable to collect the poo. Unleashed animals often run excitedly around charging up to leashed dogs and getting in walkers' and cyclists way quite dangerously. . BTW I actually like dogs - the problem is so many owners who all think you should love their dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Unleashed dogs are often unpredictable and sometimes dash onto the road causing issues for cyclists and cars. The most dangerous are those who cycle with unleashed dogs on roads and footpaths with the dogs racing to keep up (<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>the proposed 200 hectares ( almost 500 acres ) is a huge and generous area - approximatey the size of hagley park. Surely enough to cater to dog owners who wish to unleash their dogs to exercise. Many of the larger dog breeds , especially water dogs , have no hesitation of rushing in to wetland and river areas and harassing wildlife .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>A bit of a no brainer really - how else is the wildlife to be protected from untrained dogs let loose on fragile nesting and feeding birdlife. I have witnessed first hand dogs in the killing birds in the stream along Humphries drive . It is not a pleasant sight<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above - wildlife in these areas has little or no protection from marauding dogs and owners who let them loose and see it as a bit of a joke when their dogs chase birds - and again they have no control over polluting defecations etc - and porbably don't care<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>limits to ensure control is maintained are required although some people have enough difficulty controlling one let alone two unleashed dogs - especially if the dogs haven't had a lot of prior exercise . I've observed that four dogs on a leash take up most of the available footpath space and can be. real nuisance. How are you going to adequately determine if people have the appropriate skills. I also thing unless you are the proprietor of a registered breeding kennel you shouldn't have more that two dogs on any property and regular inspections of breeders should be maintained to prevent proliferation of poorly managed puppy mills | Chris Erikson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30688 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Debbie Nicholson |
| 30693 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs are more of a menance on a leash rather than exploring around the path<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The majority of users using this area are people walking their dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Does this include the area walking through to Ferrymead?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dog users are already leashing around the main entrance  and the other areas under effective control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stanley Abelard |
| 30695 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Footpaths - Yes totally.<br>Shared tracks - gravel type walkways and formed tracks - NO.  This severely limits the exercise quality opportunities for dogs.<br>Dogs love to explore, scent chase, chill off lead.  I don't understand why walkers and bike riders have priority.  Bike riders can be such a danger on these paths too - often riding far to fast for shared space.<br>In many instances this will cause dog owners to have to get in their cars to travel to an of off leash exercise area.  How inconvenient is that to dog owners, dogs and the environment?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Foot paths only - shared paths when the need arises.  Not all the time.  Reason - as above. | Karen Lawton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is a prime dog walking area. If you insisted more on 'effective control' then any wildlife issues should not arise. And my dog does a very good job of hunting the rabbits in these areas that Council does not appear to be able to control at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>So long as Dog Walkers are not disadvantaged in terms of their livelihood, I agree with this totally. Even four is a lot in my opinion. | |
| 30702 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Just safety. Even super sweet friendly dogs can be an issue for young kids.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the whole thing is really good. It's been well thought through. Takes into account wild life and people. | Judith Blatt |
| 30705 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is under effective control, there is no need for a short lead. Only If it can not be controlled effectively, and has been declared as such(dangerous), only then it should be muzzled and a short lead enforced. Dogs are social animals, and must be allowed to continue to socialize, restricting them has been clearly proven imo, to cause them to become more tense, and defensively aggressive due to the mere fact of being restricted from any ability to get clear of what they see as potential danger, i see this all the time. Ie , Dogs on leads being far less sociable and growling / angry, as they are effectively being taught other dogs are a danger, and so are always taking a defensive attitude. This policy will create far more dangerous dogs as a result, imo.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above, but with a comment to say short leads would be appropriate on busy paths etc, but unnecessary at quiet times. I personally prefer a retractable lead, which can be set to short when required. | Graeme Galway |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>To many unskilled dog walkers around, with 8 or more dogs, so some form of regulation is needed. | |
| 30709 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The red zone is very hard to walk on when the grass is long, flooded/wet, or full of seeds and bees. We are happy to avoid the new city to sea cycle track area but access to old roads and footpaths is needed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Most people leash their dogs where there is a risk of traffic or the dog has poor recall etc - but many older trained dogs walk with owners quite safely. However, I do acknowledge that there are poorly controlled and aggressive dogs and there may need to be greater control on main roads. My dog was attacked by a leashed dog - owner couldn't hold it. ALwyas going to be an issue with larger dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I am not clear where the permitted areas will be and what will be wetlands - we already stay out of Wetlands in Travis county. How extensive is this going to be in future?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>We know there are birds nesting on the foreshore around the estuary and this is reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Clearly outlined wetlands are not a problem<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Four is plenty to control - they can let two off at a time<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We need clearer rules on red zones as cyclists are using all the city to sea track and the roads - pedestrians need better-marked areas as the e bikes are too fast and silent. | Fiona Richardson |
| 30710 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If you can have your dog under control i don't see the need. I have also had more rude cyclists in Christchurch than dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>for the dogs safety and drivers sense of security | Jenny Andrews |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If dogs are under effective control I don't see the issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>not my area of town so i don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>There are a lot of dogs in Christchurch and this is just taking another perfectly safe area to exercise dogs away from responsible dog owners<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>makes sense as long as dog walkers are covered. I think dog walkers should be licensed but that's another story<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Overall I think that there needs to be more interesting places for responsible dog owners to take their dogs. I know that not even loves dogs but if dogs are just there and aren't attacking people I don't see why there needs to be such huge restrictions. Issues like roaming dogs etc have nothing to do with responsible dog owners. | |
| 30711 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I totally agree, we need to do more to look after and support what wildlife Chch has. I've seen dogs hunting for lizards in red zone, chasing birds (& chicks), dogs need to be on lead along waterways and key significant area. Signage and enforcement is a must to ensure that people adhere, so I hope council will allocate funds for rangers to enforce these new rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>- Absolutely agree. I live nearby and I am truly saddened when I see dogs chasing godwits and other taonga species on a regular basis. The coastal pathway has really opened up the estuary to dogs and it is so tragic for the bird species.<br>- I think you need to extend the ban to include areas where birds roost/rest at high tide, for example Scott's park/ mt pleasant yacht club and Southshore spit. It's vital that birds aren't being disturbed when resting, as many species, such as godwits need this time to rest and not have to fly, so they can store fat and thus be in suitable condition to migrate back to northern hemisphere.<br>- So please consider increasing the no dog area to key roosting areas.<br>- And please can we have a ranger in the weekend to enforce such rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Council has such made wetlands for dogs walkers, not suitable habitat for birds currently.<br>Charlesworth is a perfect example, it's grassed. Dogs everywhere. "Effective control" is not really a measurable thing, people call their dogs, they hardly come back first time. Once you could see pūkeko, gulls etc. Now that charlesworth has become a place to walk dogs under "effective control" you never see pūkeko or shorebirds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | E Lyn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>- I think the bylaw should be reviewed every 5 years. It's been such a long time for this bylaw to be reviewed and it needs to be more responsive to changing dog ownership, environmental pressures, wildlife concerns. For example council creating the coastal pathway has had a detrimental ecological impact, with dogs in the estuary and it's taken years for this bylaw to subsequently be reviewed. Thus should be reviewed every 5 years and be more responsive to the changing landscape.<br>- A MUST is that council needs enforcement, rangers around the estuary area and key wildlife areas in the weekend is an absolute must.<br>- I think council should move away from "effective control". It's not measurable. People interpret it differently, ie should your dog come back on first call? after 10mins? not at all? be within 1m of you? Either areas should be on lead or off lead.<br>- wildlife areas should be no dogs, especially the estuary, waterways and these "no dog areas" need to include areas for birds to rest at high tide. For example, at high tide wading birds often roost at southshore spit, but then dogs come and the birds have to fly. This wastes the birds fat reserves which they need to continue their annual migration. So please consider extending wildlife areas and having buffer zones which include areas that are "no dogs" at high tide.<br>- lots of signage is a must | |
| 30726 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be controlled in public places to prevent them causing grief through over aggressive or friendly behavior that make cause falls and injuries.<br>In regards to the Diamond Harbour cliff track some years ago a persons was believed to have been tripped by her dog and fell to her death on the rocks below. What would be the liability of the council if they permitted unleashed dogs and a further death resulted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be controlled in public places to prevent them causing grief through over aggressive or friendly behavior that make cause falls and injuries. Roads and footpaths in Diamond Harbour are narrow, leaving little room for traffic and pedestrians or avoiding unleashed dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Keeping control is the key, few have that skill | Graeme Mccoll |
| 30729 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need space to run and sniff. This is their natural desire. If dogs are always on a short leash they may become frustrated and potentially aggressive.<br>Dogs also meet and greet other dogs in a more natural and calm way if they are off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What about walking along a path with the dog running on the grass?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Jo Wager |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There is no point having a blanket rule for the many different areas of Christchurch.<br>For instance, The Cliff Track in Diamond Harbour. There is no harm in dogs being off leash but under effective control along there. The talk of penguins is rubbish. Where are dogs supposed to be exercised? Stoddart Point Reserve is full of families having picnics, the recreation ground where sports are being played, Laurenson Park- very small and unfenced to the road.<br>Beaches are off limits through the summer.<br>Are you suggesting residents drive to Victoria Park or the northern beaches?<br>This whole bylaw needs more serious consideration. Restricting dogs causes more problems than it solves. | |
| 30732 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This is a no brainer that all responsible dog owners adhere to already ... understanding that some people in the public are frightened of dogs. Its nothing to do with if your own dog is safe or not. Its about everyone feeling safe out in public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Of course. See above ... PLUS its safer around moving vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I think this is a nice balance. This is going to be the only place we'll be able to walk our dogs so we do need somewhere ... since you're adding a loophole to allow the self confessed skilled (but not skilled) people to continue to terrorise other public places. Since you're adding that loophole you need to go back to the drawing board and make some spaces off limits for those who want to walk more than 4 dogs on lead or 2 dogs off.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The problem is that since you're adding the loophole there are VERY FEW places we can take our dogs safely away from those few irresponsible dog walkers (that think they're professional but they're just bullies and think they own the parks). Since you're adding that loophole you need to go back to the drawing board and make some spaces off limits for those who want to walk more than 4 dogs on lead or 2 dogs off.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again ..... Since you're adding that loophole you need to go back to the drawing board and make some spaces off limits for those who want to walk more than 4 dogs on lead or 2 dogs off. With that loophole in place there are very few places that we can safely take our dogs where we won't be terrorized by the local dog walker who purports herself as a dog training expert but who is well known locally as not having any control or sight over the umpteen dogs she walks. Spending most of the time on her phone or agruing with other people while the large dogs she's walking are creating ciaos in the small dog area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>EVERYONE should not be walking no more than 4 dogs on a leash ... even those who think they have special skills. This is ridiculous to add that loophole. I'm so mad and so gutted. This whole process was so hopeful for all of us responsible dog owners who were hopeful of some protection. Since you're adding that loophole you need to go back to the drawing board and make some spaces off limits for those who want to walk more than 4 dogs on lead or 2 dogs off.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I absolutely DO NOT support that people can apply to try and control more dogs. The main person that causes massive issues at the Groynes supposedly calls herself a dog expert but has absolutely NO control of the dogs she walks. And she would undoubtely be able to get this exemption ... so what is even the point. The point of this whole thing was to make the places safer for everyone and to get control of these crazy dog walkers ... wasn't it? And now you've created a loophole for these dog walkers. I'm absolutely beyond gutted after having so much ope | Jacqui Freeman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | that the public spaces would be safe for the standard person to take their own dog. We haven't been to the Groynes in months for this very reason. She was in the carpark arguing with someone else coz she'd just let all her big dogs run out ... and they were running around the small dog area causing absolute mahem for the small dogs who were frightened. One of the wee dogs in there was its first time at the park. Just horrendous. And she will continue. I was told after this (when I noticed people quickly taking their dogs out) that this woman always causes problems. AND she has a massive attitude on her too. So ... no point using the Groynes again for us. That is so incredibly sad coz we did love it down there. | |
| 30738 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think if dogs are under effective control, they should be allowed off leash on track in greenspaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Carolin Weser |
| 30739 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need adequate off lead/long line time to properly exercise and socialise. The heavy restrictions proposed limit these opportunities significantly. This will also increase demand on dog parks where a lot of owners who do not have well trained dogs (and cannot trust their dogs to come when called so this is where they can let them off lead) bring them. This often results in dogs learning poor behaviours and aggressive situations. A lot of dog trainers do not promote the use of dog parks for this reason and more. I think this proposal is a recipe for disaster and is awful for dogs development, learning, exercise and mental stimulation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs in the key areas should be allowed on short lead if there is concern for wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed on short lead if there is concern for wildlife. They are then under control of the owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed on short lead if there is concern for wildlife. They are then under control of the owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think the proposal lacks understanding of the consequences of restricting dog walking so heavily and is not well informed. There is too harsh of a decision being made where wildlife is a | Sharni Mckay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | concern where alternative approaches would be effective in protecting wildlife without heavy restrictions to dogs. Other proposals do not support good training, exercising and socialisation. The proposal puts heavy dog traffic to places like dog parks which is a recipe for disaster. | |
| 30740 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If your dog is well behaved, then walking in greenspaces with your dog off lead is an important part of enjoying exercise with your pup. Your dog is confined to their home for most of the day, so it is important that they are allowed the freedom to sniff and walk at their own pace. This type of exercise is the most pleasant part of owning a dog, especially seeing your dogs obvious enjoyment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Footpaths can be busy places, and a dog owner needs to keep their dogs close to them. Cars, loud noises etc can startle your dog, and also when crossing a road safely. But on quiet streets with little traffic, it may not be necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If your dog is under effective control, then a lease should not be necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important, and it is reasonable to accept that their home environment should not be disturbed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If the dog is in effective control, it will stay on the path close to the owner and not be entering the wildlife area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Unless you are a trainer, it would be difficult to effectively control more than two dogs. | Julie Edwards |
| 30743 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A dog should be permitted to be on a long line when there are few other people around. Not everyone has easy access to off-leash areas, so long-leading creates more opportunity for a good walk. There should be a clarification in terms of 'must be kept close when passing other people/bikes'. This would enable long-lead walking but create safety by requiring the dog be brought in close when near others.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>In high-risk areas, for example around a lot of other people or along active roadsides, a dog should be kept close under good control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This balances protecting wildlife and creating space for dogs to be exercised offlead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Provided there are areas of access to water for dogs, this would be a good balance to protect wildlife and enable effective dog exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Provided there are areas of access to water for dogs, this would be a good balance to protect wildlife and enable effective dog exercise. | Kate Vandermeer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>If there is an effective exemption for professional dog handlers/walkers, then this is a good proposal. Many people have poor control over their dog, and I feel this creates a clear definition to enable more effective handling. There does need to be consideration for breeders, professional dog services and working dogs/farmers, but I am loathe to include the likes of hunters as many hunters do not have true effective control of their dogs. Most urban owners would not have more than 2 dogs, and I feel there should also be consideration and an option for those who do own 3 or more dogs in an urban area if they can prove good ownership and control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am in general agreeance with the proposed changes. I would like to more encouragement towards education and responsible ownership - it is frustrating as a dog owner that people approach my dog without permission, and that we have issues with other dogs rushing or otherwise harassing us because their dog is not under effective control, as well as constantly seeing dog business left behind. I strongly feel many of these issues could be resolved with more education, especially for small dog owners who seem to think training is optional. Greater animal control patrolling with a focus on education would be good.<br>Perhaps council could consider making it compulsory to attend a basic obedience class in the first 12 months of ownership, or some kind of Dog Care & Training course that educates owners on their legal obligations for the care of dogs. | |
| 30744 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Shelley Eccleton |
| 30746 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Greenspace areas are one of the few places dogs can be off lead and play freely. This change is unecessary - what issue is being addressed and where is the evidence for this? The key issue I have seen in these multi-use spaces is some cyclists speeding through these areas without consideration of other users - I think that's the issue the council needs to address eg by introducing a speed limit.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dogs are already required to be leashed alongside roads. Why is further restriction necessary? Many paths eg through parks are "near" roads. This is over-regulation.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would like to see areas where dogs are/aren't allowed to be kept to the absolute minimum necessary to protect wildlife and for these areas to be clearly marked. The Red Zone is currently a great place to walk dogs off-lead away from roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Holly Jamieson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | We enjoy walking our dog around the estuary. I would like to see this kept to only strictly necessary areas and for these to be clearly marked.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would like to see this kept to only strictly necessary areas and for these to be clearly marked. We have never noticed any issues with the current rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>We have come across individuals with huge packs of dogs that they cannot control or pick-up after and that pose a risk to other dogs and people.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Strongly disagree with the proposal that dog owners should not rely on signage. Dog owners cannot be expected to know the rules for every single path or park or place in Canterbury - we often walk in new areas outside of our own suburb. And you cannot expect people including elderly residents to be able to look up an interactive map on their smartphone.<br><br>Do not agree with requiring dogs to be leashed in The Groynes as there is no issue currently and it's great to be able to walk through The Groynes with our dog off-lead.<br><br>Do not agree with dogs being prohibited from Styx Mill Conservation Reserve - dogs are already required to be on a leash there and there are limited walks for dogs in that area.<br><br>Do not agree with requiring dogs to be leashed on wharves and jetties or in community gardens. What issue is this meant to address? Those areas are typically mostly deserted and/or in remote areas and I don't understand the need for dogs to be leashed in those areas. This is poor regulation that has no evidence base. | |
| 30748 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as a dog is under effective control it should be able to have a run<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety af all concerned<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We should protect wildlife from all predators<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again wildlife needs to be protected from predators<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds reasonable as long as the dogs are allowed to run on the open areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds reasonable | Kathy Harris |
| 30749 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>As long as under effective control a short leash is not reasonable or necessary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Anne Stiles |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Surely common sense should prevail, short leash for busy areas, long leash for not busy areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife/rivers/wetlands/planted areas, need protection from all animals and humans alike, especially humans<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above, protection for wildlife important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Regulation of storm water basins such as…. not specific enough, basins regulated should be listed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Should dog walkers need to get a certificate allowing control of more than 4 at a time | |
| 30756 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No I do not. I walk my dog daily through 2 parks that have shared bike paths - Somerfield & Centennial. Both myself & my dog would not get adequate exercise if leashed on our runs & walks round these parks. Dogs are less anxious & more social when off lease in green spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>All you will do is cause people not to visit or walk there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Jenny Miller |
| 30757 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Ref Schedule 1: Coastal Cliff Reserve and foreshore (Diamond Harbour). Dogs must be on a leash on the reserve and coastal pathway/head to head walkway to protect wildlife.<br>I oppose the proposed bylaw regarding dogs to be leashed along the coastal cliff pathway.<br>Diamond Harbour is a semi rural village that has enjoyable walks along the coastal cliff pathway that spans approximately 12 kms. My partner and I walk the entire track from Black Point to Purau in segments every week for over 15 years with our dogs under effective control. We rarely see anyone, and have never seen, or heard of any penguins, the only wildlife we have seen are fantails and rabbits. I am a keen wildlife advocate (an ex-conservation officer with an ecological background) so if penguins, or any vulnerable wildlife, at risk from predation from dogs were present, on or near the coastal cliff pathway, I would not be walking my dogs along the track at the top of the cliff. I have asked for information on the wildlife surveys carried out along the coastal cliff pathway and information on any incidents between wildlife and dogs from the last ten years (during the current bylaw period) and have not received any information to support CCC's claims that wildlife are at risk of injury or predation from dogs off leash, and have not received any details from CCC to date.<br>The areas the proposed bylaw allows for dogs to be off leash in Diamond Harbour and surrounds would be: 1. Laurenson Park that is surrounded by residential houses and the unfenced main road into Diamond Harbour (Marine Drive).<br>2. Stoddart Park which gets busy in the summer with visiting families picnicking, and; 3. The recreational/sports ground which gets busy with sports events. | Emma Kinnings |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | All of these places are a poor alternative for the 12km walk along the relatively confined path along the coastal cliff pathway. These off leash parks also require a drive to get them for those people who live to the western areas of Diamond Harbour/Church/Charteris Bay areas, when they work all day and need somewhere to exercise their dogs in the evening before dark. Currently they can access the coastal cliff pathway close to their home creating no vehicle emissions and no extra fuel costs.<br><br>Signs for dogs on leash were placed on access reserves entering the cliff pathway four to five years ago, contrary to the current bylaw rules (where dogs are allowed off leash under effective control along the coastal cliff pathway), and I was informed by a CCC Park Ranger, that it was a predetermined outcome and the rules were going to be changed for dogs to be on leash along the coastal cliff pathway. So it seems submissions are likely to be futile if you have made your mind up without public submissions four/five years ago.<br><br>The signs stating dogs to be on leash (Koromiko reserve and Sam's Gully entrance) caused confusion in the community. I implore you to check CCC's current bylaw map which clearly shows that dogs are allowed off leash on the coastal cliff pathway. The coastal cliff pathway, as the name suggests, is at the top of a cliff and significantly high above the foreshore (where dogs are mainly prohibited). I had made several notifications to CCC about these on-leash signs which caused conflict between cliff pathway users and nothing was done about it and no response received, which is very frustrating.<br><br>CCC's proposal to walk dogs on a short leash in a public area (1.5m along the coastal cliff pathway) is potentially dangerous, as in summer when CCC does not maintain the grass along the track, finding your footing on the narrow track is difficult enough without having a dog immediately in front of you, and in my case two medium / large dogs directly in front of me. In Winter the boulders we climb over along the track and ephemeral streams can become wet and slippy, meaning you need your hands to hold on to the sides or boulders to climb up or down, again holding one or two dogs leashes in these areas will also be dangerous.<br><br>I implore CCC to reconsider your proposal for dogs to be required on leash whilst walking Diamond Harbour coastal cliff pathway. Diamond Harbour and surrounds require a tailored approach to the dogs on leash rules and there should be no changes to the current bylaw rules until the Council put significant effort to offer alternatives for dogs to be exercised unleashed. | |
| 30758 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Ref Schedule 1: Coastal Cliff Reserve and foreshore (Diamond Harbour). Dogs must be on a leash on the reserve and coastal pathway/head to head walkway to protect wildlife.<br>I oppose the proposed bylaw regarding dogs to be leashed along the coastal cliff pathway.<br>Diamond Harbour is a semi rural village that has enjoyable walks along the coastal cliff pathway that spans approximately 12 kms. My partner and I walk the entire track from Black Point to Purau in segments every week for over 15 years with our dogs under effective control. We rarely see anyone, and have never seen, or heard of any penguins, the only wildlife we have seen are fantails and rabbits. I am a keen wildlife advocate (an ex-conservation officer with an ecological background) so if penguins, or any vulnerable wildlife, at risk from predation from dogs were present, on or near the coastal cliff pathway, I would not be walking my dogs along the track at the top of the cliff. I have asked for information on the wildlife surveys carried out along the coastal cliff pathway and information on any incidents between wildlife and dogs from the last ten years (during the current bylaw period) and have not received any information to support CCC's claims that wildlife are at risk of injury or predation from dogs off leash, and have not received any details from CCC to date.<br>The areas the proposed bylaw allows for dogs to be off leash in Diamond Harbour and surrounds would be: 1. Laurenson Park that is surrounded by residential houses and the unfenced main road into Diamond Harbour (Marine Drive).<br>2. Stoddart Park which gets busy in the summer with visiting families picnicking, and; 3. The recreational/sports ground which gets busy with sports events.<br>All of these places are a poor alternative for the 12km walk along the relatively confined path along the coastal cliff pathway. These off leash parks also require a drive to get them for those people who live to the western areas of Diamond Harbour/Church/Charteris Bay areas, when they work all day and need somewhere to exercise their dogs in the evening before dark. Currently they can access the coastal cliff pathway close to their home creating no vehicle emissions and no extra fuel costs.<br><br>Signs for dogs on leash were placed on access reserves entering the cliff pathway four to five years ago, contrary to the current bylaw rules (where dogs are allowed off leash under effective control along the coastal cliff pathway), and I was informed by a CCC Park Ranger, that it was a predetermined outcome and the rules were going to be changed for dogs to be on leash along the coastal cliff pathway. So it seems submissions are likely to be futile if you have made your mind up without public submissions four/five years ago.<br><br>The signs stating dogs to be on leash (Koromiko reserve and Sam's Gully entrance) caused confusion in the community. I implore you to check CCC's current bylaw map which clearly shows that dogs are allowed off leash on the coastal cliff pathway. The coastal cliff pathway, as the name suggests, is at the top of a cliff and significantly high above the foreshore (where dogs are mainly prohibited). I had made several notifications to CCC about these on-leash signs which caused conflict between cliff pathway users and nothing was done about it and no response received, which is very frustrating. | Steve Kinnings |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | CCC's proposal to walk dogs on a short leash in a public area (1.5m along the coastal cliff pathway) is potentially dangerous, as in summer when CCC does not maintain the grass along the track, finding your footing on the narrow track is difficult enough without having a dog immediately in front of you, and in my case two medium / large dogs directly in front of me. In Winter the boulders we climb over along the track and ephemeral streams can become wet and slippy, meaning you need your hands to hold on to the sides or boulders to climb up or down, again holding one or two dogs leashes in these areas will also be dangerous.<br><br>I implore CCC to reconsider your proposal for dogs to be required on leash whilst walking Diamond Harbour coastal cliff pathway. Diamond Harbour and surrounds require a tailored approach to the dogs on leash rules and there should be no changes to the current bylaw rules until the Council put significant effort to offer alternatives for dogs to be exercised unleashed. | |
| 30762 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Too many owners of big dogs lack control of them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because again too many owners of large dogs are letting them run free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again too many dog owners think they can control their dogs when in fact they cant<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Because it makes sense and protects other dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think even 4 leashed dogs is not a controllable scenario<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My small dof has been attacked 7 times causing physical and mental distress to the dog and myself the owner.<br>The owner of other dog does not give a damn, pig dogs should be banned. | Dakota Blue |
| 30764 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Scott Franklin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the Central City area, which is defined as:<br>[Central city – the area bounded by and including Bealey Avenue, Fitzgerald Avenue, Moorhouse Avenue, Hagley Avenue, Oxford Terrace (to and including the Antigua pedestrian bridge), Cambridge Terrace to Rolleston Avenue, and along Park Terrace to Bealey Avenue].<br><br>The proposed changes include allowing unleashed dogs (under "effective control") in Latimer Square and Rauora Park. Given that these areas are frequented by children, tourists, and other individuals who use the spaces for recreational activities, I believe allowing unleashed dogs poses a significant safety risk. The council should consider the potential risks to vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. Off-leash dogs could create anxiety or pose a physical danger to these groups, who may not be able to respond quickly or effectively to a loose dog. They may no longer feel this park is accessible to them.<br><br>In addition, some dog owners may not adequately supervise their pets, leading to potential accidents or incidents. Dog waste could also become a public health issue in these high-traffic areas. The proposal seems to assume that all dog owners will be responsible and ensure their dogs are properly cleaned up after, but we know that is not always the case, especially with dogs that are off-leash.<br><br>Moreover, even if some dogs are under "effective control," areas like Latimer Square, which is bordered by heavy traffic on all sides, present a particular risk. There are no barriers such as fences or hedges to prevent a dog from running onto the footpath or street after a distraction, such as a loose ball or loud noise. This could lead to accidents or injuries for both the dog and pedestrians.<br><br>Latimer Square also serves as a habitat for a pair of paradise geese that return every year. The presence of unleashed dogs in this environment could pose a direct threat to these birds, disturbing their nesting or feeding activities.<br><br>Additionally, Latimer Square and Rauora Park are often frequented by homeless individuals, many of whom have dogs on leashes. While these individuals may not intend harm, the presence of unleashed dogs could create an intimidating and potentially dangerous situation, particularly considering the breeds that are sometimes seen in the area. Allowing dogs to roam off-leash in these spaces would be reckless and could lead to conflicts, especially in such a densely populated urban environment.<br><br>It may be more effective to designate different specific areas for unleashed dogs, outside of the central city, areas with clearer boundaries and minimal pedestrian traffic. These areas could be designed to minimise risks and better accommodate both dog owners and the general public. | |
| 30768 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is a fair assumption when there are mixed pedestrian uses, however the short leash is unreasonable. Dog owners are capable of exercising their own control without a bylaw about the length of the lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Dog owners should not be restricted to small strips of access and a longer lead is effective control especially when retractable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Protection of wildlife is fair but should not extend outside these areas. Dog owners should not be restricted to small strips of access.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Only in the managed wildlife areas is fair.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Taylor Dunn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | People can effectively control multiple dogs if they are reasonable dog owners. Someone who cannot control a dog is going to struggle with any number of dogs. Also how would a dog walking company effectively operate.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Restrictions on dogs in general public places through the central city should be lifted to allow them to be in more places. | |
| 30774 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many uncontrolled dogs, both friendly and dangerous, accosting people and disturbing wildlife. Ver y few are disciplined at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many uncontrolled dogs, both friendly and dangerous, accosting people and disturbing wildlife. Ver y few are disciplined at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many uncontrolled dogs, both friendly and dangerous, accosting people and disturbing wildlife. Ver y few are disciplined at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many uncontrolled dogs, both friendly and dangerous, accosting people and disturbing wildlife. Ver y few are disciplined at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>There are too many uncontrolled dogs, both friendly and dangerous, accosting people and disturbing wildlife. Ver y few are disciplined at all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Most people can't control one dog, more just means an uncontrolled pack.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>In relation to all the areas in Diamond Harbour. | David Hammond |
| 30777 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I strongly support this. While many dogs cause no issue, a small number create danger for local wildlife, other dogs, and people. It's terrifying not knowing which kind of dog you're approaching. We've also had several tragic deaths of local wildlife this year caused by dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I strongly support this. While many dogs cause no issue, a small number create danger for local wildlife, other dogs, and people. It's terrifying not knowing which kind of dog you're approaching. We've also had several tragic deaths of local wildlife this year caused by dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It's particularly important to regulate this area for wildlife. We've had several tragic deaths of local wildlife this year caused by dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's particularly important to regulate this area for wildlife. Dogs regularly kill wildlife in this area and the ones that don't cause life-threatening stress as they chase and disturb wildlife. Birds waste precious energy having to constantly take flight to avoid dogs, and have their feeding and resting disrupted. Sea birds are declining around the world and the fact we let dogs | Jemma Penelope |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | contribute to this is terrible. It must change.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As much as possible, wildlife must be protected from death and harm from dogs. I've seen several deaths of wildlife from dogs this year and it's so heartbreaking. So much in this world we can't do anything about, but dogs killing wildlife is absolutely preventable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. Having that many dogs off-leash is dangerous and so should require those who do to have the skills. Dogs acting in a pack are much more dangerous that one on their own.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I strongly support prohibiting dogs from mudflats and from any and all conservation reserves. I support the proposed changes to the definition of 'Under Effective Control'. I support the minor changes, especially about the disposal of dog poo bags. I support all efforts to increase accessibility of dog parks and include dog parks that have surfaces other than grass so that wheelchair users and others with accessibility needs are not excluded. Please also consider the need for bookable dog parks where those who have dogs that can't be around other dogs can book a time to use a dog park area exclusively. This would also help humans who require exclusive use for disability or other reasons. | |
| 30778 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I support the rewording of "effective control". | Connor Mciver |
| 30781 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes strong support in principal, but this may be difficult to enforce in areas where a formed path traverses a green-space area where a dog is allowed to be under effective control off-leash but may cross the pathway. In such situations the dog should be deemed to be exercising in the green space but be allowed to cross the path. In some situations, as I have found to my cost on the Ashgrove Reserve in Somerfield, the the leash itself can pose more of a hazard to a cyclist or other path-user than the unleashed dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Rod Hay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Strongly support this proposal because of the urgent need to remove a significant hazard to bird populations on the Estuary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes I support this in principle, but how are appropriate skills to be defined. Some professional dog walkers are highly skilled and professional. Others less so! | |
| 30786 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too dependent on location/situation ie anyone else around or if dogs are running around off track but close & under effective control. Also depends entirely on experience & ability of owners, breed of dog , recall etc.<br>Many owners have years of experience with dogs & are perfectly capable of making sensible decisions according to the situation.<br>Happy healthy dogs need to be able to RUN as well as socialise. I find parks like Victoria Park (which is very close to my home) is too small for safe running & I have often seen problems between dogs there as the space is too close. I was also present when a dog was playing & bowled a healthy young male over , breaking his hip + 2 femoral fractures.<br>Parks like the Quarry & the Groynes offer so much as long as dogs are allowed to stretch there legs & RUN freely, & under effective control. I have never had a problem with my dogs running on the hill closest to the car park at the Qurry & I have run them there for over 20yrs. It is safe, quiet & away from speeding bikes.I have only ever had positive interaction with other walkers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Only near roads.<br>On shared paths they should be under effective control as usual.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>This is not an area that I feel safe walking in, or for my dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is also a place that I have not felt safe in , from a person & heard of dogs attacking as a pack. Is'nt this where you should be putting more energy ?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Disregarding pathways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Why would you think that dog walkers have more experience than most dog owners ? I have seen a couple of dog walkers who I think have fantastic control over about 8 dogs, they all look so happy & well exercised. On the other hand, I have seen many who spend all their time on their phones & none picking up after the dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I was appalled recently by the Dog Control Officer who I believe handed out 27 $300 fines in a day at the Quarry to people walking on the grass to get to the dog park from Cashmere Rd.<br>The path to the dog path is not wide enough for all dogs to pass safely. Therefore I walk around on the grass & the dogs trot along beside me. I never let them near the ponds . I spoke to an elderly woman who walks very slowly on 2 sticks with her elderly labrador beside her & was threatened with a fine ( her name & address taken). She felt she had been verbally abused , this is simply bullying behaviour!<br>She cannot walk her old almost blind dog on a lead because she needs 2 hands for her sticks but her dog needs a little exercise & they both still get enjoyment from walking to the wooden bridge & back. Really !!! Sadly, I haven't seen the old lady there again.<br>Information & education, a bit of compassion & understanding is what makes a difference & life more enjoyable for all. | Heather Pope |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30787 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This rule punishes the majority - (great dog owners) and in practice will be really hard to manage where dogs typically run alongside, across, on and off tracks but are allowed in the non tracked area alongside.<br>- dog parks and the few areas allowed for dogs under effective control are mostly small, flat, boring and over populated with dogs.<br>- there are many shared use tracks especially on the port hills - please make at least some of them shareable with dogs under effective control. That way dogs who need big runs eg working dog breeds can get proper exercise and ability - a leash, and in particular a short leash, means more frustrated and bored dogs who bark or escape.<br>- shared path use already requires people to be alert for cycles of humans, adding dogs to this is something many of us adults and our kids are already coping with - it adds fun, value and interest to the walk.<br>- by designating some shared paths as dog friendly under effective control, people who don't like dogs can choose other walking options<br>- many of us avoid the dog parks because they are too small, and we have also met aggressive dogs in them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>the short leash rule is just unfair and inappropriate for many dogs, keep that one for dense inner city areas but relax it please for all other zones - a longer lead in quiet city streets or other areas allows a wonderful sniff walk for a dog. What statistics on accidents do you actually have where a long lead has caused the problem? This rule must have been written by a non dog owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>In general, the prohibitions to protect wildlife have our full support<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above, wildlife areas are worth protecting, and unlike humans, the wildlife can't just choose a different park or track to avoid dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do think three dogs are ok, know quite a few families with three dogs. | Liz Williams |
| 30794 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You have not clearly defined what a "short leash" is, but anyway, a short leash may not allow for natural and essential behaviour such as sifting every blade of grass, socialising with other dogs, walking at their own pace: in short, it is verging on cruel. Also very difficult for people pushing pushchairs or in a wheelchair to always have their dog on a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See above about short leashes (longish leash is ok).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Corina Grennell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>It looks like a lot of land will be off-limits.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30806 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The requirement for dogs to be on a short leash is fundamentally wrong through all of the proposed changes. This term short leash should be removed entirely and replaced with leashed. A short leash is more likely to to cause a dog to pull, lunge, become frustrated and the dog will not gain the mental or physical stimulus required from its exercise. a normal length leash keeps the dog under good control while allowing them to enjoy the benefits of their exercise.<br><br>Change of usage and Council policy has resulted in the creation of shared paths. Unfortunately the majority of user conflicts arise from users such as cyclists, e-bikes and e-scooters travelling at unsafe speeds for a shared amenity. All the owners I know exercise their dog away from paths as they do not want their beloved pet injured by irresponsible path users, or do they want to create a nuisance.<br>While it would be impossible to enforce, whether the dog needs to be on a leash or not should depend on the number, and type of other users in the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>The increase in road users combined with the reduced user skills and the increased use of footpaths by powered vehicles (e-scooters) means that dogs are at higher risk of being hurt by unaware motorists. There are a number of reason why even the most reliable animal might be scared and bolt into a road, this risk can be easily mitigated by the requirement to be leashed when adjacent to a road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>A large proportion of dogs rely on access to water features as part of their healthy exercise regime. This is not an established area of wetland, therefore as it does establish, nature will find the correct balance and bird life will flourish the way it does in all other area. This is it is still in an inner city location inhabited by rats & cats which will hunt continuously, enacting for more damage to wildlife than dogs ever will.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>The restriction that are currently in place are appropriate for the bird life they are intending to protect. Further restrictions will have no significant impact on bird breeding numbers but will impact the enjoyment of local residents.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As noted previously, a large proportion of dogs rely on access to water features as part of their healthy exercise regime. typically dogs will run on the grass then cool off in the water, they do not purposefully enter the water looking for birdlife. These areas will not be permanent wet areas or dry areas, as such they will not appeal to birds as a suitable nesting area. I have yet to see any dog owner who asks the dog to go into a wetland with the intent of harassing the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is becoming common to see one person in charge of 6-10 dogs. These dogs cannot all be under the effective control of one person. The dog walking industry is a recent growth area in New Zealand that has no regulation.<br>A limit of six dogs would be appropriate with no more than four dogs off leash at any one time.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We currently use Hansens Park regularly to exercise our dogs. There is a large dog walking community in the park with several dogs exercising at the same time.<br>We have been using this park for 17 years, during this time there has only been one instance of a dog behaving threateningly towards another dog back in the late 2000's. This turned out to be a dog which kept escaping from its house and this was dealt with, by other dog owners, promptly. | David Frusher |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I have never seen any instances of a dog behaving menacingly towards a person.<br>Conversely, I have had multiple instances of people behaving menacingly, threateningly and dangerously in this park both to myself and to other people. Rather than placing further restrictions on responsible dog owners (the irresponsible owners will take no notice of by-law changes), it would be better to inform users of the park that this is a public area and they can expect to see pets being exercised there. | |
| 30808 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not! Some dogs aren't made to be on leads, my dog has had 2 surgeries on his knees and cannot walk on a lead because of it as he needs to walk at his own slow pace as he is at risk of being injured if he is on a lead. It's so cruel to the dogs to make them be on leads. I honestly can't believe this proposal and im sure every dog owner feels the same way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is reasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Absolutely not and I think everyone who owns a dog would feel the same way - how are you meant to go for a run along a path with your dog off the lead? Dogs need different levels of exersize, some need to run free off the lead! It's very hard to run and run a dog, or push a pram and hold onto a dogs lead, or for people with physical disabilities. Also for me as a women, I don't feel safe taking my dog alone into the middle of the fields, it's not safe - I prefer to be on the shared paths. I've lived by the red zone for the past three years and it is such a great place for everyone to take their dogs and let them be off the lead - and it has never seemed like a problem. Honestly the relaxed policies around dogs is what makes Christchurch such a great dog friendly place and it's cruel to the dogs to make them always be on leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Absolutely shook at the Avon corridor recommendations - that will be such a loss to Christchurch and so sad for all the dogs as well that they have to be on leads. Ridiculous. | Hannah Mcleod |
| 30812 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree with short leads on footpaths & shared paths. I disagree with dogs being forced to be on lead in green spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Why would dogs on leads be prohibited?<br>Please provide proof that dogs on lead are doing more damage in key areas than both feral and pet cats, and humans<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs on lead should be allowed | Tessa Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Please provide proof that feral and pet cats will not threaten birds if dogs are prohibited<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs on lead should be allowed<br>Please provide proof that feral and pet cats will not threaten birds if dogs are prohibited<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>3 would be an acceptable number for dogs off-leash as you can still be I control both visually and physically<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>General feedback.<br>I dog think CCC is becoming anti dog when dogs provide so much for people in need.<br>I would like to see the CCC acknowledge how much these changes would cost to implement and patrol verses revenue gained and social impact. Also for them to provide stats on why these changes are being proposed.<br>I want to understand why cat ownership ship isn't being regulated or their presence in these areas be restricted as well.<br>Can the council provide evidence registered dogs are the ones doing the damage and not roaming dogs, cats or humans. | |
| 30815 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Until you introduce restrictions for cats, I'm very opposed to this. The number of cats that are doing harm with 0 restrictions is shocking and much more harmful to our native species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, introduce laws for cat owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Until there are restrictions for cats, I do not support this. Give fines to people who do not have their dogs under effective control, otherwise no one will follow these rules.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Prohibit cats as well. I'm so frustrated that there are no controls/fines around this! There are about 10-20 local cats that roam our street each night that are killing so many birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again, give out huge fines to people who do not have control of their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>As you can tell, I'm so sick of so many restrictions with dogs, and 0 for cats. I will not follow these rules until I know the same amount of control/effort is going into cats. Which species kills more of our birds?? | Lisa Babcock |
| 30824 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A short leash is unnecessarily short for continuous and comfortable walking and is overly restrictive on dog exercise where a slightly longer leash is appropriate and safe. This proposal fails to respect that the controller has the initiative and ability to retract the leash when necessary to better control the dog's movement. | Alistair Greig |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A short leash is unnecessarily short for continuous and comfortable walking and is overly restrictive on dog exercise where a slightly longer leash is appropriate and safe. This proposal fails to respect that the controller has the initiative and ability to retract the leash when necessary to better control the dog's movement.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I am a regular user of city stormwater areas and do not see sufficient evidence for this policy. The stormwater basins are primarily for stormwater management, within urban areas. Whilst many types of birds use the wetland areas, they are predominately low value birds such as ducks and geese. And they are often only occupied under seasonal conditions when there is water in the wetlands. The majority of use by the public is dog walking along the pathways. Typically grass areas surround the pathways and in some areas are bordered by wetlands. Dogs off leash constantly cross grassed areas and pathways and it is not practical to have a policy of leash on the pathways. Furthermore, it is a totally unnecessary to have this policy in the stormwater areas as the majority of owners have their dogs under effective control and do not let their dogs go into wetlands. Given other areas of this proposed Bylaw are further restricting the extent of dog exercise it is important to recognize the importance of the stormwater assets for dog exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30840 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Short leashes limit a dogs ability to naturally sniff. Sniffing is a dog natural instinct and enriches their minds.<br>This rule punishes the majority of dog owners who have well mannered dogs while doing nothing to deal with the minority of dog owners that cause issues<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>A large portion of chch's paths are as wide or wider than the length of the proposed lead. A longer lead allows dogs to wander along the grass or path sniffing and getting enrichment while the owner walks along the path.<br>This is extremely important in winter, and will only results in more dogs bored at home when owners are at work because their daily walk did not engage their brain<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The areas reduced are too large<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>You can't really say you are protecting wildlife while also flooding the area during a stormwater event.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All parks should be under effective control areas. The entirety of the port hills (except rapaki track) should be under effective control, except during lambing season. | Mel Wright |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This policy appears to cater to a few anti dog people while punishing the majority of good dog owners.<br>It forgets the amount of joy dogs bring to both owners and non owners life's. | |
| 30842 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>In a green space, the large majority of dogs are perfectly safe to be walking alongside their owner offleash. I personally wouldn't with my dog, because of her energy and recall — and so I would leash her — but it should be a judgement call by the owner. Dogs pose no more inconvenience on a walking path than cyclists, elderly pedestrians, or unpredictable children with play equipment. Restricting these green spaces would severely reduce the places dogs are able to be offleash and would require significant investment in more "offleash" dog facilities (maintained, fenced dog parks) around the city.<br><br>In the expanded draft bylaw, a lot of the reason seems to be "we just want one easy rule" … but that's not how the world works, and never has. Cookie-cutter approaches are an extreme move that means losing a great amount of opportunity and access through reductive "simplicity", and then it's MUCH harder to then add back in nuance and communicate it adequately on the other side of a decision like this if it is too heavy-handed (which, in this case, I think it is).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because of the risk of distracting traffic, being able to keep your dog close to allow groups of people or those with mobility supports to safely pass, and the risk of cars suddenly leaving driveways, dogs shouldn't get too far ahead of where you are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It depends which areas would be prohibited — where it makes sense, and where there are higher concentrations of birds. But I would definitely be opposed to any blanket rule that restricts walking any dog by any part of the river. For example, the dallington bridge area up to the Wainoni river bend is a very popular walk (we do it all the time) and where there are larger numbers of birds there, they are safely down the bank or protected by the vegetation that puts them we'll back from the grass alongside on the water. It would make absolutely no sense to restrict dogs there. However further up the river, near Travis where there are actual "wetlands" I would be far more supportive.<br>I would also like it acknowledged that plenty more birds are killed by cars on roads surrounding these areas than dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This makes sense. It is a high concentration of birds, and there are lots of other beaches where dogs can be walked.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't know these areas well enough. But so long as it is clear where dogs are or aren't allowed (appropriate signage, and sensible layouts) then perhaps it would make sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think common sense applies here. There is a certain amount of stress/focus-split that comes with walking more than one dog (in any arrangement) and that is a natural deterrent. In most instances, only those with sufficient experience, control of their dogs would attempt it (or attempt or more than once).<br><br>Putting in a bylaw would have a huge impact (admin, time, cost of registering/renewing) on the professional dog-walking industry who are almost all struggling small businesses and it would be unrealistic (if not impossible) to enforce appropriately.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Groynes — disagree that the whole park needs to be leashed. There are many spaces that are completely appropriate to exercise dogs off-leash on the way to and from the dog park.<br><br>Minor change — signage — there is still a Council responsibility to provide appropriate signage at entrances to areas or change of states. Obviously not too many signs, but putting it onus on citizens to be checking an online map is shouldn't be the first expectation. Online is a "nice to have", only. | Emily Falloon |
| 30843 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Jacqueline Broadhead |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Unnecessary in green spaced, when there is plenty of room for everyone to move out of the way. How are you going to manage to police this?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>On proper footpaths where there is limited room for passing and near roads where a dog could suddenly run in to the road a short leash is good.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>How easy will it be to know which areas dogs are prohibited?<br>Is this a critical wildlife area? Do dogs cause issues to wildlife in this area at the moment?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>If this is a critical area for rare wild life seems sensible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Don't really see the issue. If it is just contaminating water think there are many other contaminants that are an issue, rats bird etc. etc!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Three of leash would seem fairer. In theory if you have a responsible dog owners registration you should be able to manage three off leash, especially if all these restrictions go ahead.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If wide spread restrictions are imposed how will you be able to police them? Better to have critical areas restricted and the controls monitored closely. | |
| 30847 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 855 | Philip Korsika |
| 30848 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br><br>*See attachment - page 857 | Gordon Fitzgerald |
| 30849 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Peter Ross |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 859 | |
| 30850 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 861 | Jonathan Love |
| 30852 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I would have thought the point in having green spaces for dogs would be to enable them to run around, as long as they are under control of course.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Most dogs should be but some are well behaved and possibly do not require a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>How good is the delineation between the mowed areas and planted areas, if the planted areas are amongst the mowed areas it is going to be very hard to keep dogs out.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I have not been there so cannot comment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>How good is the delineation between the mowed areas and planted areas, if the planted areas are amongst the mowed areas it is going to be very hard to keep dogs out e.g. I use the Te Kuru wetlands area and the planted areas and mowed areas all in mingles into one. Let the dogs run free.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>People in control of multiple dogs are probably used to it and hopefully experienced. | Kenny Daly |
| 30854 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I believe long line leads should also be allowed in these areas so long as they are used wisely as formed tracks are excellent dog walking areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I prefer to use a long line at all times for my dog as I believe sniffing is a key part of a dogs exercise routine. I use the long line very effectively around pedestrian walkways, bike tracks and near roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Lucy Dolan Kang |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>We should protect wildlife, however some dogs are not a threat to wildlife, and dog owners are often out enjoying these areas only whilst fog walking<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I know dogs in this area who are excellent rabbiters and not a threat to native birds. I do believe dog owners need to be more responsible for their individual dogs behaviour. A blanket rule means responsible dog owners lose out, and potential predator control also suffers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Still wish for effective long line lead control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Most people with more than two dogs are professionally responsible. Group dog walking is a wonderful thing when well managed<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think Hansen's park is an incredible dog walking park where little dogs congregate and okay and then larger dog groups also socialise. The overs tend to all be responsible and it runs organically very smoothly. I would be disappointed to see thus change | |
| 30855 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the area is a greenspace where dogs are allowed, I don't understand why dogs would need to be leashed? Unleashed dogs are required to be 'under effective control' so surely this is sufficient? This new rule would make things more confusing for dog owners and doesn't seem practical.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is one of the few off leash areas where I feel safe to let my dog just be a dog. Dog parks are often overpopulated at the times I am available to walk my dog, and he has had some negative experiences due to the volume of dogs in the relatively small space. I assume the over population is due to all the restrictions about where we can take our dogs and will only get worse with the proposed changes. This area and the beach are the only places I can really let him have a good off lead run. He's an active dog and needs a lot of exercise. This is such a great space, and it will be very difficult to retrain my dog to not go into certain areas because he's been allowed for many years now. If restrictions/changes do go ahead, it would be extremely helpful if the new leashed and unleashed areas can be fenced, to help dog owners with this retraining and make it less confusing. In the questions below, people have asked about the data behind these changes. I've read the 'Statement of Proposal' which states that "impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available". It therefore seems that there is no data or evidence to suggest that this area is suffering impacts of off lead dogs. I assume this will go ahead regardless however, so please, please could you help dog owners out and fence the areas where they are allowed off lead to assist with the change<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above. Dogs have been allowed in these areas for some time now so any changes will involve retraining. If this is to go ahead, please fence the areas where dogs can be off lead to avoid confusion and alleviate the burden of retraining our dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes sense | Andrea Mcmaster |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30858 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br><br>*See attachment - page 863 | Rowena Watson |
| 30859 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hello<br>Having battled my way through the proposed new regulations, I was left with the feeling that they were too long-winded and complicated. This I'm sure will lead to many folk out with their dog in an unlawful manner or place.<br>One regulation specifically I feel cannot work. I take my dog to Te Kuru wetlands on a regular basis and she runs her heart out. However, I do not go there from the start of the bird breeding season until the young birds have had a chance to mature. So, I haven't as yet returned to this wetland this season. The rules that say the dog must be on a leash on the paths, can run free on the mown grass, but not anywhere else is totally unworkable. My dog is very bright, but there is no way I could let her run free on the grass and expect her to stay there. Can this rule be altered to allowing dogs to run free but only at certain times of the year and on a leash at other times, ie during the breeding season? Also other popular parks where people let their dogs run free such as Hansen's Park, has a formed shared walkway around it and dogs are very often running across this as there is grass on both sides of the path. We often go there and have never seen or heard of any problems relating to dogs. To put a dog on a leash just to cross the path would, of course, be ridiculous.<br>The one designated dog exercise area in Victoria Park is full of rabbit holes and is too dangerous. A running dog could very easily break a leg. We therefore do not make use of this facility.<br>As in Picton / Waikawa, all three parks are for peoples free use as well as dogs off lead. They even provide litter bins and free doggie doo bags.<br>Christchurch is not very dog friendly and there is nowhere near enough parks where dogs can run free.<br>Many thanks<br>Trevor Hemsley | Trevor Hemsley |
| 30860 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Fern Whitau |
| 30861 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>most dog owners are considerate and will ensure they are not in the way of runners, cyclists etc. For example, we take our dog to Te Kuru often and will have her off lead, but if people are approaching us who are walking (without a dog) walking with a dog on lead, running, cycling or have young children (without a dog then) we will put our dog on lead until we have passed them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>they could potentially cause a hazard for cars reversing out of driveways. Also, there are generally more people on pathways in suburban areas as opposed to tracks in greenland areas so it | Matt Dobbs |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | increases the chance that you will encounter someone who has a fear of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I agree in part however the great thing about this resource is the amount of walking we can get in with our dog in one place and the variety of areas our dog can explore (without getting into areas where there might be birds nesting)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30864 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Shared spaces are for all and if dogs are under control AND cyclist etc are in control, slowing down l9oking around for children etc all can coexist.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>General safety for all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have come across dog walkers with up yo 8 dogs off leash. They are a bit overwhelming even when under control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hagley park is a well used dog walking spot and I always control my dog when crossing shared paths. Cyclists on the other hand travel very fast through the park. Shared should mean control for everyone. | Maree Grant |
| 30865 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Cassie Longworth |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30867 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This unfairly limits the experience the dog has on a walk. Their mental health requires adequate sniffing and investigating of their environment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is excessive<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Responsible owners will ensure their dog does not pose a threat to wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have completed this form before, but have since changed my views. The fact that there are thousands more dogs in Chch should alert you to how many more people consider them a valuable part of life, and as rate payers this should influence the council providing more resources and facilities. Instead, the opposite seems to be occurring.<br>The council should consider themselves at least partially responsible for lack of compliance with even the existing rules, as there appears to be very little enforcement of the bylaws, signs etc. If people feel they can get away with things, it is human nature to do so. I am a responsible dog owner, and try to be considerate in how I manage my dog. However, I constantly come across owners who just do what they want, and this is not even including those who do not register ir chip their animals.<br>As neither my husband nor myself feel safe walking our dog in our local area due to poor behaviour from cyclists etc, we often resort to taking the dog IN THE CAR to another area. When entering Halswell Quarry dog park recently, I was horrified to discover that the entire middle section of the park had not been mown, leaving a vast amount of dangerously seeding grass heads. I have already had to have my dog operated on once due to a seed in his leg. For a park specifically for dogs is left in this state, it is completely unacceptable. It again limits the places to which we can take our dog off leash for exercise, socialisationand mental health.<br>Our local park (Hansen Park)has a huge amount of people walking their dogs, and I often see people driving to this park for that purpose, but it has only 2 dog waste bins, both of which are ridiculously close together.<br>I support the need to protect wildlife, but it is the irresponsible owners who need your attention, not the responsible ones. Some time ago I thought I might take my dog for a walk at Travis Wetlands, only to find I wasn't allowed. Fair enough, but while outside, I saw a number of neighbourhood cats wandering into the Wetlands. I suggest that the cats are FAR more likely to be a threat than a dog being responsibly walked in there.<br>Please, involve some dog behaviour experts in your decision making, and don't penalise those of us endeavouring to be considerate and responsible. Instead, address the behaviour of those who prefer not to abide by bylaws and signage. More dogs means more need to accommodate them, not less. | Jan Mitchell |
| 30870 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I totally agree with the proposal to have all dogs on a short lease on foot paths, shared paths and formed tracks. | Donald Lovett |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | People should be able to move around Christchurch without attempts by dogs to bite them, being jumped up on, or unwanted licking. Unfortunately while there are many well controlled dogs there is a percentage of aggressive and uncontrolled dogs. This latter group requires better dog control enforcement and action.<br><br>Some owners appear to believe that their dogs have a right to run free and be aggressive to others. Some see it a bit of a joke if their dog has a go at someone.This seems to more problem with woman dogs owners.<br><br>I have come across people carrying defensive weapons in Christchurch for protection against dogs. And, there are media reports of people in other NZ centers who don't go out on the footpath because they feel unsafe because of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I totally agree with the proposal to have all dogs on a short lease on foot paths, shared paths and formed tracks.<br><br>People should be able to move around Christchurch without attempts by dogs to bite them, being jumped up on, or unwanted licking. Unfortunatly while there are many well controlled dogs there is a percentage of aggressive and uncontrolled dogs. This latter group requires better dog control enforcement and action.<br><br>Some owners appear to believe that their dogs have a right ot run free and be aggressive to others. Some see it a bit of a joke if their dog has a go at someone.This seems to more problem with woman dogs owners.<br><br>I have come across people carrying defensive weapons in Christchurch for protection against dogs. And, there are media reports of people in other NZ centres who don't go out on the footpath because they feel unsafe because of dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The proposal to regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor and other areas is over due. Today I saw a woman letting her dog try and catch swans on the Avon River. Dogs are regularly seen hunting amongst the greenery of the river banks on both the Avon and Heathcote rivers. Dogs being allowed by owners to attempt to catch wild life is a regular occurrence.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>The proposal to regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor and other areas is over due. Today I saw a woman letting her dog try and catch swans on the Avon River. Dogs are regularly seen hunting amongst the greenery of the river banks on both the Avon and Heathcote rivers. Dogs being allowed by owners to attempt to catch wild life is a regular occurrence.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>The proposal to regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor and other areas is over due. Today I saw a woman letting her dog try and catch swans on the Avon River. Dogs are regularly seen hunting amongst the greenery of the river banks on both the Avon and Heathcote rivers. Dogs being allowed by owners to attempt to catch wild life is a regular occurrence.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Many dog owners seem to have trouble one dog let alone more than one dog.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>People should be able to move around Christchurch without attempts by dogs to bite them, being jumped up on, or unwanted licking. Unfortunately while there are many well controlled dogs there is a percentage of aggressive and uncontrolled dogs. This latter group requires better dog control enforcement and action. | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Some owners appear to believe that their dogs have a right to run free and be aggressive to others. Some see it a bit of a joke if their dog has a go at someone. This seems to more problem with woman dogs owners.<br><br>I have come across people carrying defensive weapons in Christchurch for protection against dogs. And, there are media reports of people in other NZ centers who don't go out on the footpath because they feel unsafe because of dogs.<br><br>Part of the problem around NZ is the attitude of Dog Control Officers who often seem to work as dog protection officers. In the North Island I over heard a owner with two wolf hounds say that if they have a go at someone it is not a problem, as dog control will smooth it over. This compounds the problem. While Christchurch dog control appears to be now better than some other areas I believe that it is only through stronger action and education that the problem will abate.<br><br>Experience when I used to run found that owners care little about what their dogs to to people but when their dogs are counter attacked e.g. kicked and in danger, it is a serious matter. If attacking dogs are regularly dwelt, to it would probably quickly reduce the problem as while these owners often care little about other people they do seem to care about their dogs.<br><br>At registration their should be a short exam on the law regarding dogs. As when spoken to many owners appear to have little/no understanding of the Dog Control Act. This may need to be reinforced at each registration.<br><br>All injury cases in dog attacks should become a Police issue as the Police are supposed to protect the public. Hence, I think the Council should refer all injury cases from dog attacks to the Police. The knowledge this will happen may cause owners to avoid issues. | |
| 30873 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>-safety of other patrons without a love of dogs both on foot or cycle<br>-to prevent conflict with other dogs.<br>- to prevent pursuit of other animals or birdlife<br>- to remove the intimidatory effect some folk may feel in the presence of dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>- to prevent a dog entering the roadway causing potential vehicle damage, death or injury to person/s from an accident caused by unpredictable dog behaviour for whatever reason.<br>- reducing exposure of people intimidated by dogs, in particular young children to an unleashed dog.<br><br>I would suggest the current requirement "leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads" is blatantly flouted on a daily basis due to the lack of an effective compliance team policing this existing By-Laws<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I cannot support any By-Law that allows dogs to be unleashed "under effective control" by definition, as I consider effective control due to the unpredictable nature of any animal can only be achieved if the dog is on leash.<br><br>This would protect the threatened wildlife and remove the need for designated zones which could never be defined unless fenced off at what cost.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I would only support this if dogs walked on land nearby are leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I cannot support any By-Law that allows dogs to be unleashed "under effective control" by definition, in any area other than a fenced designated dog exercise park, as I consider effective control, due to the unpredictable nature of any animal, can only be achieved if the dog is on leash. | John Dunn |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>- I reiterate my opinion that all dogs in public spaces other than those fenced and designated for dog exercise should be on a leash.<br>- how will the people "with appropriate skills" be identified given potential unpredictability, conflict with other dogs etc.<br><br>Two dogs on leash in public spaces for all the same reasons surrounding safety and quiet enjoyment of these areas by people who perhaps do not share the love of dogs or have a phobia.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>UNLEASHED DOGS IN RAUORA PARK AND LATIMER SQUARE<br><br>I strongly oppose such a By-Law.<br><br>As a resident of the city who takes pride in our area by constantly picking up rubbish, broken glass etc left by others and frequently already dodges dog faeces on footpaths I consider any By-Law allowing a concentration of off leash dog activity in these two areas will be detrimental both to the general presentation of the city to tourists and to health and family activity in Rauora Park and Latimer Square.<br>I envisage a migration of dog owners to this area will create a potential concentration of activity bringing with it many potential problems:<br>- potential conflict between dog breeds.<br>- potential destruction of garden beds and birdlife.<br>- increased deposits of faecal remains and dog urine in a public space enjoyed by families exposing them to potential disease.<br>- potential for dogs to enter the roadways, chase cyclists, intimidate children.<br>- barking from excited or fighting dogs<br>- Rauora Park in particular is not a wide space bordered by numerous roads and shared pathways.<br><br>I also find it interesting that Cranmer Square seems to have escaped a potential conversion to a dogs toilet.<br><br>As my comments above will indicate I do not believe "effective control" is a reality off leash as it must be remembered dogs are animals often prone to unpredictability irrespective of training.<br>I would suggest the only means of "effective control" is a leash given the many cases of dogs attacking and seriously injuring even their owners let alone a passing stranger, conflict between dogs off leash, pursuit of wildlife, urination and defection on grassed public parks etc . I am sure we have all evidenced a dog with a mind of its own!<br>This leads me to hold the opinion all dogs should be on leash at all times within all public spaces other than within a fully fenced and enclosed designated dog exercise area.<br><br>In conclusion I should stress that while I respect the rights of people to choose to own a dog and to exercise them, I feel those same people should exercise control via a leash for everyones benefit and safety including the dogs and use the existing designated areas.<br><br>My other comment would be the apparent lack of enforcement of the existing By-Laws suggests an even more potentially out of hand situation developing in these two chosen areas. | |
| 30874 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>When dogs are trained properly they should be able to walk about freely close to the person they are with without issue. It should be the responsibility of the owner to know if their dog is able to be walked off lead and stay close to them or not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Jewel Mitchell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30875 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>You allow electric scooters and all bikes on footpaths which I find more of a hazard than a dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same reason as before.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I live in Heathcote and enjoy walking my dog there. It seems that you are trying to stop people from exercising their dogs and themselves by limiting where they can take them. Most dog owners are responsible and would not let their dogs near birds and would put them on leads. It is not clear if you intend to stop dogs from enjoying beach walks as well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Linda Payne |
| 30876 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree walking around suburbia that dogs should be on leashes on footpaths. I disagree with them being on leashes on shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas - there is too much confusion over what constitutes shared pathways and formed tracks, eg I know of a longer grass area which is mowed in the middle which forms a " track" - where walkers (with and without a dog) share this "track". But is still effectively greenspace. Plus some "tracks" and "paths" intertwine with greenspace and it would be very hard to leash, then unleash, then leash again . A lot of these areas are not clear cut.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>If I have interpreted this correctly this would mean on footpaths walking around suburbs. If this is this case, this makes sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Even reading this is confusing me. The river corridor vs wildlife area....wildlife can be in both? I'm not sure how to vote on this one. I think most responsible owners would leash their dogs if they see wildlife out on their walks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not familiar with this area at all, so can't picture the terrain or what it looks like<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>saying prohibiting in some areas is a bit vague. would want more detail. I know a lot of stormwater basins that are used regularly for off leash exercise but I do not know them as wildlife | Kim Scott |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | protection areas (to my knowledge).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>sounds reasonable for the majority of owners.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I gave feedback initially, but then in the dog community discussions aroused regarding the interpretation of some terms like pathway, tracks etc and my interpretation differed from other community members.....so I am resubmitting my views. I don't like the fact that interpretation is blurred already and will only add to confusion if brought in. | |
| 30882 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 865 | Sabine Schweitzer |
| 30885 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | K Owen |
| 30887 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Gillian Campbell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 867 | |
| 30888 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Well behaved dogs should be allowed to explore and sniff without being restricted by a lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Roads are dangerous<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protection of wildlife is important<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Everyone has different capabilities to keep dogs under effective control. A limit is too restricted | Melissa Mcguire |
| 30892 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is punishing responsible dog owners (and I believe the vast majority are) and their dogs because a few 'bad apples" that will continue to flout bylaws regardless of what they are. There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions. There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>This depends on the context - e.g. if there is a risk of injury/mortality from vehicles colliding with dogs than yes, but where this is not a risk then no.<br>As an aside, I could not find a map of the areas where dogs are currently required to be leashed by CCC or the areas where changes are proposed under the new bylaw. This would have been extremely helpful for submitters (sorry if I somehow missed it).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.<br><br>If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children. | Marieke Lettink |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I do, however, support prohibiting free-ranging dogs from any key bird breeding sites.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>I agree with the requirement to exclude dogs from key nesting and feeding areas of At Risk and Threatened migratory birds generally. However, in my experience (both as a dog owner and fully-certified handler of a conservation dog under DOC's Conservation Dog Program) this can be achieved by leashing of dogs (with appropriate enforcement needed to ensure rules are followed).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I agree with the requirement to exclude dogs from key nesting and feeding areas of At Risk and Threatened migratory birds generally. However, in my experience (both as a dog owner and fully-certified handler of a conservation dog under DOC's Conservation Dog Program) this can be achieved by leashing of dogs (with appropriate enforcement needed to ensure rules are followed).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One person can't easily control more than two dogs and incidents have been known to happen.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am in support of lifting the requirement that dogs be leashed on the Lyttelton Recreation Ground. | |
| 30896 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The CCC has a relatively sane dog policy, and long may that continue. But it's not without problems, and this proposal is one of them.<br><br>While I can see the thinking behind this proposal, it's not overly practical. Many of these 'footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks' run through the greenspace areas and it makes little sense to require leashing for the purpose of crossing them (which may take only a second). Also, a slightly misdirected frisbee or tennis ball by a human may result in a dog inadvertently venturing onto a footpath etc through no fault of its own. I can't believe these kinds of transgressions are the intent behind this proposal, but that's how it currently reads.<br><br>The proposal appears to be another by, of and for cyclists, who fear dogs wandering into their path. Yet uncontrolled children provide no lesser danger and there is, as far as I know, no proposal that children on 'footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks' be leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Purely for the dog's own safety, this seems like a good idea. But the rationale cited in the proposal is faulty, specifically the reference to 'faster e-scooters'. The safety problem here is not unleashed dogs, but the presence of these monstrosities on footpaths. That's what the CCC should be banning, not worrying about whether dogs might run in front of them.<br><br>There is again a practical issue as well. As noted above, 'dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads'. Yet a strong majority of dogs I see while walking my own are not on a leash (my own dog was attacked by one alongside the Heathcote river about a year ago). In 16 years I've seen precisely zero enforcement of this (and I'd prefer the CCC not waste ratepayer money on doing so), so I'm not sure what the purpose of this proposal is intended to be.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I'm not familiar enough with the area to comment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I can make very little sense of this proposal. At first glance, it would seem to include the paths on both sides of the Heathcote river running parallel to Ferry Rd; but turning to the section (p39) on the Lower Heathcote Saltmarshes suggests the opposite. Detailed maps would have been helpful. | Glenn Boyle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | If the proposal is to exclude dogs entirely from the paths mentioned, then I am strongly opposed: there are very few outlets for off-road flat walking in southern Chch and eliminating one would very definitely be a net loss. If the proposal is only that dogs be leashed on said paths, I'm fine with that.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I'm not totally sure what this means, or how it will be enforced, but it doesn't sound unreasonable.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It depends a bit on the dogs. Four Bichon Frises in a public park is hardly a problem; four Rotties might be a bit much.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The revelation (p17) that dogs must be on a leash on all formed tracks, including those in the Port Hills, was news to me. And judging by what I see in the 2-3 times a week I'm up there, the same is true of 90% of walkers and runners. Nor does it appear to be a problem — in 16 years I've seen exactly one case of a dog running around chasing sheep (with his/her owner in hot pursuit!) Most people are sensible enough to only allow dogs off leash if said dogs have either been trained to ignore, or have no interest in, sheep.<br><br>Some of the prohibitions are nonsensical. For example, Huntsbury Reserve Track (p34) cites the need to protect grazing stock — but it's all in bush and there are no, and never have been, grazing stock! One has to go to the first fence line after the track intersects with Gorge, which is the best part of a kilometre further on, to encounter sheep. | |
| 30898 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't agree on the green space as dogs are by nature sniffers. This exercise their brain and helps to relax them , we don't need any more bored dogs as that causes trouble.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Control over your dog on a beamed footpath is only done on a short lead ,I have lots of small children inmy area that ride on the footpath and don't realize that the dog is a danger to them tr shooting in front of them .Better safe than sorry<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>We need to protect wildlife re nesting and young from dogs .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Common sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Common sence<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Appropriate skills are in short supply .<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We need a good dog park in Hornby South. Room for small dogs and larger for bidder dogs . Prebbleton dog park is a good example. | Dawn Scoon |
| 30899 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I agree they should be on leashes on footpaths and shared paths. But a well behaved, trained dog should be allowed off the leash in greenspace areas. | Anthony Jones |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30900 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I have a fear of dogs, so does my toddler. We have been approached by dogs off lead when out on a walk, so have had to walk the other way to avoid it which isn't fair.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I have a fear of dogs, so does my toddler. We have been approached by dogs off lead when out on a walk, so have had to walk the other way to avoid it which isn't fair.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sahara Reid |
| 30903 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Alexander Kalinin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30904 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think dogs should be on lead in these areas, but not on a short lead - especially on track in a Greenspan, or wide shared paths.<br>I get the feeling this council is very anti people walking. Cycles on shared paths including electric bikes speed along these paths making them unsafe for families and people walking with or without dogs. For safety of pedestrians with of without dogs - shared walking paths should have slow signs for cycles - if they want to go fast they have option of the road cycleway.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Near roads absolutely for safety of the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Often walk my dogs in red zone area, most of the people I have come across walking dogs are very responsible. These areas often only have dog walkers in them mostly. Love walking my dog in the red zones - among the trees. Please don't take these areas off our dogs and lesson our choices.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Don't prohibit but make on leash only<br>Dogs are important family members. Families should be able to go out and enjoy family times, educate people on responsible ownership, don't penalize all dogs for a few irresponsible owners (council should take action against them not punish a dogs and responsible owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How does one person control 2 big dogs off lead if they decide to start fighting with other dogs. I feel if 2 dogs 1 off lead ther on lead. If small dogs 2 off lead<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't take choices away for people walking there dog family members. Dogs are such an important part of family life. Many elderly people have dogs who are there family and there companions - they provide them with company and love and make them keep healthy longer by ensuring they are walking every day. Don't make it harder for elderly to have a dog and exercise themselves by taking away exercises places for them. Just make shared paths safer for all by enforcing slow signs on these areas for cycles.<br>Do not take red zone choice away from dogs - dogs deserve to have places to go for a walk, places to run and play with there families. | Debbie Jenks |
| 30906 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I live in Diamond Harbour the 'formed' tracks here are barely 2 actual feet wide. I often have to have one foot on the track & the other on the grass which is hard on my ankle.<br><br>I see no need for dogs to be on leads here as there is almost no one on the tracks. I am lucky to encounter one person per walk.<br><br>The tracks are formed to enable planting of natives by volunteers and to water and maintain them. They are on council land but really are maintained by locals. I also myself work in the nursery that provides the plants. There are 2 big gullies that are a disgrace actually and the tracks & the planting are a small attempt at regenerating native bush to take over from gorse, lupins & broom which has taken over.<br><br>So I feel the blanket rule should not apply in Diamond Harbour. If the tracks are not used regularly they will just grow over. This also includes the Cliff Top walk as well. It's not safe to have dogs on leads there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Anna Hoedeman Simmers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Yes that makes sense as it is a multi user situation. For everyone's safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>For the same reasons you have given<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Good to protect the nesting birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Cliff Top walk Diamond Harbour. As mentioned in my first note.<br><br>ref Schedule 1 Coastal Cliff Reserve & Foreshore Diamond Harbour<br><br>Dogs must be on a leash on the reserve & coastal pathway/ head to head walkway to protect wildlife<br><br>Diamond Harbour & surrounds require a tailored approach to the dogs on leash rules and there should be no changes to to the current bylaw rules until the council put significant effort into offering alternatives for dogs to be exercised unleashed.<br><br>A concerned dog owner who loves the Cliff track. It's taken me a year to be brave enough to use it. | |
| 30907 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be under effective control in green space areas including formed tracks, but should not be on a short leash restricting their movement and ability to exercise. Applying effective control through education and enforcement would be a better option that doesn't penalise good dogs and their owners and applies controls to dogs / owners that are not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>On and next to busy roads, dogs should be on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This unfairly restricts the areas that dogs can be walked and exercised. A lot of people use these areas specifically to exercise and walk their dogs, so prohibiting dogs across large areas seems very excessive. Applying effective control through education and enforcement would be a better option that doesn't penalise good dogs and their owners and applies controls to any that are not.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>A blanket ban for the whole area unfairly penalises dogs and their owners. Limited restrictions for specific areas where endangered birds nest would make more sense. Suitable signage should provide the guidance for specific areas and restrictions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Mark Brittain |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br>Limited restrictions for specific areas to protect nesting wildlife would make more sense than a blanket ban across a large area. Suitable signage should provide the guidance for specific areas and restrictions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This seems fair in order to maintain control of more than one dog.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Blanket rules like those proposed would negatively impact a large number of people that simply enjoy walking their dog(s), so generally I am not in favour of these additional restrictions on what is already a restrictive policy for Christchurch and the surrounding area.<br>We already have 'summer' restrictions for 5 months of the year across most beaches, brought in in 2016, which is excessive and restricts people living locally to those beaches in when and where they can walk their dog(s). The previous 3 month summer period, matching the summer months makes more sense. | |
| 30909 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If your dog is under effective control then there should be no problem. Key word is *effective.<br>Dogs could be on leash on shared footpaths as there are bikers on there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again if dog is under effective control then they are okay to walk off leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>If your dog is under effective control they will not disturb the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>If your dog is under effective control they will not disturb the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>If people think they can handle that many dogs then they will be okay to handle it<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Any bag is okay to pick up faeces should not matter what it is<br>Dogs should be on lead when a sports game in action<br>Support the central city park opening | Jackie Chippendale |
| 30910 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Vivienne Valentine |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs get into fight easily, how can a person have effective control other wise.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I live at Birdlings Flat, we own a mid sized breed dog, a lab cross who loves a good run, we are not meant to be on the beach due to nesting birds and the seal life occasionally makes it a no go area to let him free run, now we are being told we should not go into the area by lake Wairewa which has been used by many of us to run our dogs. This is frustration to many as where are we meant to free run dogs that need to let out some steam and not just be on a lead.<br>I feels to me far to much is being done to protect our birds and not enough thought into helping us look after a man's best friend ( our beloved dogs) The Council needs to think hard on this.<br>Big dogs need to run. Yes there is a park in Little River for supposedly big dogs, but that's 8 to 10 kms away for us and that still doesn't allow for a long gallop that a big dog needs. | |
| 30911 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The proposal is fine for city footpaths where there is less room but in greenspace dogs should have some room to roam and sniff.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It makes sense for the safety of dogs, cats and is more practical where there is higher levels of foot traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Agree with measures to protect wildlife - where shared pathways are neither close to the road or protected areas I don't see the need for a short leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Agree that some areas should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Grass squares don't make interesting or effective exercise areas - this is just offering a restrictive token solution. It's just a larger back-yard area slightly better than nothing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>My particular interest would be in the Burwood Forest and Waimari Beach shore area. The measures taken there to leave some pond areas open but protect others are great. I don't see why there can't be permitted off leash areas that are posted as such so that people are aware - we stick to the quieter paths but bikes don't stick to the bike tracks and we often need to avoid motorbikes and scooters. There is enough space on most shared paths for walker and dogs to pass. | Jacqueline Walsh |
| 30912 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog owners should be able to determine for themselves if their dog needs to be on a leash - some dogs need to be able to run, not lead walked. Running through fields should not be the only option. This feels like a punishment for the dogs and their owners. It will also drive more owners to dog parks, which is not a good environment for all dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Judy Jamieson-Green |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30915 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>There are so few areas to take dogs off lead as it is. Typical NZ nanny state.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs need more than just mowed grass.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Might as well have not spent the millions to develop if you don't want people to use the area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>If you want to minimise animal impacts of wildlife ban cats.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If you are going to implement this plan you might as well ban dogs altogether. Or alternatively develop more dog off lead areas. There are only a few as it is and now you plan on taking those away as well. Families with dogs need space as well and the council by implementing this change you are effectively making it extremely hard to own a dog. | Brett Green |
| 30918 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Marie Auckram |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 869 | |
| 30920 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>*See attachment - page 871 | Erin Jones |
| 30921 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 873 | Leona Kadir |
| 30922 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 875 | Diego Chellet |
| 30924 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sue Le Mesurier |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 877 | |
| 30925 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>From my experience Well trained dogs are far more controlled when off lead than on ! They have a freedom to walk / sniff observe become there own self , rather than restricted , as owners we also don't want them to harm nature however having on lead causes more anxiety for the dog nd doesn't let the express themselves<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Current law is restrictive enough , there has been no research or data to support more restraint for the dogs . Owners should have control of dogs on or off lead !!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs like many animals of nature need to express themselves, need to understand wrong nd right , predators nd nature , doesn't make sense to " protect " wildlife from other wildlife!!<br>This space has been a great place for animals of all varieties to express themselves!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be classed as wildlife , Therese also no research suggesting anything will change for with these rules<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>No one uses this space other than walkers ! Make no sense ! Wetlands are all well sign posted nd have restrictions already around the wildlife area for all to respect ! Needs to be more ownership on owners controlling dogs rather than limiting dogs to leads were they will become pent up /fustrated / unhealthy!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Makes owners more responsible for there dog walking ! The uneducated make it hard for the rest to safely walk their dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just more ownership nd education on dog behaviour is needed throughout ! 95% dog wallers keep the peace with wildlife nd public places ! Limiting there space nd running around will only have negative effects on the dogs ! Causing worse behaviour | Adam Mcmaster |
| 30926 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because you are penalizing well behaved owners/dogs when it is really only a few dogs/owners that need control<br>This proposal is unnecessary and over reaches what is needed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Because you are penalizing well behaved owners/dogs... good owners know their dogs and know when/if their dog needs to be on a leash<br><br>This proposal is unnecessary and over reaches what is needed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | John Symon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I think your number is too low... i have no problem controlling 3 dogs off leash so believe the number should be 3 or 4.<br>It seems as if the 2 is an arbitrary figure made up by some bureaucrat who has no experience in how many dogs can be effectively controlled<br><br>Once again an overreach of powers<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see no leashing requirement for Hagley Park... where currently hundreds of dogs daily use the facility unleashed... and without problems<br><br>I do not believe leashing requirements need to be introduced for Sports fields, wharves, jetties and board walks... I see this as unnecessarily draconian and controlling... and deprives good owners/dogs of the freedom they deserve | |
| 30927 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>This is important for pedestrian and cyclist safety. In particular I often walk with my son (1) in a pram or on me in a carrier on these paths, and it can be concerning if a dog is not under clear control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For safety of the dog and other road and footpath users. I had a dog run out in front of my car a month ago from a residential footpath and it was pure luck he was uninjured- very scary for the dog, the owner, my son and me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Unfortunately, its natural for dogs to chase birds, and there is likely to be a real impact on local and endangered animals when they are off leash in wetland areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Unfortunately, its natural for dogs to chase birds, and there is likely to be a real impact on local and endangered animals when they are off leash in wetland areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>for public safety. | Jessica Allison |
| 30928 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The 1.5m leash restriction, while not new, and its expansion to more areas remains concerning. As outlined by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ), leashes of this length restrict natural behaviours and can cause stress, frustration and behavioural issues like leash pulling, barking and aggression. I recommend that the definition of “short leashes” be adjusted to reflect the negative impacts of this restriction on dog welfare. Longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines offer more space for dogs to engage in natural behaviours, explore and interact with their environment, which is vital for their physical and mental health.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I understand the intent to enhance public safety, but blanket leash requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Off-leash areas, where dogs are under effective control, are important for their well-being and mental stimulation. A more balanced approach, promoting responsible off-leash control, would better serve both dogs and the public. We need a | Jay French |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposed restrictions in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, which limit dog access to mowed grass areas, will unnecessarily restrict responsible dog exercise and cramp those abiding by the rules into essentially a third of the space they can currently use. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children. There has been no clear evidence provided by the Council that dogs are harming wildlife in this area. I suggest a more flexible approach that allows owners to exercise their dogs without negatively impacting the environment, such as the “speed yields to vulnerability” (in conjunction with the definition of effective control) which was suggested by many. It would seem that motor vehicles near these areas provide a greater threat to wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, if there is issues with dog's threatening the wildlife on the shoreline, given they're still allowed to walk on the paths and surrounding areas. It's already very limiting where dogs can go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, if there is issues with dog's threatening the wildlife in these areas, given they're still allowed to walk on the paths and surrounding areas. It's already very limiting where dogs can go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Other than trainers and qualified dog walkers, it seems unlikely that someone on their own could have control over 3x or more off-leash dogs if a situation was to arise.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I encourage the Christchurch City Council to take a more balanced approach to dog control, considering both dog welfare and the needs of responsible owners.<br><br>Reassessing leash length requirements to balance safety and welfare.<br><br>Maintaining off-leash areas for responsible dog exercise.<br><br>Focusing on education and enforcement of existing regulations.<br><br>Consulting with dog welfare experts to ensure the policy is informed by best practices.<br><br>Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to seeing a more flexible, thoughtful approach to dog control in our community. | |
| 30930 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Erin Neale |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners are being punished instead of dealing with those who aren't responsible | |
| 30931 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Nicola French |
| 30933 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It should be at the owners discretion whether their dog needs to be on leash. Shared paths are exactly that and many children can be more of a hazard than a dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would think if the 200 hectares have paths for owners or tracks that can be used for running and walking, this would be good.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Stormwater basins are going to become a much more regular thing and we currently have designated wetland areas for the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>But I also think children should be counted. If you are considering this. | Joseph Perkinson |
| 30934 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Sue Van Pelt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | All dogs should be leashed in public spaces, apart from dog parks - I very much dislike other people walking their dogs around the mini lakes in Prestons Park who have them off-lead, they still come rushing up to me and my leashed dog, it unsettles my dog, despite the silly owners saying 'oh he never does that' every time. There are a lot of people who are scared or nervous of dogs, big or small and it isn't fair that we should expect them to navigate any unleashed dogs, I find children especially so, even though we are always leashed and move to the side so they can pass. Around public parks, same thing applies, despite some having a perceived idea that because they aren't on a road, fido is no bother running free - same reasons as given above for footpaths. Leashed everywhere apart from dog parks please.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are plenty of places to walk a dog that isn't near wildlife - unless they are leashed - possibly allowing the longer leads (over 1.5m) in these areas - i've never come across an off leash dog that is 'under effective control' by voice alone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above for redzone area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>as there are several stormwater areas throughout the city that are for obvious reasons, next to newer subdivisions, it would be difficult to ascertain at what point it's part of the basin as opposed just general public area, but as per redzone answer - no dogs need to be off leach in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>never really come across dog walkers where I walk our dog, so cannot comment on problems etc | |
| 30935 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Short leash requirement is overly restrictive and limits both dog and owner's enjoyment of walks in greenspace areas. Dog behaviour specialists should be consulted on these bylaws and policies. For example, has anyone considered the increased risks around dog-dog interactions when they are on a short leash vs able to interact off-leash? It is evident the council means well but lacks appropriate expert input.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Appropriate dog behaviour specialists should be consulted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This seems overly restrictive - is there actually evidence that dogs cause significant problems for river/wetland wildlife in this area?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Again this seems overly restrictive - is there actually evidence that dogs cause significant problems for wildlife in this area?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again this seems overly restrictive - is there actually evidence that dogs cause significant problems for wildlife in this area? | Sarah Simpson-Thomas |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30937 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I agree that the lead should be short if other users are using the path. But if I'm walking my small dog on a path at a time of day when there are seldom other walkers then I allow her to be on a longer line and just make her walk close by me if others approach. I believe common sense can prevail in many areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think it is safer to have your dog close to you beside roads<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not use this area and do not know if this would stop people walking with their dog to other areas. Maybe some areas they can walk through with a leashed dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, dogs that run in a group can be more difficult to control off leash. They also often rush at other dogs, even those that are leashed and that are clearly not comfortable with being rushed at by other dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Conservation Reserve.<br>I was dismayed when I read the restrictions that may apply here. I live on my own and walk each day with my dog. One of our main walking areas is the tracks around and through this reserve. I do believe dogs should be leashed in this reserve, and would like to see that monitored more. I would never walk in there if I cannot take my small dog through, she is my walking companion. Please continue to allow us to walk through this area with our leashed dog. | Melinda Williams |
| 30939 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>On many occasions when riding my bike, I have nearly struck a dog on the shared pathways because it was not on a leash and the dog owner had walked off and left it unattended. This would be terrible for the dog and also upsetting for me as a dog lover, but also because I have narrowly avoided coming off my bike having to slam on the brakes to avoid the dog and am concerned that I would then be hurt myself.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>As with my comment above. Also to reinforce this requirement and make sure the owners know this current requirement. The lack of knowledge creates confrontation and potentially dangerous situations for the dogs and others on the path. A lot of dog owners either don't know this or ignore it judging by how many dogs you see running or walking free on footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>There are many breeds of dogs that are instinctually predisposed to chase wildlife like these and this is reasonable to those dogs but would be avoided by them being on a leash. The wildlife are in their homes and should be able to feel safe and be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>as above | Wendy Oh |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This would hopefully ensure a more responsible approach to multiple dog care in public places.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The shared pathways in Hagley Park have a major issue, I have found, with dog owners not having dogs on a leash near and on the pathways. There seems to be an attitude that their dog's freedom to room is more important than my right to safely use the pathway and accordingly my own safety. | |
| 30940 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>For the limitation this will provide for people's ability to recreate with their dogs. This can cause a H&S risk for recreating within certain areas, such as on the port hills.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>This needs to be better defined. What stipulates a short leash? There will also need to be better information around what is a shared pathway. The key issue is interaction with bikes and people being unaware of their surroundings. Agree with on leash near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>How are you going to stipulate the areas? More information is required in order to provide a response.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>A blanket ban is not appropriate, especially in areas where the ease of access to open space is storm water basins. Why not gain a secondary benefit from these during drier months?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How are you going to police the exemption process? Too much litigious policy for no real gain.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I do not think this is well thought through for the implications this will have on many people and how they utilise public land. With changes like this and the already limited access for walking dogs within Canterbury, it is going to be more likely that people do not follow regulations if they are overbearing. Agree that some protection is required for areas of nesting, but this should be by exception rather than a given. It is hard to give specific feedback when the information provided is lacking, especially around zones which are proposed for change. Naming them is not sufficient.<br><br>Maybe actually doing something for effective control of cats, which have a far greater affect on bird life, would be a better path to pursue. | Hugh Sheppard |
| 30941 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of other users of these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Adrienne Wyatt |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Safety of other people and dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Prestons Park subdivision.<br>Reserve areas with footpaths. Dogs should be leashed on grassed areas also. Dogs don't know that they have to stay on the grass and can't run across the path in front of a cyclist or child on a scooter. Owners don't leash their dogs to cross roads or have their dogs under effective control- often dogs are out of sight and they can't possibly know what the dog is doing. Lots of 💩 not picked up.<br>Effective control proposal good on paper but how will it be enforced? No dog can be relied on to be under effective control at all times, when off leash.<br>One rule that says dogs on leash at all times, except in designated dog exercise areas, would be so much simpler. | |
| 30943 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Being under effective control is much safer<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Under effective control would be as effective<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Makes no sense. No dogs some areas, leash on paths, unleash in grass. Under effective control cover this without complicating it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Lots of people walk 3 dogs. Under effective control. Let them walk their dogs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Stop complicating it. | Annie Bathurst |
| 30946 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. It can be a bit uncomfortable when I'm walking down the road and an unfamiliar dog runs up to me (with or without my dog) when it's owner is far back and wouldn't be able to help if anything went wrong. I fostered an spca dog once that was reactive and we were charged at by an unfriendly dog that was being walked off leash through a park. We were on a track and they were loose runnung through the whole park. The owner was so far away and couldn't do anything to help and by the time they got to us their dog had bitten the leg of my dog. | Nadia Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes. I like the idea of the short leash rule because I've been approached by dogs on long flexi leads before. Owners have no control when their dog is at the end of one of those.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. There's enough alternative places to take dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. There's enough alternative places to take dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected. There's enough alternative places to take dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes! Absolutely! 100% should be limited. I saw a dog walker at the groynes once who was in charge of 11 dogs and had zero control over them. A few had no recall and while she was fighting to keep them in line one dog was being dominant and inappropriate trying to hump the dog I had with me, and while another was running after another dog growling. You can't watch that many dogs at once, and definitelycan't control their behavior. It's just not possible. | |
| 30952 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Anthony Doornbos |
| 30954 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Older folk in particular get out in green space areas to enjoy longer walks giving their dog the freedom to exercise at will. This is just another impediment to dog owners . Green space areas are being over taken with mountain bikers with thousands being spent to facilitate cycling .<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>While cats wander free in NZ? | Roger Spicer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>While cats wander free in NZ.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Control dogs and cats wander freely……. . I cannot take this seriously! | |
| 30955 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Effective control is sufficient. There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).<br><br>While I personally don't trust my dog off a lead for long near roads, plenty of well trained dogs do this with ease and do not cause issues.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposal goes too far. Happy for such a regulation to apply to a smaller key area for wildlife protection. Areas of the river need to be accessible and effective control areas should not be limited to mowed grass.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Support leash laws in these areas but want to see maps to understand more before supporting prohibition.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Haven't ever encountered this being an issue. This seems fair at first, but dog owners with three dogs won't ever be able to walk off-leash with them, even when sufficiently trained to reasonably do so. Local experienced dog walkers may have 5-6 dogs leashed and under control, and while an exemption process could allow them to continue their work, I wouldn't want that process to be extremely arduous or expensive.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Are online maps available for the proposed changes? Please make these maps more consistent, and in those updates do not always choose the map that least favours dog owners.<br>For example, areas in where dogs must be under effective control in summer for Sumner Beach have in the past been just past the surf club, on the following map show prohibition from | Monica Jasper |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | from midway through the parking lot (as a benchmark) out to the beach, and on recently installed signs maps show the bend of Main road (even farther) as the dividing line.<br>https://ccc.govt.nz/services/dogs-and-animals/where-you-can-take-your-dog | |
| 30958 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Quite often is a recreation area. Much prefer long leash at least.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>If dogs become scared, possibility of collision near or on road. Am happy with short leash here<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I think that is fair, even the best of dogs can still have prey drive<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Once again, safer for the animals and birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as before, good to keep wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Perfectly reasonable | Connor Phillips |
| 30959 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Hoon Hay Reserve on Summit Road near Worsleys Road has sheep grazing in it to control fire risk. Dogs are currently allowed off leash in the reserve and I'm not sure that the reserve has been included in the proposed changes to the bylaw, to change the whole reserve to leashed. From my perspective either a short or long leash would be okay.<br><br>There is also nothing to indicate to people that stock are present when they enter the reserve. A stock symbol on signage may help people understand that they are entering an area that is grazed before they cross the stiles entering it. It's not always obvious straight away that stock are present. | Gina Waibl |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I have had several sheep injured by dogs and a few killed, in the six or so years that I have been grazing the reserve. | |
| 30960 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't support restricting the length of leads in leashed areas. Walking dogs on long leashes is nicer for both dog and owner. Dog owners need to be aware of others and bring them in, in busy areas or when people are approaching. Educate dog owners to be more considerate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I use a long leash but am always looking out for approaching people and cyclists and bring the dog in when needed. It's not difficult.<br>If I was in a busy area I'd probably walk in the grass to avoid having to keep do this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Where there is threatened wildlife habitat I support a dog ban. If there are bird populations that are not threatened then restrictions should be more relaxed. While you're at it, make it law to keep cats inside at night within 5km of places where sensitive birds species habitat eg the estuary. Then police it with cat trapping.<br>Please allow for some river access for dogs. Rather than an outright ban. A large river access area like the dog park at the groynes or several smaller areas would be immensely appreciated and give people no excuse for having did in the river in restricted areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I strongly agree with this as there are threatened birds there.<br>Please also consider that if there are paths in these areas, dogs that are contained on bikes passing through, should be allowed.<br>Also, if you're not going to police any of this, it's a waste of time.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Unless there are threatened birds i don't believe dog restrictions are fair. If there are birds with healthy populations then rules should be relaxed. As soon as there are threatened birds at a wetland dogs should be banned or on short leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I don't believe you can control more than two did of leash effectively. Dogs are also more likely to act as a pack when out together, making them more dangerous.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Red zone, estuary, groynes and suburban streets. So excited to have on leash dogs at the groynes!<br>We also go to Summer and Brighton beaches alot. Having areas that are off leash and areas that are on leash would be a good idea as not everyone wants to be around dogs. I've been a dog owner for 20+ years and have never had a negative experience but it does seem that the beaches are full of off leash dogs everywhere right now. Sumner used to be (maybe unofficially) off leash on the shag rock side and on leash in the Scarborough side but now it's a free for all.<br>Also Cass bay is a complete dog ban in summer. I would love it if the small area to the right of the slip way could be dogs allowed on leash. This would allow me to take my dog for a paddle or just sit with him while my family swim. | Letitia Lum |
| 30961 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If the dog is allowed in green space, it should be allowed on the path, limiting this will affect people with mobility issues who need to be on the path but still want to give their dogs a good run.<br>Having a different rule for the paths in the space also just opens up areas for conflict between non dog people. Signs need to be clear, not for dog owners to know, but for non dog owners to be aware that dogs are allowed in xyz space<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Vanessa Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Safety first no matter how under control you think your dog is, if it decides to follow a scent across the road in front of a car it could be deadly<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>But we need more safe water space and dog parks, your proposals are taking away a lot of places that are currently really only used by people with dogs, so you need to open up more interesting dog only spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Your making it too complicated, it should be 4 on or off lead, if you can manage 4 dogs on leads it's way easier to manage them off lead | |
| 30962 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I live in Cass Bay and once or twice a week I run with my two dogs from Cass Bay around to Corsair and then out to Boat Ramp and Back. This is usually early in the morning. My actions have limited effect on anyone, and the rules you are proposing are a sledge hammer to crack a nut. The track isn't wide ewnough to run with two dogs on a lead.<br><br>I agree with dogs on leads during summer, and when the beaches are busy! However, I can't see what you are addressing with this rule.<br><br>How about making it just for the busy times - weekends between 10am - 5pm. Mid week is crazy...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | David Tayler |
| 30965 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I feel this punishes responsible dog owners and doggos that have adequate training to be off lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If a dog is trained to be off lead on footpaths, that should be the owners responsibility.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Shane Cullimore |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This is sensible. | |
| 30966 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Although some dogs can be controlled without being on a leash too many unpredictables can occur putting all concerned at risk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs , especially young ones, have a natural instinct to chase birds.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Dog walkers are at times overwhelmed by the meeting of their dogs and other dogs.<br>Regarding Halswell Quarry I support extending the dog exercise area to include the slopes to the left. It is ideal terrain for off leash training and experiences for the dog, different to what is available in the present flat area.<br>At the moment the majority of dogs exercising in the area are off leash but under control, highlighting the fact that this is already occurring and perceived to be a good idea by current users of the park. | Neil Birkett |
| 30967 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for everyone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Bronwyn And Peter Yearbury |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Botanical Gardens.<br>Dogs should be allowed under strict control/ on a lead and owners made to carry disposable poo bags and be required to clean up any excrement.<br>As is the case in any other Botanical gardens in NZ and Christchurch Mona Vale. | |
| 30968 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>'Dogs should be under control in Public places' How that is achieved is up to the owner not the council.<br>There are too many variables in dogs, owners, spaces, and exercise areas, to have one rule covering all. Leave it to the owner and if a passerby is worried about your dog, they are allowed to ask you to restrain it, until the situation has passed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>To keep the dog safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The owners should read the rules and decide if their dog is likely to be ahazard to other dogs and their owners. What about stray dogs without a collar? who polices them and keeps other dogs and their owners from harm.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>There is ample spaces withot going into other protected areas, especially in nesting season.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It is not easy to handle more than 2-3 dogs off the leash, although I had mine off the leash but they obeyed my commands or if they erred I always put them on the leas. | Joan Imms |
| 30976 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think that requiring dogs to be on a short leash of only 1.5 metres is going to be really restrictive for dogs and their owners. Long leashes allow the dog be a dog and do normal dog behaviours. I am concerned such short leashes will lead to more frustration and behavioural issues for dogs.<br><br>A longer leash provides a dog with a sense of freedom. The opportunity to make choices for themselves is important for theirs wellbeing. Dogs don't get many opportunities to make choices for themselves. Engaging with the environment exploring all the types of plants with different textures, sounds and smells give dogs positive experiences. When a dog can sniff freely it's great mental stimulation, walking a dog is so much more then just exercise and having them run around on mowed grass. Dogs get the chance to walk at different paces and move side to side rather then having to walk confined in a straight line. This can reduce the amount of pulling on the leash. I don't think that walking on a short leash in a heal like position for every walk is a kind thing to enforce when their are so many benefits for dogs on long leashes.<br><br>I think taking away the option to use long leashes in spaces with footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks could make it harder for people with disabilities to access places to walk. Paths provided a safe stable place to walk. People with disabilities or health conditions my also like to use longer leashes because it's easier for them and the dog still gets sufficiently exercised. | Silke Konnerth |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Not everyone can access parks to walk their dogs, all they have is foot paths around their neighbourhood. These dogs should still be able to have a sense of freedom on their walks.<br><br>I think dogs that can't be off leash should still be able to have agency which is achieved by using a long leash. Some dogs are very sensitive to being around other dogs and having ones that are off leash running up to them. Paths and tracks have different foliage that breaks up space creating visual barrier been dogs, which is useful for keeping a dog calm.<br><br>Dogs are different sizes. A small dog that is close to the ground will be extremely limited in movement if the leash is only 1.5 metres long, because the leash needs to reach down lower then with a larger breed of dog.<br><br>When handling a long leash the handler can change the length by gathering it and holding it at a shorter length. The length can be easily adjusted depending on what pedestrians are around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I think 1.5 metres is too short of a leash length to enforce. As long as the dog is under effective control the owners should have the choice to decide what length of the leash is best for location the dog is being walked. For example a busy main road, a shorter leash would be best. A quiet reserve, a longer leash could be used.<br><br>I do agree that all dogs should be required to be on leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas and near roads to ensure the safety the dogs and the public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think removing the ability for dogs to go to the safe water at the river would be taking away a lot of enrichment for the dog. I know lots of people use the river for different boating activities, I think dogs should be able to have enjoy the water too.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I think this area has more risk of harm for wildlife then the red zone river.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think protecting specific areas could be a good idea. I think that dogs should be allowed on leashes longer then 1.5 metres on the paths in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think limiting the number of dogs a person can have with them will make sure dogs are under effective control and the community are safe | |
| 30980 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>1) I Request extension of the Scarborough walkway "dogs on leash only" rule to extend along all areas of the shore, and intertidal areas and around and beyond Sumner Coastguard case /slipway and to all accessible area below Scarborough road along to the clocktower.<br>This is to protect the large number of red-billed gulls (breeding in the area) and white-fronted terns and other birds that use this zone from dog disturbance.<br><br>2) I do not consider that the proposed rules for the inter-tidal zone from South-shore to the Waimakariri will be nearly sufficient to mitigate the steadily increasing level of dog disturbance as our city's human and dog population increase. I often see dogs repeatedly chasing gulls and oystercatchers that are trying to feed in this zone, with the owners appearing to be completely unaware that this is harmful. Also, the number of these birds feeding is vastly reduced on busy days when lots of dogs and people are using the beach, compared with quieter days. I also see far fewer white fronted terns resting on the beach nowadays. | Glenn Mckinlay |
| 30981 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Vaughan Whitehead |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 30982 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This proposal would considerably reduce the areas that dogs can be off leash. It's important to be able to let dogs off the leash if they are controlled well. Not everyone can travel across town to green space areas or the beach. It's important there are local options.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>That's a safety issue, so dogs won't run out on the street.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, it's important to also protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above re: wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I think this should depend on the skills of the person and doesn't need to be ruled by a bylaw.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Make sure local parks are still available to let dogs off leashes. | Ri Williamson |
| 30983 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Short leash only of no more than 1.5 mtrs and definitely a no to long leash as this comes back to safety of the public. This would allow for more effective control of the animal<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>This allows for more effective control of the animal and takes into consideration the safety of everyone including the dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I would support pathways coming under the general leashed law | Deb Clarke |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs would not be allowed along the shoreline where birds nest, or in tidal areas where they feed.<br><br>How will this be monitored and enforce? Will there be a fenced off area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I do believe this should be definitely capped at four for the safety of public.<br><br>I would like consideration be given to only 3 dogs per owner/walker<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More provisions given for more Dog Parks around the City especially in areas where there are not dog parks<br><br>Heavier fines for people who choose to be irresponsible dog owners<br><br>CCC to consider reimplementing rubbish bins specifically for dog poo to be disposed of properly<br><br>More signage around parks and reserves, seashore and wetlands making dog owners aware of their responsibilities<br><br>More promotion on Responsible Dog Ownership status via Social Media and other Public Forums<br><br>More enforcement and patrolling of areas of concern | |
| 30987 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>some stormwater basins might be too small for wildlife to settle but generally I approve of it.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>How will that affect professional dog walkers? I generally approve of it though due to some owners not being able to control their dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Craig Williamson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | They all sound pretty reasonable. Just one suggestion. About 15 years ago the council used to provide paper poop bags at dog parks. Could the council do something like that again if it wasn't too expensive? | |
| 30988 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs are bad<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Many dogs don’t chase birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs help people feel happy and live healthy. Don’t limit how we can enjoy exercising our dogs. Not all owners are bad, let the good dog owners be responsible without new rules that are directed at controlling the few irresponsible ones. | Jennifer Brown |
| 30989 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The length is too short. It does not allow freedom to sniff.<br>It also does not allow comfortably running with your dog as the length of leash it to sort to slow full jogging arm movement comfortably while running.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I would support this if only in wetland areas but not along paths, rivers and planted areas. There are no ground nesting birds in these other areas especially paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long as exception process is easy for people<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It limits freedom for dogs too much. It will only result in people breaking rules and unsocialised dogs. More unsocialised dogs around will only lead to an increase in issues. | Rebecca Lipp |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 30990 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Paul Bussell |
| 30992 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads and retractable leads pose a danger to other dogs where the owner can lose control and does not have close enough control when issues arise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long leads and retractable leads pose a danger to other dogs where the owner can lose control and does not have close enough control when issues arise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>The use of this are should be available to dogs but only when under effective control, preferably on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>The use of this on tracks only should be available to dogs but only when under effective control, preferably on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>The use of this on tracks only should be available to dogs but only when under effective control, preferably on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Currently we have very effective dog control laws. What is lacking is the enforcement of the laws with immediate fines, especially where clearly posted signage is ignored.<br>Effective control needs to be enforced. Too many dogs are allowed to roam freely on pathways and parks and the owners have no immediate recall or any recall at all.<br>This results in situations where off lead dogs harass other dogs that are on lead. The situations I have personally been involved in are frightening and distressing. These incidents are generally not helped by the owner of the other dogs shifting blame or displaying a sense of entitlement that they are allowed to have their dog loose. Enforcement to verify owners can demonstrate recall is required.<br>Areas that specifically require dogs to be leashed need to be monitored. The Bowenvale track is one area where more than 50% of dogs are loose. Again situations where loose dogs harass others is distressing. The owners often have no close supervision which allows the dogs to defecate, which is ignored, as evidenced by the amount of poo on the track. It is noted that the current law requires dogs to be on lead but with no threat of enforcement this is mostly ignored. | Ian Mckay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 879 | |
| 30993 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Darian Jones |
| 30994 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Sometimes I'll come around a corner with my small dog on a leash and they'll be a bigger dog on a long leash so the owner around the corner can't see what they're doing. My small dog gets nervous around bigger dogs due to bad experiences.<br><br>A few times there've been big dogs off their leads and they've run over 20 meters to shove my little dog around and the owner wasn't even watching their dogs. I had to pick my dog off the ground to get my small dog away.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Some dogs aren't respectful of roads. Better for everyone involved including car drivers or cyclists not to have to worry about dogs darting onto the road.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>It seems fair to protect the wildlife since dogs have other areas they can be off leash. The wildlife doesn't really get a choice of what animals are in their area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>The vulnerable birds right to live should overtake the owners desire to let their dogs wander<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>The more dogs you have the more difficult it can be to physically control them if somethings goes wrong. Also a lot of people don't train their dogs to be respectful of other dogs so this needs to be taken into account when deciding to walk large groups.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>n/a | Erin Burgess |
| 30996 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Cheryl Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Safer for others and other animals<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for your dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The only animals around are birds eg ducks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Need to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Means I could not walk my three dogs off lead together | |
| 30997 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because not all dogs walk well on short leads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Because this allows for effective control of a dog near vehicles.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Don't use this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Need to protect our wildlife as people can't control their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Because people let dogs off their leash and it can frighten people or childern. Have seen two dogs off who attacked ducklings and the owner couldn't get control. | Sharlane Parish |
| 30998 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Pauline Wilson-Boyd |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 30999 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need ample room to sniff, and socialise with other  dogs so a leash should not be required. Leashes should only be required for dogs that are being trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, we are there are cycles and motor vehicles nearby all dogs should be on a leash for safety reasons<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Where there is a path and public access for people to walk a dog should be allowed to accompany the owner on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>There is no reason for a dog not to walk with its owner as long as it is on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should still be able to walk on a public walking track with their owners as long as they are on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Common sense prevails. Most people with more than two dogs generally have them under control and will trained.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I believe in areas like the Halswell quarry park where there are designated areas for dogs to walk but also public footpath the dogs should still be allowed to run around and not be on a leash. It is necessary for my<br>large dog to run around for many kilometres per day and if it's on a leash it will not get enough exercise . | Andrew Thomas |
| 31000 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If it is a green space area the dog should be allowed off leash with the owner in control with commands. Common sense should dictate if there are too many people around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Again, common sense. Dogs can be unpredictable, like children<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>A long leash would benefit both the wildlife and the dog. They need to socialise and sniff. | Nichola Anderson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Long leash, owner in control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>A long leash would suffice.<br>Most people are sensitive to the wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Halswell Quarry.<br>It works very well with the shared area of mt bikers and dog walkers.<br>Consideration by all | |
| 31001 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If a dog is on a stretch leash, that's good enough as it shows the owner is responsible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of walkers on roadsides and safety of the dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Some dogs are fine in conservation areas while others cause harm to our wildlife so a limit seems wise<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be able to go on leash there<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robyn Lynley Capon |
| 31002 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The requirement to have a dog under 'effective control' by any means including 'voice only' is suficient and protects the interests of all parties adequately. I have been walking for three hours a day, every day, for decades, without being bitten or in any way harmed by any dog. My experience is that; people who are responsible enough to actually walk their dogs, are also responsible in dog management. Dogs who are not walked, not socialized, are more likely to behave inappropriately.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If dogs are leashed on extendable leads, that is adequate.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Glenn Jackman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>In the last three years, I have walked in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor for three hours, everyday, that is approximately 3000 hours during the last three years. I fully support the desire and intention to promote the wellbeing and flourishing of native species. However in 3000 hours, I have witnessed thousands of dogs in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, I have witnessed no damage done to wildlife. Birds can fly, dogs cannot fly. Waterfowl are much faster in water than dogs are. Newly hatched waterfowl are more vulnerable, but still I have not witnessed any harm done by dogs. I have witnessed ducklings being snatched by Shags and Cormorants. Little or German owls, fortunately are present in only small numbers, otherwise they also would represent a threat to native species. Eels are also said to be a threat to young water birds, as possibly are rats (of which there are many) and stoats (which I have not actually seen in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>The term 'public place' is far too general. My experience is that dog breeders and professional dog walkers, take significant care in choosing suitable venues for their activities. | |
| 31003 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I would prefer "leashed" rather than "short" leashed giving users the ability to use longline and retractable leads.<br><br>There is enough space in areas such as the derelict the roading system through the red zone that are great areas to exercise dogs, and this regulation would mean dogs would be unable to move freely through this area with their owners. I walk there everyday, and I note that I see more dog owners and their pets than I do any other kind of user.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I would like to see this include retractable and long line leads that are kept at a short length. I use a longline to walk my dog from my home down to the red zone, but kept at a short length to avoid any nasty mishaps. Having to carry several types of leads and changing between then seems unnecessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is proposal is very general, and I think would benefit from defining or listing these areas in a very specific way.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I support this proposal, and would like an online map of where I can take my dog on the beaches, and excellent signage in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>You don't provide enough information about which areas you are planning to prohibit, although I support the protection of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the exemption does not come with a huge amount of cost or red tape for the person applying. Pack walks are a great stimulating and healthy exercise for dogs, and I agree to a regulation around who can do this. Perhaps a council run education and training programme with certification for dog walkers could be introduced to help those who struggle with control on pack walks learn how to manage their pups more safely.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think it is heavy handed in regards to changing leashed to short leashed. Longline and retractable leashes are easily shortened to make dog control safer in busy areas, so perhaps a more | Jenni Ravenscroft |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | specific definition of "leashed" could be developed.<br><br>I would dearly love to walk my dog through the Botanic gardens, and take her on the bus. We really are not a dog friendly city when compared with other countries. I would like to see more freedom rather than less as you are proposing. | |
| 31004 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I would have liked to see a map of the area, I feel you are reducing the area that dogs have the excitement of running free and should provide at least another 2 dog park areas to give them this freedom which I think must provide them with wellbeing just like humans. I am saying this for other dog owners as mine dog is too old for walks now but enjoyed his freedom at times to sniff trees and also socialize with dogs along his walks. I did always have him on lead around the streets and just some small green area he could have a little freedom.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Just what I said before that you should provide at least another 2 areas where dogs can run free | Tina Newsome |
| 31006 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because not only some shared paths are through dog exercise  areas it should be left to the owner to consider if they have effective control of their dog.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Be very hard to implement I feel all dogs should be on leash under effective control throughout the stormwater reserves.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Terry Mead |
| 31008 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>A balanced and healthy dog  is well socialised with humans and other dogs. A short leash won't allow this to occur naturally. It's better to encourage owners to appropriately manage their | Bernadette Mcdougall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | dogs in all public areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for all concerned<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31010 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>It is unnecessary to require short leads only. There are areas of low traffic that are likely included in this where dogs should be allowed to have more freedom while walking (even in long lead/extendable lead). A map of where these paths are should be included in this consultation to show where would be effected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above - some shared pathways are low traffic and a short lead is not always justified in these areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I support restricting dogs around sensitive wildlife areas (leashed) however it is not clear where these changes would occur. A map would be useful to understand where these changes would occur and where is still available for dogs to go.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above - agree with protecting wildlife and not disturbing the estuary beds. However maps to show where is and isn't available for dogs should be provided.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above, agree for protecting wildlife however maps showing the change in extent of these areas should be provided.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Maps should be provided which show the current areas vs the changes in these areas so that submitters can understand the impacts from these changes.<br><br>The short leashing requirements should be seriously reconsidered - it is not likely to be required on low traffic shared pathways, and would severely limit the enjoyment of the walk for the dog. If leasihing is required, this should include long leads and retractable leads. | Kate Macdonald |
| 31011 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Ananda Haessner |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Concerns: This proposal probably means owners with more dogs than two, and who might have effective control of all their dogs,will be forced to have all but two off leash. On the other hand the dog walkers might get some exemption and can still walk 10 dogs off leash, though they might not have effective control of the dogs. I have experienced myself many times when dog walkers didn't have effective control over the dogs they walk. | |
| 31012 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The proposal is too restrictive and wide sweeping. Dogs need areas that they can be off leash to smell everything around. Being on leash is necessary in some areas but not necessary in uncrowded areas with no vulnerable wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>There is no definition of the distance that is "near" roads. For instance, it could be 2m, 20m or 200m, who would know? When you have a defined distance I may support the proposal. "Alongside" roads actually doesnt seem as ambiguous.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect ground nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect ground nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect ground nesting birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems sensible to me<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think there should be allowance for dogs to be off leash in some tracks on the Port hills where there are no sheep present and there are few people around and it is not a mountain bike track. | Brad Williamson |
| 31013 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Bruce Newman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I walk our dogs on many areas like Draytons Track in McCormacks bay, where dogs are allowed currently on a track, off lead. There is little opportunity for dogs to walk off lead; to walk at their own pace and be dogs. Dogs need this opportunity, to be off lead, so they become educated, and so more sociable with other dogs and so know what is expected of them. More signs would help, to say that it is ok for dogs off a lead. As house section sizes get smaller, and the dog population increases, if you do not provide areas for dogs, just have fun they get frustrated.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Long extendable leads are very dangerous, for dog owners, bikes, cars, skateboarders, etc. It is either short leads or nothing. But what about the issue of scooters/e bikes/bikes going really close to dogs. When you are walking with a dog and one of these goes past, the dog and walker, get frightened, and so can jump/bark/ etc which causes accidents. Why do you allow green scooters on our footpaths? I heard in the last 3 years ACC have spent 17 million dollars on hospital costs because of scooters. So don't think dogs are the issue here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don't live close, so I don't use it, but every time the council removes an area for dog use, it causes problems for dog owners. (Frustrated dogs means barking, and anti-social behavior, caused by the council)<br>I use Fendalton Park a lot, but the council let the university club use it for running. Before the earthquakes, that club used their own land in Ilam. Now their area looks like a bomb site.<br>(I recommend that you go to their old area, and look over the fence)<br>Why don't you recommend to them to go back to their grassed area, and let the neighbours of Fendalton park, have their park back again?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As above. The more areas you take away the more problems you will create.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>You need to exercise your dog.<br>Now if you can't, some people actually pay someone to walk their dog, dog walkers.<br>Obviously very committed dog owners.<br><br>And they use professional dog walkers.<br>I think you need areas where you can have these dogs exercised, and not 20kms out of town.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think you should look at dog owners positively.<br>Dogs provide alot of positive things to our community.<br>Owners that; register their dogs, pay for them to have time in a day care, put them in a kennel when they are overseas, or take them on holiday, are dog owners that add to our community.<br>People who own dogs, but do not do the above, need to be punished.<br><br>Dog park name; Can it please be a name that most of the community will realize is a dog park? Phils Dog Park? | |
| 31014 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Impractical and unnecessary - particularly for good dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As previous answer | Alan Kang |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As previous<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Fair enough<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Disproportionate response | |
| 31015 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need to explore and interact within their environment to learn, experience enjoyment and most importantly manage/reduce any anxieties. Being under lead control does not allow for this as it is unnatural and can exacerbate fear due to the dog's inability to exhibit normal behaviour (s). Effective control via verbal & hand signals is highly effective, allowing both the dog and human to enjoy the exercise and grow their dog's confidence. In time this 'free' behaviour becomes normalised within society. It will reduce the public's concerns when they experience a dog off-leash but within view & earshot of a responsible owner who is carrying a leash in case it is needed. In summary, a well-trained and loved dog can be controlled effectively via voice and hand signals. Only being on a lead does not equate to control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Please see the above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Please see the above.<br>A dog can be trained not to 'worry' wildlife or stock, period.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Sadly, some people are ignorant of nesting bird behaviour and a blanket ban is the simplest way to protect any indigenous avian species.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Please see the above - a dog under effective control does not need to be on a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This seems practical & fair.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>No comment. | Dr Andrew (Veterinarian) Hay |
| 31016 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>While I can understand possible situations as to why this rule has been suggested, I can’t agree, as its not this simple. In my submission I have included articles and studies: the name: | Ange Nicol |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | website link, and a quote in speech marks.<br><br>I do recognise that problems can occur with dog owners:<br>- letting their off-lead dog hassle another dog who is on short lead (they might be aware, or not aware)<br>- dogs all over the pathway making it a hassle to others<br>- having dog off-lead in an on-lead area (breaking existing rules)<br>I have been there myself with some people either having no understanding of their dogs body language, and some overly dominant unneutered males at dog parks.<br>But I also feel these incidents are where the complaints have been directed to you and Councillors, and possibly the reason why these rule changes are in place. Unfortunately, I really feel that some of the public are going to disregard the rules, or not learn the bylaws (since its mentioned there will be no signs). Saying one rule everywhere for simplicity sake is punishing all us responsible owners, who keep our dogs out of others way, and who pay registration fees for the privilege of owning dogs, now suddenly being limited to what we can and can't do, if for reasons we and our dogs have to be on the path – or there is no flat mowed green space available.<br><br>Would the Council please consider the following: short-lead when area is populated, owner and dogs to give way – thus allowing effective control or extended-leads when no one else is around. Then when another person approaches – the dogs must be either on the flat grass, or on short lead at that moment (unless interacting with another dog).<br><br>I think it is truly unfair to force a short-lead on a dog when there is no one in the whole area. At least allow extended leads – this is important to allow dogs to have natural behaviours including safe socialising.<br><br>On leash laws and the hidden costs of restricting dog movement: https://busydoggie.com/2024/01/11/on-leash-laws-and-the-hidden-costs-of-restricting-dog-movement/<br>"Another factor to consider in this discussion is that many countries' policies have already contributed to creating a lot of poorly socialized dogs – creating a vicious cycle."<br>"This limited freedom impacts not only physical health but also a dog's ability to engage in instinctual behaviors crucial for their psychological well-being."<br><br>Public Statement from the Association for Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand: https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws<br>"We propose that a comprehensive strategy, integrating education and the use of longer leashes is a more effective and humane approach."<br><br>Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024: https://www.sithappens.co.nz/dog-control-bylaw-submission<br>"As outlined by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ), leashes of this length restrict natural behaviours and can cause stress, frustration and behavioural issues like leash pulling, barking and aggression."<br><br>In this long answer, I am thinking specifically of those who are restricted to walking on paths, and situations where there is no mowed grass off the path.<br><br>Some issues are:<br>1. Formed tracks especially can vary and do not have the same usage as footpaths and shared paths – I feel having them altogether in one rule is not fair. Some tracks won't be used by those with bikes and wheelchairs etc.<br>2. I don't support a 24/7 ban – some areas we may not see a single person - Dog owners know their local parks, and I know some owners specifically walk their dogs at times they know the track is unused<br>3. Short-leash is not a safe distance for those; walking their dogs with a mobility scooter, wheelchair, (not everyone can get a disability assist dog due to the long wait list), runners, a person with a young child and/or a pram.<br>4. A lot of people walk their own pace, dogs will be restricted immediately to the path in front without enrichment<br>5. Practicality: if there is a path between flat mown grass, and the dog crosses to the other side - are we expected to lead for 5 seconds to allow this? The Q/A said no this was fine but the rule seems absolute.<br>6. The rule won't address the actual problem, which is education and awareness of others. For example, some say 'my dog is friendly' without thinking the other dog theirs is interacting with isn't, or is injured, or that another person on the path is afraid or allergic - these may very well be nice dog owners but just need education and guidance to be aware of others' needs.<br><br>What about areas either side of the path/track:<br>• where there is no greenspace<br>• that have too much rocks, bushes or trees<br>• unmown grass that has gotten too tall for people or dogs to walk on<br>• muddy areas | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | • wet, frosted and slippery grass<br>• slopes that are hard for people to walk on instead of the path (not the port hills slopes)<br><br>People and dogs might have to use the path because:<br>• they have a wheelchair, pram etc<br>• have an injury, or health issue which requires stable ground<br>• elderly, and young children who need stable ground<br>• runners<br>• their dog might be anxious and not want to socialise with other dogs who might be already in the grass areas<br>• their dog may have an injury where they have to walk slower, not allowed to run on mown grass, or get their injury dirty<br>• they have a young puppy who isn't allowed on grass yet (due to vaccination schedule)<br>• the grass area might be too busy<br>• some areas are thoroughfare<br><br>Why it's important to allow dogs to be under effective control, or on extended/loose leads:<br>1. When on Short-Lead the dogs will miss out on their natural behaviours; sniffing, rolling, moving at their own pace, feeling free without tension.<br><br>2. The chance to walk and sniff different terrain.<br><br>Pulse Study "At the heart of the walk:"<br>https://www.dogfieldstudy.com/en/study/pulse-study-at-the-heart-of-the-walk<br>"One of the main observation of this study was that with a longer leash, the dogs spend almost 2.5 times more time sniffing than on a short leash (1.5m)."<br><br>Lets Talk Leash Length: https://kiwicanine.co.nz/blogs/choosing-right/leash-length<br>"The same field study mentioned earlier found that dogs who walked on a 5 metre long leash (which is probably shorter than many of us use) spent 85% of their time sniffing! "<br><br>3. Can't roll on grass along the sides of the pathway or tracks. On a short lead it tangles instantly. At least an extended lead allows them more freedom and often untangles itself.<br><br>4. Feeling free – they don't feel the pressure of a lead. They know when they are restrained and already have a heightened sensitivity. Owners can have a natural reaction for pulling dogs too. While some dogs don't pull when on a long line – I know some owners with very strong dogs, it's going to be far too hard for them on constant short lead.<br><br>Behavioural Evaluation of a Leash Tension Meter Which Measures Pull Direction and Force during Human–Dog On-Leash Walks: https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/10/8/1382\|<br>"Young dogs pulled more frequently during walks, which was also mirrored in handlers' pulling. Well-behaved dogs created lower leash tension, but handlers did not respond with lower forces."<br><br>Why You Shouldn't Yank a Dog's Leash. Frustration, anxiety, stress, and more:<br>https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/animal-emotions/202207/why-you-shouldnt-yank-a-dogs-leash<br>" Dogs who are yanked suffer from problems including frustration, anxiety, stress; elevated heart rate, blood pressure, corticosteroids; damage to the neck, thyroid and salivary glands, and possibly their eyes. Humans anecdotally report more coughing and hacking."<br><br>5. Pacing – short leads can mean less exercise for the dog as they are slowed to the owners' pace. While an extended lead allows a little more freedom to trot, it also gives them space.<br><br>Biomechanical analysis of the kinematics of different dog harnesses - Research report: https://julius-k9.com/pdf/biomechanical-analysis.pdf<br>"When applying retraction force by leash to the harnesses, the change in walking type is adapted similarly in case of each dog and harness. This is clearer in ground walk, where the dogs change walk types as a learned behavior to respond to the owner's will exerted by the leash."<br><br>6. Young dogs are not meant to be in dog parks until they've had adequate injections. Because they would be forced on pathways during their critical behaviour learning ages, their only | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | socialising results in having pressure on their neck by being pulled away, as owners don't want tangled leads.<br><br>APDTNZ Position Statement - Puppy Socialisation Opportunities: https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-puppy-socialisation<br>"During their first three to four months of life, puppies' sociability generally outweighs their fear (1) and they are most open to learning about the world in which they live (3). This period of time in a puppy's life is known as the "sensitive period." Successful socialisation during this period is vital to raising a puppy to be a confident adult dog who has learned not only how to behave and cope successfully in a variety of situations, but also may help to prevent fear, stress, anxiety, and aggressive behaviour in adulthood."<br><br>Puppy Vaccinations: https://bestforpet.co.nz/pet-advice/puppy-vaccinations/<br>"It's important to remember that vaccinations can take up to two weeks to provide complete protection. So, unless your vet advises otherwise, it's best to avoid taking your puppy to places like dog parks, beaches, or other popular dog areas until at least two weeks after their final vaccination."<br><br>7. Mental stimulation from different terrain types in the immediate area<br><br>Do Canine Behavioural Assessments and Characteristics Predict the Human-Dog Interaction When Walking on a Leash in a Shelter Setting?: https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/11/1/26#B37-animals-11-00026<br>"Therefore, in our result, it was more likely that these dogs pulled more frequently on the leash because they were more interested in exploring objects around them and handlers were simply responding to the higher pulling frequency by pulling on the leash more frequently too."<br><br>Triggers and Underlying Causes of Dog Aggression: Part 1: Tight Leashes: https://www.thrivingcanine.com/blog/triggers-and-underlying-causes-dog-aggression-part-1-tight-leashes/<br>"Dogs pulling or being restrained are not developing any form of impulse control or self restraint. They may be physically held back but psychologically and emotionally they are going bonkers."<br><br>Why You Shouldn't Yank a Dog's Leash. Frustration, anxiety, stress, and more:<br>https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/animal-emotions/202207/why-you-shouldnt-yank-a-dogs-leash<br>"A dog's walk and other exercise should be for them. It's their time. Make it fun, enriching, and exciting, and let them exercise their bodies and senses as they wish. It's also good for your and their psychological and physical health."<br><br>8. Walking two dogs on a short lead for a single person can be tricky when the dogs have slightly different paces. Having extended leads or off-lead accommodates for each dogs' natural gait.<br><br>9. Some people still have choke chains or prolonged collars – if they continue walking their dog along pathways on short leads, this will have long term effects on the dogs' welfare.<br><br>Pinch and Prong Collars: https://www.spca.nz/advocacy/position-statements/article/pinch-and-prong-collars<br>"Pinch and prong collars are collars with prongs positioned against the neck, or any other protrusion intended to cause pain or discomfort, especially when tightened."<br><br>10. Even if the collar is of standard type – long term damage can occur over time to the dogs neck. If the proposed rules carry through there could be many dogs with long term health issues due to the enforcement of leading and collars.<br><br>Could your dog's collar be damaging their neck?: https://petdirect.co.nz/blog/could-your-dogs-collar-be-damaging-their-neck?srsltid=AfmBOopcrHf-QunK4nCeqKj0N3u-nO6y8MgZfgHU3a_D6eiGBrQDEV-k<br>"The most common collar-related neck issues are due to the dog pulling too hard on the leash during walks, or if the pet owner uses the leash to pull the dog around."<br>"Even if a collar does not lead to any serious injuries, the wrong collar can simply be irritating for a dog."<br><br>Canine collars: an investigation of collar type and the forces applied to a simulated neck model: https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1136/vr.105681<br>"No single collar tested provided a pressure considered low enough to mitigate the risk of injury when pulling on the lead."<br><br>And lastly 11) Safe socialising<br><br>LETTING DOGS MEET: THE THREE SECOND RULE – Part 2: https://www.thrivingcanine.com/blog/letting-dogs-meet-three-second-rule-part-2/ | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | "In a nutshell, tension in the leash puts tension in the dog which puts tension into the greeting. Tension in the leash causes frustration which can often be expressed or relieved through aggression. Tension in the leash can cause a dog to come on too strong, which can be offensive to the other dog. It can also make a dog feel defensive, similar to being trapped or cornered. So, a slack leash is way more important than most people give it credit for.<br>Important Note: Not only should the leash be loose when the dogs are meeting, it should be loose before they are allowed to meet. It is also super important that your dog be familiar with leash pressure as a means of communication prior to on-leash greetings. If you try to pull your dog away when he is not ready to leave, not trained to yield to leash pressure and not conditioned to accept a leash correction, the tension in the leash could possibly trigger an aggressive reaction."<br><br>a. Dogs know they are on short lead, they feel restricted (we remove their feeling of having choice, making them feel vulnerable) so they naturally become more tense. If a person pulls, this increases their stress, which may make them feel the need to be reactive, blaming the other dog, or person when meeting. They begin to learn that meeting others is a bad thing.<br><br>Triggers and Underlying Causes of Dog Aggression: Part 1: Tight Leashes: https://www.thrivingcanine.com/blog/triggers-and-underlying-causes-dog-aggression-part-1-tight-leashes/<br>"Dogs can feel trapped when restrained by a leash which can trigger the flight or fight response, which can obviously lead to aggression."<br><br>b. Being on short-lead only, owners will not allow the dogs to fully sniff each other (due to the leads getting tangled), or allow them to play.<br><br>c. Dogs on short lead may want to meet another dog. If the lead is tight, they may pull causing their body to rear. Another dog may think of this as assertive behaviour instead of friendly.<br><br>The Many Ways a Leash Gets in the Way: https://fieldwooddogtrainingcenter.com/many-ways-leash-gets-way/<br>"A tight leash not only transmits arousal to your dog, it alters how your dog looks to other dogs or people you may meet. Notice in the first panel of the cartoon the little dog is reared up on his back legs and leaning forward? Even if he wasn't snarling, the dog would look aggressive"<br><br>d. As mentioned above, due to these reactions, some dogs are actually better, happier, and safer socialising off lead. So owners walk them off lead, with no issues.<br><br>Leash Issues: https://positively.com/dog-training/article/behavior-problems-leash-issues<br>"If a dog feels insecure about what they encounter while on leash, this anxiety can provoke reactivity. Leash lunging reactivity and leash aggression are often caused by a dog feeling restrained, frustrated, and uncomfortable in a social situation. Ordinarily, an unleashed dog would be free to put sufficient distance between himself and a fear source. But when that dog is leashed and unable to distance himself, he will do what he needs to do to scare off that fear source."<br><br>e. If two dogs meet, and want to play, a short lead won't allow them to do this, if we are not allowed to let them off lead, or extend their lead to enable some interactions, we have to force them apart.<br><br>Managing a leash-reactive dog: https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/resource/managing-leash-reactive-dog<br>"On-leash, both dogs feel trapped, unable to get away from each other. Often, owners have their dogs on tight leashes, thinking this will help if anything happens. Unfortunately, a tight leash tells your dog you're stressed, making your pup more stressed in return. As a result, both dogs may start barking, switching from their flight instinct, to fight."<br><br>The Many Ways a Leash Gets in the Way:<br>https://fieldwooddogtrainingcenter.com/many-ways-leash-gets-way/<br>"A tight leash not only transmits arousal to your dog, it alters how your dog looks to other dogs or people you may meet. Notice in the first panel of the cartoon the little dog is reared up on his back legs and leaning forward? Even if he wasn't snarling, the dog would look aggressive"<br><br>Leash Aggression In Dogs: https://milwaukeepaws.com/leash-aggression-in-dogs/<br>"When dogs meet on leash, this cannot happen. If a dog feels threatened, afraid or nervous, they may choose to react in a more defensive manner- which can appear aggressive. These behaviors may include lunging, barking, growling, even pulling towards the other dog- sometimes, it is true aggression, but many times, the behavior stems from fear and the dog feeling like they have no way out."<br><br>Solutions:<br>• Amend the rules to say short-lead when others are on the path<br>• Extended leads and off-leash is okay during non peak times – dawn, dusk, night, rain<br>• Dog owners to give way at all times to other path users | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | • Dogs can be on extended-leads, off-lead when immediate area is empty, with clear visibility in front<br>• If the new rule has to go ahead, there needs to be an exemption for those with disabilities (not everyone will have a disability dog due to the waitlists) how can they allow their dog to express natural behaviours (sniffing bush, rolling in grass, playing with dogs) when out on walks if they are forced to the path?<br>• Education on etiquette (dog owners giving way to others, not allowing their dog to freely approach another person without permission).<br><br>Suggested new policy wording and explanation:<br><br>• Short lead to be used in areas of high use at the time, dog owners to give way to everyone else, however extended leads and off leash can be used when there is no one in the immediate area and for safe socialising.<br>Or<br>• Dogs must be on short leash on all footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in park, when the path ahead is not visible at a distance, and/or when other other people are present in the area.<br><br>If not, can it at least be added to the rule to explain:<br>• dogs are allowed off-lead near the path with their owners on the path/track<br>• dogs are allowed off-lead/long line on the path/track if it is clear, to sniff/play with other dogs, or cross to the other side.<br>These were stated in the Q/A as allowed, but are not stated in the policy wording.<br><br>~~<br>There are several other articles and studies, while it does come down to the owners responsibility of training a dog not to pull, and choosing an appropriate harness. Many use collars as this is where their name and registration tags clip on. Many people may not realize the damage from pulling, and how to walk a dog with a lead.<br><br>Let' m Loose – The Importance of Off-Leash Walks for Pet Dogs: https://www.esaat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/10.11648.j.avs_.20210906.14-1-2.pdf<br>"While it may be inevitable in various circumstances and settings for dogs to be on a leash for their own safety and while we may subject them to this restriction, it is important to keep in mind the numerous detrimental effects on their physiological and psychological welfare."<br><br>Lead pulling as a welfare concern in pet dogs: What can veterinary professionals learn from current research?: https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/vetr.1627#vetr1627-bib-0004<br>"Lead pulling itself, and equipment and training used to address it, may have direct and indirect consequences for welfare, including pain, fear, injury, disease, reduced outlets for canine behavioural expression and diminished pet–owner attachment."<br><br>Hartpury College Research Takes the Pressure Off Dog Walking with HBK Miniature Load Cell: https://www.hbkworld.com/en/knowledge/resource-center/case-studies/case-study-tests-of-forces-acting-on-collars-and-harnesses-for-dogs#!ref_hbm.com<br>"The restraints, as required by law, provide the dog with the ability to move freely without pain while giving their handlers control over it. However, it does not account for any unseen or unaccounted force that the animal might be facing. Because of the additional legal requirement for identity tags when canines are out in public, most dogs in the UK wear a neck collar. With this popular type of restraint, a lead is typically connected to the collar using a D ring. The biggest concern raised about this method is regarding possible damage to the trachea and the neck of the dog."<br><br>Owner approaches and attitudes to the problem of lead-pulling behaviour in pet-dogs:<br>https://pure.sruc.ac.uk/en/publications/owner-approaches-and-attitudes-to-the-problem-of-lead-pulling-beh<br>"This study suggests that while humane methods of lead-pulling<br>prevention and modification are being adopted, aversives are still commonplace. Furthermore, misconceptions regarding dog's motivations for lead-pulling persist."<br><br>Effects of the application of neck pressure by a collar or harness on intraocular pressure in dogs: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16611932/<br>"Based on the results of the study, dogs with weak or thin corneas, glaucoma, or conditions for which an increase in IOP could be harmful should wear a harness instead of a collar, especially during exercise or activity."<br><br>Dog leash-related injuries treated at emergency departments: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32739848/<br>"The most common type of dog leash-related injuries resulted from a pull followed by a trip/tangle." | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Shared with permission by Dog Behaviourist Pennie Clayton, owner of UK Horse and Hound School<br>Why the length of your lead can influence your dog's balance and wellbeing: https://www.facebook.com/groups/enhancinghoundlife/posts/-why-the-length-of-your-lead-can-influence-your-dogs-balance-and-wellbeingif-you/876637913372243/<br>"When a short lead is exchanged for a longer lead it allows dogs to relax and tension begins to disperse and they can begin to regain their balance"<br>and,<br><br>Why you should not walk your dog in a collar: https://www.horseandhoundschool.co.uk/post/why-you-should-not-walk-your-dog-in-a-collar<br>"Vulnerability is something which people do not think clearly about. In an effort to reproduce the perfect obedient dog people resort to equipment which actually makes them feel uncertain and vulnerable and if this is combined with restrictive equipment then a dog will feel miserable and stressed"<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I especially worry a driver may not see a dog upon reversing out their driveway where they may not have clear visibility amongst fences, and bushes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Can the Council consider allowing a space where dogs can still access the river/under effective control – while the rest becomes prohibited?<br>I'm not local but thinking of those who have dogs that love to swim who might not be able to venture further out. Is there a water body nearby that the local dogs can play in that Council can direct everyone to?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Is there an area where dogs can go on short/extended lead only on the path (where the birds won't be nesting on) rather than fully prohibiting?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>The picture on the consultation website shows a stormwater basin in a planted area – with a path going through. Are the dogs prohibited from this area altogether, or are they allowed on the path through this?<br><br>If the whole area is prohibited:<br>While I understand and agree with making sure dogs don't disturb wildlife, I don't understand why they must be fully prohibited in areas where they are not visible or the path is far enough away from wildlife.<br><br>Unlike the other two questions, this one covers many areas. Some of these are the closest local area for people to walk their dog that's not on a footpath. For example, there is just one dog park, and no fenced dog parks on the South-West side of the City.<br><br>Dogs are our family too, and it's a nice stroll through the different landscapes. I walk my dogs on lead as per the signs (despite my dogs who are already taught not to chase wildlife), we can walk past without disturbing any animals.<br>Some of the small lakes where birds live are so far from the pathways that the dogs don't even know they are there, as there are many bushes in between. In these places I don't understand why we can't at least do on-lead only here instead of prohibiting which is what is being suggested.<br><br>If dogs are prohibited everywhere except flat grass areas – this is severely restricting all of us that consider our dogs as family. Where can we take them for nice outings, nature photos, and mental stimulation? We don't visit these areas to only walk on flat grass.<br><br>In regard to wildlife, it's understandable why people have asked on the Q&A "what about cats." While this I realize this is the bylaw for dogs, but when talking about safety of birds – there are other threats of higher issue then a dog on leash with owner. I know it was mentioned in the webinar that a dogs bark can scare birds but the council has not provided any statistics on this. There are more threats such as:<br>- predators – although I realize there is a lot of pest control trying to manage this | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | - people with their loud music, yelling, screaming, or playing high pitch novelty noise makers<br>- young children's squeals, and the children that chase the birds<br>- school groups<br>- and of course the local cats<br><br>Some of these can be louder than a dogs bark. Also, areas which have housing next to it that have dogs living on the property - these would be more likely to bark than dogs walking on lead through the area anyway.<br><br>At the wetlands I visit with my dogs on lead, we walk over a bridge - the native birds here are not disturbed even swimming under the bridge as we walk past. At another location where the path has a glimpse of the lake between the bush, and shockingly a variety of birdlife including natives approach us (we don't feed them, but they seem to be used to being fed), the birds walk towards us even though my dogs are visible and next to me.<br><br>Solution:<br>Can there be a rule where dogs have to be so many metres away from birdlife instead of being fully prohibited?<br><br>Can dogs be leashed instead of being prohibited on the small paths in the wetlands and reserves?<br>If leashing isn't an option, there are still some locations where there is a path on the outer edge of wetlands, would we be allowed here?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, thank you for the offer to allow an exemption for those that have appropriate skills to manage more dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>1) I think it's important to be mindful that even if an area has a dog park nearby (Groynes, Styx), part of it should still be under effective control for the following potential reasons:<br><br>• dog hasn't had all injections so socialising with many dogs is out of the question<br>• dog is anxious of other dogs<br>• dog has an injury, so it can't be running around with other<br>• owner wants to play fetch (dog park can be dangerous if other dogs love this game)<br>• owner wants to do some scent training, or recall training<br>• Being on lead will not enable an owner to play, or do training with their dog.<br><br>2) Dog owners should not rely on signage:<br>- What of those who can't access computers?<br>- People who are literacy challenged, dyslexia, neurodivergent, and those that just have trouble reading long text?<br>- Those that are travelling through Christchurch with a dog - who may not have internet access, or are not able to search through the 62 page policy for places they can and can't walk their dogs without having signage at that place. (However having an interactive map is a great idea.)<br><br>Example: A person mentioned they were trying to go through the new policy using their reader – however it was vocalising all the code (background, pictures, colours, borders) making it very hard for her to get to the actual relevant information of the new rules to make her submission.<br><br>If it's been a concern that signs haven't been effective, its often because some parks didn't have signs at all entrances, and some signs were differently worded.<br>Before creating a blanket rule around all parks - punishing dogs and their owners who have great recall and follow all signs – the council need to change their communication and how the signs are to begin with. Because if you just add further rules, and nothing else changes along with no education, even more people disobey.<br><br>What about the signs of dangers for water ways and algae, will these still be in place if there's algae present? | |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | 3) Thank you for lifting the leash requirements in some of the other areas.<br>Thank you for sending out notices, and having signs when the dangerous algae is present, and I hope this continues to be done.<br><br>4) I also appreciate that Christchurch doesn't have a on short-lead everywhere except a dog park rule. There are many more recent studies on the benefits for off leash walking as I have provided (Question 1), and a dog park is not the answer alone for those dogs that are training, playing fetch or can't socialise with other dogs in an enclosed area.<br>An on-short lead everywhere would not work in our City with only 7 fenced areas and none in the South-West of the City. There are far too many dogs for this to be considered a safe approach even if a few more dog fenced areas were built. The spread of disease and illness, even damage to grass may occur if off-lead was only allowed in fenced area. Those without cars, or families couldn't take their dog to their local park for fetch.<br><br>5) As mentioned on the short-lead only question, a lot of the problem is either people already breaking the rules because they don't care, or some people who are nice but aren't thinking of the other person or dog that their one is interacting with.<br>Having this rule won't change those interactions, but education will help. Can anything extra be done here? Not just for dog owners, but also for non-dog owners so they can learn how to interact or not interact with dogs - bringing it into schools as teaching?<br><br>The following article suggests owning a license that shows you have studied and understood go behaviour and caring for dogs, before owning a dog:<br>https://nzva.org.nz/positions-advocacy/position-statements/safe-dogs/<br><br>6) Dogs are family to many of us, and I really hope you consider both sides to this and allow some flexibility in the draft proposal. It certainly has been important (and I am thankful) that the Engagement Team have been responding in Q/A, holding the webinar, and asking for feedback for an opportunity to alter the proposed policy.<br><br>7) No doubt you will have applications in agreement of the rules from those who hate dogs, and those dog owners that may have had incidents with other dog owners, and I do understand this perspective. I've worked with dogs all my life from training, caring, and rescue. I have an understanding of behaviours exhibited from a wide range, the friendliest to the most anxious. I've seen the damage of what little socialising can do, and the damage of collars and leashing used incorrectly. I've had to walk very anxious dogs - avoiding others. I've had interactions with irresponsible owners, or those that didn't realize the dog I had was terrified because theirs was friendly. This is about Education. I also look at the day-to-day interactions where nothing has gone wrong because the dogs and owners have been doing what would be considered normal activities without being a nuisance to others.<br>There is the negative episodic memory bias of people remembering the one bad t | |
| 31017 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs enjoy exploring. This is an extreme curtailment of dog walkers. When I walk in bottle lake forest park or red zone nearly everyone encounter is walking with their happy dog.<br><br>The restriction should be that any dog is under effective control, not that should be on a short leash. This suggested change goes against modern training methods. It goes against the feel of an open natural greenspace areas as a contrast to urban footpaths. It goes against the wishes of a major user group of these green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Near roads is a safety issue<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>See above. While it is reasonable to protect specific areas to protect wildlife it is not reasonable to have dog walkers in the red zone corridor restricted to short leash on paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Susan Gee |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This is too blanket<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Again this is taking a sledgehammer approach and unnecessarily punative<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Please note these comments also apply to the Groynes. Across Christchurch greenspaces generally, please don't curtail the well-being of good dogs, dog owners and small scale dog walkers in an ill conceived and overly draconian bylaw change | |
| 31018 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The 1.5m leash restriction is too short. As per the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter, and many other dog behaviourists will know, this length restricts the dog communications and by so, can create more conflicts by creating stress, frustrations aggression, ... Like we did with Covid, it might be best to concentrate on respectful and safety distancing. Also, this will only impact the already responsible dog owners as the issue is often on the ones that already chose not to follow rules and there are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above, and if ending up not changing the proposal, to be at least 2m long.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>As mentioned above, most responsible dog owners respect wildlife, and non-responsible will still do what they want. So unless infrastructures makes it harder to get to that wildlife and protects it, that proposition won't change much. More education and understanding past on to the owners will have a bigger impact too.<br><br>Limiting the areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash concentrates a growing number of dogs into small areas, increasing the risk of harm from dogs and conflicts reducing the overall sociability of our dogs, creating potential more reactive dogs in the long run.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This is too restrictive as some owners have good control over their dogs and might own 4 small dogs for example. That reduces the opportunity of enrichment for that household as it might limit the walks those dogs get. Instead, I think it should be about education or permit or passing an assessment to be allowed if need be. As will describe below, a colour coded rules for each dog or owner would be more appropriate, like done in other countries.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>You will find attached the submission by Jan Kees Kirpensteijn & Ailsa M. Humphries. I agree with most of their comments and proposal. Putting more opportunities for public education and rewarding good ownership giving more freedom to those to chose to attend or pass certain level of education and "effective control" should have more freedom and be clearly identified to everyone by colour coded signals like done in other countries (patches, bows, harnesses, collars, tags, ...). | Deborah Scott |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | This will promote good ownership and being more identifiable by dog control when not "behaving" to the colour or not having a colour.<br>As in plenty of other subjects in general with the while public, more restrictions often have less effective results then more opportunities for education.<br><br>*See attachment - page 880 | |
| 31019 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I'm a dog owner - it creates a safer shared environment, for humans and dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>It's common sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed, but only on leads at all times. Dog owners should still be able to enjoy this space, though their dogs must be kept under strict control (by leashing them) to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed, but only on leads at all times. Dog owners should still be able to enjoy this space, though their dogs must be kept under strict control (by leashing them) to protect the wildlife. I agree that dogs should not be allowed to roam freely along the shoreline or in the tidal areas.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be allowed, but only on leads at all times. Dog owners should still be able to enjoy this space, though their dogs must be kept under strict control (by leashing them) to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, but the rule is too simplistic. It should be based on the size/ weight of the dogs. Trying to control up to 4 leashed small terriers, is entirely different matter to trying to control 4 Huntaways/ American Pitbull Terriers / Staffordshire Bull Terriers. When leashed, it should be a limit of:<br><br>- TWO large-size dogs<br>- THREE medium-sized dogs<br>- up to FOUR 4 small-sized dogs<br><br>I've seen many owners struggle to manage even a single large/ powerful breed dog on a lead - allowing them to walk 4 large-sized dogs, leashed, lacks common sense. | Rochelle Campbell |
| 31020 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Our dog is reactive (frustration reactive as he wants to play with the dogs and is restraint by the lead). This proposal will help us be able to walk him on paths safely so that we can prevent unknown dogs coming face to face with him. I would recommend that short leash is defined as we walk between a 2m to 10 lead (our version of a short lead and then a long line). If it was a a metre we would struggle to walk our dog as he is large and has a large stride (we are too slow for him ).<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Relatively agree as our dogs frustration reactive and it prevents dogs rushing to him. Again I would recommend a definition on short leash as we utilise a 2 metre lead (with a 1m handle) as a short lead. Our long lead is 10 metres. Just noted that this is not currently followed by dog owners or enforced. We need better enforcement systems for this to work<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Jesse Wilson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Yes totally agreed on both. I have to add our dog reactivity has reduced enormously by using the red zone with a long line as it gives enough space for us to be away from other owners when needed. Consideration should be given to allocating some areas in the red zone for fenced off private booked dog parks (money can go towards maintenance in parks) so that reactive dogs can safely exercise offlead and socialise if it is too difficult in parks to undertake this. This provides for maintaining the 6 values of recreation in balance with prohibiting wildlife areas<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Agreed. These areas will need signage as not everyone will reference the website unfortunately (we will!)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I agreed that te kuru needs to be protected but I think more definition is needed. For example the sparks road wetland or first flush area has a lot of grassed areas around the planted areas. Does that mean this will be prohibited. We usually walk this on a long line leash and usually on the path which means no wildlife if is approached at all. It might be more suitable to restrict these areas to leads (if no or little wildlife values) but note long lines are accepted.<br><br>Areas such as creamy ponds need to be off limits. However areas such as first flush basins in halswell do not include Wildlife as they function is to be grassed for filtration. Hopefully these are still able to used for offlead areas if they don't contain wildlife values. The non-wildlife areas we rely on for exercising our dogs away from others when needed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes this is fantastic! Also it might be good to provide education on what is acceptable and not acceptable dog behaviour in open spaces.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>- define short lead and lead in the bylaw where possible<br>- in terms of leashing dogs during practice, please ensure this is defined as not the entirety of the park. For example parks like hagley or warren park have lots of areas away from practice areas which is safe for off leash. We usually stay away from practice areas but use alternative areas in these parks off lead.<br>- totally agreed with under effective control. Education should be put on the website as well. Maybe even required tutorial when registering dogs every year.<br>- make sure map is regularly updated and created at the same time or shortly after bylaw is updated.<br>- as noted above, we recommend council investigate into making fencing off areas for private bookings ( money goes to parks maintenance teams) so that reactive dogs can safely exercise and socialise with preselected dogs. We find dogs parks too much of a risk with poorly educated dog owners and poorly trained dogs which could result in conflict and injury dogs (not just our own). | |
| 31022 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Older and well trained dogs are punished for others who have not or will not train their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Older and well trained dogs are punished for others who have not or will not train their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Older and well trained dogs are punished for others who have not or will not train their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Older and well trained dogs are punished for others who have not or will not train their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | David Mcmurray |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Older and well trained dogs are punished for others who have not or will not train their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31024 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No, if the dog is under effective control it isn't necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Cars, trucks, sirens can be unpredictable. Safer for dog & public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is a good thing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife a good thing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protecting wildlife is important.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I think that it is reasonable. | Cathie Taylor |
| 31025 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The clearer definition of 'effective control' should suffice in these areas. The proposed policy states that dogs 'should' be put on the leash if the dog doesn't respond consistently or quickly to commands. Maybe this could be stronger e.g. the dog 'must' be put on a leash (in any public area!) if effective control cannot be met.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for dogs, road users and pedestrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br>However, The clearer definition of 'effective control' should suffice on the pathways in these areas. Particularly, if the definition requirements are made stricter as in my response to Q1.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>To protect wildlife.<br>However, The clearer definition of 'effective control' should suffice on the pathways in these areas. Particularly, if the definition requirements are made stricter as in my response to Q1. | Deb Searle |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>There is a real issue with people (including 'experienced' dog walkers) unable to control multiple dogs.<br>However, the proposal as it stands, may allow for a group dog walker to take a child or very inexperienced person with them, increasing the number of dogs from 4 to 8, without going through the exemption process.<br>The exemption process also relies too much on verbal/written demonstration of competency. As an analogy: I could memorise the highway code and get 100% in a subsequent test. It doesn't make me a good driver!<br>There also needs to be a maximum<br>permitted number of dogs stated by CCC in the exemption process, not dictated by the dog walker. No one, no matter how competent, can adequately meet the obligations and requirements of the relevant bylaws and Acts in public areas with more than 6 dogs. For instance, the dog control act requires the person to be physically capable. Who is physically capable of holding/controlling more than 4-6 dogs (let alone 8+), if needed? And many big-group dog walkers don't pick up poos from all their dogs. This is unlikely to change.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>1) the terms 'owner' and 'person in charge' are used inconsistently across the bylaw and policy documents. 'Person in charge' is the better term to use for most of the situations in the bylaw & policy. Using the term 'owner' is misleading and open to exploitation.<br><br>2) the policy sets out some requirements for transporting dogs. However, there needs to be rules for the max number of unrestrained dogs in vehicles. I have regularly seen (and heard!) 10+ dogs (even 20+) in one vehicle. This is a major distraction for the driver and a danger to other road users. It's also a welfare concern for the dogs.<br><br>3) Dog Limit Exemption<br>Clause 13(2) of the bylaw... what does this mean in practice? Do commercial dog walkers have to limit the number of dogs to 4 for six months, as for everyone else? Or, is there no maximum for anyone for six months? I really hope it's the former.<br>Under clause 13(4), the application should include a demonstration of vehicle set-up and how many dogs would be transported. (Note my suggestion to set a max number for this and/or requirement for restraint). | |
| 31026 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>We have spent a lot of money to ensure that our dog is well trained, obedient, and has good recall in all situations. Likewise, all of our friends with dogs have taken care to ensure that their dogs are well trained so that they can be properly exercised in dog friendly green space areas - forcing all dogs to be on short leads means they are not getting properly exercised, which is really unethical given basically their job description is to run around sniffing things. But it also suggests that you are telling all dog owners that they are a problem, when in reality a very small minority of dogs/ dog owners are an issue and should be dealt with appropriately, instead of using a broad-brush stroke which hurts all dog owners.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Again, this proposal unfairly discriminates against dog owners who have good control of their dogs, and means a severe reduction in places that dogs are actually able to get proper exercise. This would result in more traffic, as dog owners have to drive further to get somewhere to properly exercise their dogs - not exactly environmentally friendly. Also from an animal ethics perspective, it’s wildly unfair to punish all dogs when there are only a very few dogs who are a problem and arguably have owners who should not be allowed animals.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>There are very few places in Summer offering safe water for dogs to play in and cool down in the heat. Not only is the council pretty bad at removing their cyanobacteria signs, making it really hard to tell whether places have current issues (e.g. the groynes has had signs up for the last 12 months), but now you want to reduce access to the Avon, one place that is actually swimmable year-round? My dog gets very hot in the summer, and this is one of the only places we can access for her to swim and cool down, again an animal ethics issue.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I don’t know enough about the endangered bird population in this area to make a fair comment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Emma Findlay |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>There are lots of waterway areas of Te Kuru which could easily be available for dogs to swim, sniff and be dogs in, for example the stream running through it. I don't think it's fair to restrict access to those areas, although I never allow my dog into the reedy pond areas which I'd consider to be bird nesting areas - again, can we please take a more tailored approach so dogs are still allowed a robust, interesting life where their mental and physical needs are met?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31027 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I believe if the animal is under effective control, it should not matter.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>If the animals under effective control, that is all that counts.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>River access is important especially over the hot summer. This is one of the only safe waterways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>I agree that some areas should be reserved to protect wetlands and birds however, it is important to still have water access for the dogs to cool off. Is there a compromise that could be reached?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Without specific skills, it is difficult to control more animals effectively | Michael Findlay |
| 31028 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Yes but only in areas where there is a real risk to wildlife. Other parks and areas should still of off lead for dogs that are under control. Murchison Park in Redwood is a prime example of a park with formed path and no wildlife that is at risk.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I think this is a sensible thing as it reduces the risk of dogs suddenly getting away from their owners and in front of a car.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>This is sensible<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Pathways on lead should depend on how close to wildlife they are. | Ben De Wys |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 31029 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Keep ur dog under control are some dogs are fearful of dogs running up to them.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes to keep your safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I agree keep wildlife safe<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kate De Wys |
| 31030 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>On shared paths in more open areas it should be sufficient for dogs to be under adequate control.<br>It needs to be reasonably easy to exercise dogs sufficiently and this may involve some off lead time.<br>Dogs on a leash can actually be more heightened, especially towards each other, as their natural body language is restricted.<br>Formed tracks in green space areas should be a place where there is more freedom.<br>Often there are very few people around.<br>Adequate control in green space areas is a fair compromise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>For the safety of dogs and traffic.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Dogs and their owners need to be able to easily move to off lead areas. Prohibiting dogs and their owners from easily moving to areas allowed for them is not reasonable.<br>Areas set aside for protection of wildlife is great, but these safe areas should not impact on people and their dogs movement through the red zone. Design and/or fencing should be able to accommodate this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>This is protect wildlife and reasonable alternatives are provided in the proposal.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As long as there are sufficient off lead areas, and with the proviso in my earlier comment that shared paths in more open areas should allow some time with adequate control being | Suzanne Nilsson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | sufficient, e.g. dog walking close, responding to comments, or easily returning to be leashed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Seems reasonable. Exemption process included.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx Mill Conservation Reserve.<br>Dogs should be able to walk on leash through the formed pathways.<br><br>Without this it makes it much more difficult to access the dog park, as well as safe and pleasant walking tracks that all should be able to use.<br><br>The formed pathways are already well used traffic areas, with walkers, runners, buggies, children on scooters, and (the occasional prohibited bike). Wildlife already avoids this popular pathway and dogs on a leash can easily be controlled to avoid any potential harm to wildlife.<br><br>Dogs already walk through here on leash and I have never seen, or been aware of issues, from leashed dogs. In fact, less users in the area would potentially make the area less safe for users, and easier for people to misuse the area and disrespect the rules.<br><br>If dogs could not walk through here the dog park car park will have to be significantly increased in size as more people would have to drive there.<br><br>It is very important to note that the footpaths leading to the dog park ( outside of the reserve) are insufficient and nonexistent in some areas, e.g. Styx Mill Road and Gardeners Road. This makes alternative foot traffic routes very unsafe, and a longer distance. People would have to drive, and not all people have cars, or want to use them for short to medium trips. This would disadvantage a large group of people.<br><br>In short, if dogs on a leash were not allowed to continue walking on a leash, on the pathways, it would severely impact access to both the dog park and a walk all should be able to access. | |
| 31031 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>I am a dog owner and novice dog trainer and see far too many out of control dogs. This would help owners to control their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>See above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen off leash dogs attack birds, so completely agree with this<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Michelle Henry |
| 31032 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>It is safer for everyone, including the dog. | Hannah Murdoch |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for everyone including dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>The rules need to be super simple for dog owners to understand. If there is a prohibited area near where dogs can be off lead, there needs to be clear distinction. There also needs to be a better narrative around the protection of wildlife from dog disturbance. It is well researched that education of wildlife protection alone is not a motivator for dog owners - the main motivators for changing dog owner behaviour are regulatory fines, social norms and their dog's wellbeing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same answer as last question. Though there must have been a positive effect from the yearly Farewell to the Godwits event at Southshore Spit - this type of interactive event should be emulated elsewhere.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Same as the first two questions. Dogs should have been prohibited from these places from the start. I'm a dog owner myself. But why create areas advertised as wildlife refuge and then let dogs run around them? Now locals are used to letting their dogs off lead at these places so it will be harder to change their behaviour. There should be more areas for wildlife to be left undisturbed - not all stormwater basins need to be open to the public. We have extraordinary amoutns of land for exercising our dogs. This privilege should be emphasised.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have seen careless behaviour from dog walking businesses at numerous dog parks, which has led to injury of another dog and dogs on the loose. I would like to know more about how people would get the exemption.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I agree that people shouldn't rely on signage. Perhaps it should be a more prominent part of registering our dogs each year to remind us of the rules for exercising our dogs. Something interactive more than just a tick box exercise.<br>Section 10.2 of the draft bylaw (Learning how to be a good dog owner) needs actions to back it up. A campaign on responsible dog ownership is needed. There are many dog behaviour specialists and trainers in Ōtautahi, the Council could work in partnership with them, organise events with local dog walking groups.<br>I agree with the practical and essential changes of allowing on-lead dogs at the Groynes, prohibiting dogs at Styx Mill Conservation Reserve and in other wildlife habitats, and restrictions at culturally important sites.<br>I agree with clarification over compostable and biodegradable dog poo bags.<br>I understand the limitations of the Animal Management Team, but there needs to be more proactive enforcement of bylaw.<br>There is a need for a creative and evidence-based behaviour change campaign. The good thing is, there are masses of research on the interactions between domestic dogs and wildlife, including how dog disturbance impacts wildlife, what methods influence dog owner behaviour, and what motivates dog owners. The evidence for successful compliance to this bylaw and policy is out there. So we need to be taking advantage of it.<br>I do not envy the staff working on this bylaw and policy, because it is a tricky one and hard to balance all viewpoints. But I want to end with this: We are living in the home of wild animals, not the other way around. We have so many great places to walk our dogs in Ōtautahi, and that cannot be taken for granted.<br>FYI this is feedback coming from a dog owner and dog lover. | |
| 31033 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>CCC is charged with administrating the community social license which includes the community's perception of the ability of the multitude of dog owners to enjoy their charges. With the extremely rare number of relatively minor dog related incidents, especially in community communal areas such as beaches, the risk can only be considered to be low. CCC over reach in regulating a low risk activity which brings a lot of joy to a multitude of people is grossly disproportionate to the risk. A risk that the CCC does not own. The risk lies with the people that are in the green spaces, on the tracks and on the beaches living their ordinary lives. there is no need for over regulation in this domain. Not being able to have a dog on a long lead or off lead in these spaces would considerably undermine my personal quality of life. It is vitally important to me that my dogs get to live into their natural and normal behaviour. This would be totally undermined if a short lead was required in the areas you are suggesting. Dogs are a significant part of many peoples lives in Canterbury and the strict regulations you are suggesting would | Laura Beck |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | have a disproportionate negative impact on these large number of cantabrians.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>They need to be under effective control. If an owner cannot exhibit effective control via voice or body language then they need to be on a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs can be disruptive to nesting habit of birds ad other species. It is important to protect our wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>wild life needs to be protected<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I do not enough to make a comment.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends on the reasonableness of the criteria to ascertain who has appropriate skills, the ease of accessing the exemption and cost. Also depends on the appropriate assessment of the risk. I am not privy to this information. | |
| 31034 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>5m leads ok and can quickly be shortened if needed<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Would prefer 5m leads as with 2 labradors on a small footpath with short lead, they have to be on either side of me and we take up the whole path. I have trained them to keep left (in single file) so the front dog needs a longer lead and the one in front of me is on short lead. Can quickly shorten 5m if needed but can see people wondering where to go when they are both on short leads beside me.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Should be able to take all dogs to dog parks. Have seen people leave dogs in cars while they walk their other dogs even when they all look good dogs. Some people with one dog can be a nuisance at dog park however it has to be expected there will be the occasional larrikin. No difference than children in a childcare center. Need signage to reflect recall is expected but may be unpredictable. Over protective owners need to go to another area. We've been to dog park twice a week for 20 years and only seen a couple of true tussles where owners have managed | Selene Nikora |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | to get control.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Stop tethering dogs on properties.<br>Notice on Rescueers the UK have better penalties for mistreated dogs (e.g. suspended sentences, prison sentences, ban on ownership). | |
| 31036 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs need extra leash to smell/ investigate their environment<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Victoria Baddeley |
| 31037 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Short or long leashes are not an issue for most path users, most owner are mindful of where they are and those around them. Speeding cyclists that now seem to be on every footpath and walkway are the real problem - but dogs and their owners seem to be blamed.<br>Having walked young twin children for may years, the dogs and owners have always been respectful and no issue - but cyclists speed and are a real danger.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Most dog owners look after their pets as their children and do this automatically - does it really need a rule?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Create safe areas for wildlife but create walking corridors for off leash dogs. Dog parks do not work for many dogs.<br>There is a lack of understanding of how dogs think - yes they like to play but not all feel safe in dog parks.<br>A walk is a human invention, for them it is a hunt of smells and scents, this requires a bit of freedom to enjoy the environment.<br>It is critical that these areas are created - dog owners would go to these walk areas as they know what the natural needs of a dog. They need to be good long walks to satisfy the dogs health and well being.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>These are special areas for wildlife - providing there are other areas as mentioned above there will be plenty of places to satisfy a dogs needs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>These areas have provided safe off leash walking areas for dogs - which the city needs many more. | Debbie Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Perhaps if it is wildlife critical other areas could be provided closely<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Perhaps the numbers are a bit strict<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There is a rather small group of people who complain about dogs, but they can be vorciferous which can unbalance the issue.<br><br>There is also a small group of poor dog owners , however non of these rules will change their behavior either.<br><br>But more rules tend to risk creating friction for the good, careful and mindful dog owners - which is the vast majority.<br>These good owners seek off leash walking for their dogs as they know this is an essential part of the dogs well being. Perimeters of parks etc with pathways have been great up until now, and the retention basins etc but these will all be at risk under these rules.<br>The city needs more of these areas not less, otherwise good owners will struggle to provide their dogs with good exercise to satisfy their natural instincts. | |
| 31038 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Because more restrictions does not mean more control. Those who are good dog owners will always be mindful of their dogs and those who aren't will never bother to abide by the law regardless. This will not help people who have unreasonable fears to begin with.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>No, same as above - you either have control of your dog or you don't.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Not unless you do the same for humans...<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>For those people who already own more than two dogs they are suddenly forced into an agreement that they have no say in since most submissions for questions like this are usually based on fear or rare occurrences. A person with three dogs now is limited to how they can exercise those dogs since keeping them on a leash is often not stimulating enough. A dog that is not properly exercised is more likely to have behavioral problems.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Young dogs like children can only learn self control if they are given the opportunity to exercise it. Constantly having dogs on leads everywhere except a few open spaces will not teach them effective control. Since the reality is that most young dogs need to burn off massive amounts of energy they need relative freedom. Older dogs by contrast burn energy by deep sniffing exploration which is harder to achieve on a short leash. Also having an older dog off leash allows them to go at their own pace. More rules doesn't lead to more safety - more often it's the opposite as it encourages a lack of self judgement and increases often irrational fear. We regulate animals more than we regulate people who quite frankly create most of the problems. | Kelly Watson |
| 31039 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Colette Brick |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>*See attachment - page 897 | |
| 31040 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be on leash on footpaths etc in greenspace areas but I don't see the need for short leads, long leads are a good idea. If it's a greenspace then there is obviously more space for everyone to spread themselves out and dog owners and their dogs can have a bit more room to explore and not disrupt non dog-owners from enjoying the space as well.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Near roads and in pedestrian areas, for safety, dogs should be on short leashes.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think there needs to be a balance in thought when it comes to suggesting prohibiting dogs altogether in certain areas. I think if dogs are on lead, and if there is plentiful informative signage around river, wetland, and planted areas, then birdlife and humans with their dogs should be able to co-exist. For example, there is enough distance between the track along Otakaro, and the river itself where people can walk with their dogs on lead on the track, and it won't disturb the birdlife. It's when dog owners allow their dogs to be off lead and running around areas right on the river where birdlife are inhabiting and nesting, then that is detrimental to birdlife. I think the key issue is that dog owners must always have a lead and put their dogs on leash around riverside areas, and understand why they need to. It would be harsh to prohibit responsible dog owners from taking their dogs along Otakaro if they have their dogs on lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Yes the estuary and it's birdlife need extra protection, and if there are walkways close by then dog owners and dogs should be able to use those and not disturb the birdlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>I do support this but think that dogs on lead should be allowed on pathways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>There should be an exemption process for professional dog walkers who have the certification and can manage a greater number of dogs but there should still be a limit on how many dogs a dog walker should be taking out at one time. For dog owners I think two off leash, and four leashed is probably reasonable.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Sarah-Jane Best |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | In looking at the proposals I wonder how what you're proposing is actually going to be monitored/enforced. In the red zone area/Otakaro river corridor around Avonside Dr/Retreat road/Locksley etc where I walk every day, hardly anybody picks up their dog poo, and the signage asking people to pick up their dog poo is pathetic, and I have never seen anyone from the council monitoring the area for this. So it appears to me that making sure dog owners respect the natural areas they have been gifted, (by people losing their homes!) to walk their dogs in every day, has never been a priority for the council. So I'm a bit perplexed by why you think dog owners are going to comply by any laws you make if you're not going to allocate resources to make sure that what you're proposing is going to be abided by. I would not like to think that prohibiting dogs from certain areas is just an easy way for the council to have to do nothing other than wait for people to complain/take photos of bad dog owners and upload them to snap send solve, by which time the damage is done, birdlife is destroyed, and then you might prosecute the owner. This is essentially what happens now. Also why should responsible dog owners be punished for the bad behaviour of some dog owners. Essentially, dog ownership in Christchurch has got out of control, and it's been allowed to get out of control. I think it's going to take a lot more work than simply passing laws that prohibit dogs from certain areas, if you actually want to change dog owner behaviour. The council needs to do more to ensure people with dogs understand and uphold their responsibilities- this includes education, signage, monitoring by council staff. | |
| 31041 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs should be free to walk and sniff in the green zones- that is their happy space<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safer for dogs & motorists<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I support all of this except dogs being on a leash on the pathways in 200 hectare zone<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Important to protect wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Support all except the pathway general rule<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Agree with an exemption process for eg professional dog walkers. Think 2 unleashed too few - should be 4<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Keep dogs at Groynes unleashed and under effective control | Marlene Barwick |
| 31042 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Basically you tell dog owners to get wet feet with allowing 'mowed' grass areas and not walkways to be off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Also set some rules on speed for cyclists on shared paths<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Leaves so little space for dogs to get a swim - could you accommodate 2 spots for that when you instigate this rule.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Norma Kloosterman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br>Great that you leave western edge and coastal pathway free. You will have to regulate cats and up your pest control to protect wildlife. The dog disturbance - could you not leave it at breeding season restrictions Nov - March?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>You are making this hard to regulate with three different options. It's working fine at the moment, suggest no change. Protect the wetland with thick high grass and planting so dogs naturally stay out. pretty sad state of waterways - these are dirty ponds and contaminated agricultural land.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>There is no info on the exemption process. Dog walkers do such a great job. Groups with more than 2 dogs off leash are better behaved. Two is actually the terrible number to have off leash - one protecting the other, so many owners who can not control the second dog they got. A regulation for professional dog walkers may be a good idea but that needs to start with education and promotion not restrictions and regulations in the first place.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Like the change of definition of effective control, to watch where your dog is (so many walkers ate on their mobile phone!). Groynes dog park does that include along the river? Unclear in wording and changed in the last three years ftom leashed to effective control, I hope it can stay effective control or will this now be leashed as of cycling/walking track? | |
| 31043 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Max Koch |
| 31044 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Morgan Mckenzie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I have been surrounded by multiple dogs many times at once in the Red Zone that are barking at me and in my space. They were not under control and the woman from the dog walking company did not try to control them. Sick of it | |
| 31045 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Craig Burke |
| 31047 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I think the leash length is too short. It should be 3 meters. A dog walker wants the dog to easily cross in front of him/her and go to a tree for a sniff as you walk. Outside my house, it is 3 meters from the center of the footpath to the lamppost. At 1.5 meters, the dogwalker is weaving off the footpath to accommodate the dog's most basic need of sniffing. I do understand wanting to ensure passing scooters and cyclists don't get tangled up in long leads, but 1.5 meters is just too short.<br><br>We also need woodland trails for dogs. Dog parks serve some purposes, but walking offlead through the woods along a trail is an essential man/dog experience. I see no provisions for this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Sounds balanced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible balance.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Balanced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Sensible. | Rick Holcomb |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs in Tesla cars. I would like all SPCA and Dog Control Officers and Police to be educated that Tesla cars have a "dog mode" cooling system that runs off the battery when the owner is not present. These officials need to know to look at the central computer screen which clearly states the temperature in the car and that is is in dog mode. Because it is an electric car, the "engine" does not need to run in order to run the air conditioning. Please have them check before smashing windows unnecessarily. Also the side windows are laminated glass on newer models so are almost impossible to break. Thank you. | |
| 31048 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Danielle Wilson |
| 31050 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 899 | Grant Arnold |
| 31052 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This goes too far. I would be happy with footpaths however do not think it is necessary to have dogs on a short leash in greenspace areas or formed tracks. Dogs need to be able to stop and sniff constantly and wander at varied pace for their mental stimulation and wellbeing. When on a short lead, it becomes a constant pace, straight line walk.<br><br>A short leash (defined and 1.5 m) is very restrictive. For those people in wheelchairs etc, this bylaw may make it impossible to exercise their dog. A short leash won't work safely with the wheelchair on a path or track and they won't be able to exercise their dog in green-spaces being in a wheelchair. | Tiffany Holborow |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I can understand why this may be required for some dogs if they are not under effective control as they may become a hazard with vehicles etc near roads.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Many dogs are able to be controlled effectively without a leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>I understand that it is an important habitat for migratory birds<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Dogs need a variety of places to exercise for their mental stimulation and wellbeing. Stormwater basins are areas primarily built to capture heavy rainfall to reduce flooding in parts of the city and have plenty of room for people and dogs to walk safely without disturbing each other.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>This seems reasonable considering you have stated people can apply for an exemption. | |
| 31053 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The 1.5m leash restriction, while not new, and its expansion to more areas remains concerning. As outlined by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ), leashes of this length restrict natural behaviours and can cause stress, frustration and behavioural issues like leash pulling, barking and aggression. I recommend that the definition of “short leashes” be adjusted to reflect the negative impacts of this restriction on dog welfare. Longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines offer more space for dogs to engage in natural behaviours, explore and interact with their environment, which is vital for their physical and mental health.<br>Increased Leash Laws on Shared Paths and Tracks<br>I understand the intent to enhance public safety, but blanket leash requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Off-leash areas, where dogs are under effective control, are important for their well-being and mental stimulation. A more balanced approach, promoting responsible off-leash control, would better serve both dogs and the public.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The proposed restrictions in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, which limit dog access to mowed grass areas, will unnecessarily restrict responsible dog exercise and cramp those abiding by the rules into essentially a third of the space they can currently use. There has been no clear evidence provided by the Council that dogs are harming wildlife in this area. I suggest a more flexible approach that allows owners to exercise their dogs without negatively impacting the environment, such as the “speed yields to vulnerability” (in conjunction with the definition of effective control) which was suggested by many.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>*See attachment - page 901 | Helen Greaves |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31056 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>If this includes tracks in port hills and bottle lake then I disagree.<br><br>I think leashed tracks could be extended to all paved tracks, but not unpaved paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I'm unsure how this rule has changed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Native bird habitat should be protected, but some areas of the river should still be accessible to dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Just protect half of it. It's a man made wetland, and we need some areas for dog walking off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Natalie Care |
| 31057 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I have a perfectly well-behaved toy poodle who follows diligently behind me wherever I go, it's absolutely no need to have her on a lead at any time. While I do understand the need for some dogs to be on a lead, I do not think it needs to be across the board for all the dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Not all dogs chase birdlife, once again dogs that cannot be under effective control yes dogs that are under effective control it is not necessary. In addition to this we are on earth do you think you're going to get funding to monitor Dog owners with dogs on leads, the council doesn't have any money so it would mean employing additional staff to effectively manage this. We have so many more important things to be spending our council rates on. No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I only have one pet, so cannot comment. Typically good people obey the laws irresponsible people don't, and whether you have rules in place there will always be some who refuse to | Margaret Firth |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | comply.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Clearly this by law is as a result of non-Dog owners, because if you are a responsible Dog owner you would not have wasted all this time and money making such a proposal. Typical of council wasting valuable money | |
| 31059 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>We live in Charteris Bay and we can only name one local couple who walk their dog on the leash on the beach and the cliff track. Most of local residents and visitors ignore summer dog prohibition and use beaches and cliff tracks as an exercise area. We had our cat killed and witnessed another dog attack and we had multiple dogs roaming through our house. We have filled number of complaints for violations and we have not seen any dog control person in the last several years. The signs are not adequate and as there is no real enforcement in place, the dog owners are ignoring rules. I support the new bylaw, however without increase in the budget for compliance and dog owner education, this bylaw will not be obeyed. Perhaps an increase in fines could fund the education, compliance monitoring and better signage and encourage the dog owners to follow the law.<br><br>We support summer prohibition ban in number of Lyttelton beaches, however some of the muddy low tide beaches (Purau, Hays Bay, Paradise beach) are feeding grounds for oyster catchers, herons and spoon bills. I believe that this should be reviewed to all year prohibition as most of birds feed at dawn and dusk (outside of the prohibition hours). | Kinga Palmer |
| 31060 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be under appropriate control. The short leash definition should not include an extendable leash locked at 1.5m because owners using these leashes ignore this rule. I would rather a dog be loose than on an extendable leash when I am biking as I have had some bad experiences with dogs suddenly running in front of me on lead so I have had to stop suddenly. Dogs on extendable leads are often under poor control by the owner.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Sadly many owners do not have sufficient control of their dogs off leash.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Protect the wildlife. | Anne Scott |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>There should also be a regulation that if someone asks for a dog to be controlled and leashed, for whatever reason, then the owner must do it immediately with no argument. I am very comfortable around dogs and in the past owned and trained a trophy winning obedience dog and taught obedience. Occasionally when out walking or biking I have asked for a dog to be recalled or leashed because I was not happy with the dog's behaviour, only to have the owner say the dog was only playing, or imply that the poor behaviour was in some way my fault. One well known owner who takes her dog to the Groynes told an obviously terrified child that it was his fault her dog rushed him because he was acting scared, and continued to argue refusing to leash her dog properly and move away from the incident when asked. | |
| 31063 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I don't think that this will be easily enforceable. It should be on shared paths only where they're required to be leashed.<br>As an example, Hansen park has a shared paths that runs through green space. To enforce dogs on a lead on the path then not immediately off the path is not practical given the amount of free space around the path, but the path is used to navigate though the green space. This rule is not enforceable in practicality and common sense should prevail here.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br>Its unclear what the overall difference would be. I don't believe this is worth changing.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Again the enforceable nature of the dogs being leashed on paths especially in the red zone is impractical. I support regulating them around areas that protect wildlife, and these need to be clearly sign posted.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Again the leashed rule on footpaths is ridiculous and not practical to be enforced.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Only if there are proper regulations about who is qualified to do so | Samantha King |
| 31064 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I wish to object to the proposal to have dogs leashed on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks. I live on Banks Peninsula in an area where there are no specific dog walking facilities, but there are pathways through greenspace areas where the dogs can explore and walk freely, and safely off lead, currently. I understand the need to have dogs on leashes on footpaths such as pavements, but not on metal roads and on tracks through areas in the countryside, where there is no hindrance to wildlife, and limited traffic. I would add that dogs require the ability to exercise and have mental stimulation and on-leash only exercise is insufficient for the majority of dogs to achieve these requirements.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>See first response.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Maddi Naylor |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>People are just as capable of disturbing wildlife without a dog being present! In the interest of protecting wildlife, a blanket ban on all humans and animals should exist.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Again, fine to protect wildlife, but humans should also not be allowed either in the same area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as previous 2 answers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Occasionally, I may be required to walk an additional dog for someone unable to do so, due to illness, etc. This should be taken into account and allowed in such circumstances.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>With regards to Mudflats and other key wildlife habitats around Banks Peninsula and elsewhere, I fail to see why anyone should be allowed in the vicinity, for the reasons I've outlined above.One further note, I would like to mention that when I walk the dogs on a beach, I always pick up any foreign objects which could cause harm to beach visitors and wildlife. I know I'm not alone in doing this and it's about time, the council started to actively support dog owners instead of finding more ways to alienate and marginalise them!<br><br>I query what I am actually paying a dog licence fee for as Christchurch City Council seems to be marginalising dog owners more and more. Remember, the majority of dog owners are responsible. It is just the minority who have no control over their dogs and don't pick up after them. Please stop penalising the majority and think again on these proposals! | |
| 31065 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dogs have never bothered me, they are less of a concern than kids.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I believe people should be conscious if dogs, and any other animals, in the area they are.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Because I bet a lot of dogs enjoy a swim in the river, and I bet the area prohibited for dogs will be along the river.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It seems like a practical way to protect wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>What about dog walkers?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think anyone involved in making the proposed changes, should have to walk into an area like the residential red zone, or the avon loop, with 2 kids, some bikes, and the exuberant dog on a leash before they have any input into making changes.<br>Simply so they under stand the affect of mandating the dog being on the leash. | Tom Brodie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31067 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Two key reasons: I am especially interested in protecting areas of wildlife and areas of high biodiversity from the effects of dog behaviour. In particular, this includes reducing dog faeces entering rivers, streams and wetlands and other areas where they can be washed into water (e.g. stormwater drains from a park).<br>I am concerned for the welfare and safety of people when dogs are not effectively controlled in public spaces.<br><br>MY SUBMISSION DETAIL (because the file does not attach!) Draft Dog Control Policy 2024, submission from Rachel Barker<br><br>I strongly support the intention of the CCC to provide better protection of wildlife from dogs in key biodiversity sites and waterways and wetlands.<br><br>I am especially interested in protecting areas of wildlife and areas of high biodiversity from the effects of dog behaviour. In particular, this includes reducing dog faeces entering rivers, streams and wetlands and other areas where they can be washed into water (e.g. stormwater drains from a park).<br><br>Key areas to be protected from dog faeces are areas of biodiversity including along rivers such as the Opawaho Heathcote, Avon Otakaro and Styx Purakanui, and the many streams, drains and stormwater that runs into them.<br><br>It is important to keep dogs away from native birds in the biodiversity areas listed above, and minimise disturbance in their feeding, breeding and roosting.<br><br>I am especially interested also in more effective control and management of dogs for safety and the welfare of people.<br><br>The policy needs to put more emphasis on education and training of dogs (and their owners as it is a two-way partnership) including:<br>Providing training programmes for dogs and owners. Training could include community group programmes, online options of videos, podcasts, social media, book recommendations, and possibly library training workshops for owners.<br><br>Higher registration fees to cover the process of confirming “effective control” balanced by higher rebates. This is to demonstrate successfully completed training and the ability of the owner to prove “effective control” of the dog.<br><br>Create a system as part of training to prove effective control of the dog. Increase funding from rates for dog-training opportunities and incentives.<br><br>Create clear maps and much clearer signage and placement in public areas along rivers and waterways especially.<br><br>Develop a campaign so that the new policy regulations are clearly communicated both online and in parks and similar public spaces.<br><br>Comments on clauses: Clause 1.1 Preamble: Include the fact that injuries (such as bites or physical jumping onto a person) can be particularly harmful and traumatic to any person, young or old.<br><br>Suggest the Policy reflects many of the CCC Community Outcomes to correspond with protecting biodiversity. Work together as a community for safer, injury-free, less potentially frightening encounters with dogs that aren’t in control from the owner.<br><br>Strongly support the changes proposed for the description of effective control.<br><br>Strongly support the requirement for leashing in areas where the protection of wildlife values and/or ecological values is required.<br><br>Clause 3.1.1: Keeping your dog under effective control<br>Strongly support Clause 3.1.2: Limit on number of dogs a person can be in charge of. Clause 3.1.2: Strongly support carrying the means of removing dog faeces in public places and include of “, recycled or compostable”.<br><br>Strongly support the restriction and wording for the Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary, the Southshore Spit Reserve and Charlesworth Reserve. | Rachel Barker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Strongly recommend including restriction for the Opawaho Heathcote river reserves (which will, presumably be named by CCC as part of the communication programme?)<br><br>Strongly support the restriction of “prohibited/leashed only” dogs in the formed retention ponds and associated areas of Te Kuru Wetland, Worsley Valley 1 Drainage Reserve (including Cashmere dam/wetlands), and the Sparks Wetland. This is because dogs will be able to use the wide mown grassed areas which are plentiful in Te Kuru Wetlands.<br><br>Thank you for the opportunity to submit, and for taking the time to record and consider my comments.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Safety and welfare of people in particular e.g. through injury, jumping up on a person, barking loudly at people, or displaying behaviour that is out of effective control.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>I strongly submit that the Opawaho Heathcote River reserves are included. I am a volunteer in the reserves which contain manny biodiverse areas, and where dog faeces may be washed into waterways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>A key suggestion is to include the Opawaho Heathcote River corridor in line with the Otakaro Avon. BOTH rivers should have the same status for consistency and the fact that both have areas of biodiversity and waterways vulnerable to faeces being washed into them. | |
| 31068 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Keeping a dog on a short leash can be a  safety hazard when going on the beautiful coastal paths of Diamond Harbour, several areas are of high consequence if a trip or a slip happens.  Falls can be made more likely by one's dog getting in the way of steps or awkward squeezes, especially if the leash is short. Both dog and  leash present a trip hazard. Better to have a dog under control or at least training by use of a long lead. This policy is not conducive to safe public byeways.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes - good public safety for roadusers<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Great - social responsibility to indegenous wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Great - social responsibility to indegenous wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Andy Scott |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Great - social responsibility to indegenous wildlife<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Effective control means exactly that.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Diamond Harbour - allow our dogs the right to roam freely where there is the opportunity, | |
| 31070 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I disagree with making the Styx Mill Conservation Reserve dog free. We use it really regularly with our dog - it's fantastic enrichment so close to home. I also suspect the council will curtail reserve usage - a significant proportion of users I encounter when we're there also have dogs. I haven't seen an offlead dog there in quite some time. | Emma King |
| 31072 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>On shared paths, it makes me nervous that the dog will run one way and put the leash in my way of my bike<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is important, there are still plenty of other places for dogs to run free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is important, there are still plenty of other places for dogs to run free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife is important, there are still plenty of other places for dogs to run free<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>Yes including the exemption, think that sounds like a reasonable idea.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>no | George Laxton |
| 31074 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Dog owners know when their dogs need to be on short leash. Often there will be no one else around and owners can make a judgement accordingly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Owners know when their dogs need to be on a leash next to a road. I keep our dog on a leash as I don't trust him around cars but I see plenty of people with trustworthy dogs walking sensibly without a leash on shared paths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected but I don't think dogs should need to be on a leash on a pathway in an area where dogs can exercise. | Kate Finnerty |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>These birds should be protected.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife should be protected but I don't think dogs should need to be on a leash on a pathway in an area where dogs can exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I haven't had much experience coming across people with more than two dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Ref Schedule 1: Coastal Cliff Reserve and foreshore (Diamond Harbour). Dogs must be on a leash on the reserve and coastal pathway/head to head walkway to protect wildlife.<br>Diamond Harbour and surrounds should remain an area where dogs are allowed to walk under effective control. This is one of the only areas where dogs are allowed to walk freely and is very unpopulated. This area requires a tailored approach and there should be no changes to the current bylaw rules until the Council realises an alternative for dogs to be exercised unleashed. I do not believe that unleashed dogs are a problem in this area and I walk and trap in the area regularly. | |
| 31078 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This proposed rule is overly restrictive. A blanket rule with no sound rationale is unhelpful and just encourages people to break the rules. While the aim is to simplify the rules it excludes many areas which are suitable for dogs off lead. Limiting to mown areas effectively means dogs can only access these locations in summer as they are often underwater in winter. Many high energy breeds simply cannot get sufficient exercise when on a lead.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Agree to protect wildlife but rules are overly restrictive. Should be able to have dogs off leash on the old roads along the river. It's not particularly pleasant to walk through long wet grass, especially in winter. Important to provide options for people living in the cbd with small yards.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Some wildlife protection is appropriate but blanket bans are unnecessary. The shared paths are not busy and leashing restrictions aren't needed. It seems like a solution to a problem which does not exist. Te Kuru has some of the only clean safe swimming water for dogs in the area and it would be disappointing to lose access to this.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Elise Arnst |
| 31079 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>The proposed changes are too strict making Christchurch less attractive for people to live in. Less people also means less economic activity, less taxes and less rate payers.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Have you consulted with vets and animal psychologists what that would mean for dogs? Surely it is counter productive if dogs are too restricted if they cannot run or be trained on longer leashes leading to increased behavioural issues rather than less… | Moritz Wagner |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>What is this proposal based on? Where exactly are birds nesting, how many and at what times during the year? How many birds have been attacked by dogs in those areas? You should base your decision on data and disclose then to people so informed decisions can be made.<br>Forcing dogs only to dig parks for free running will increase the risk to develop behavioural issues as dog parks are often overcrowded and most owners let their dogs 'play' uncontrolled, so most dogs don't learn good behaviour and tend to end up extremely overstimulated.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>See above. If anything, only dedicated areas and at times of nesting. Broad and unmeasured approaches are never a good idea.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>See above. Provide more information about the wildlife instead of using them as a generic excuse for imposing restrictions !<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Self responsibility is perfectly sufficient here. | |
| 31085 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This is too restrictive when the whole point of taking a dog for a walk is for it to have as much freedom as is practical, to sniff everything. I normally use a long leash so I can keep my dog out of trouble when necessary.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Responsible owners would be doing this anyway, for the dogs and other people's safety.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Mowed grass is the least interesting environment for a dog, with planted and treed areas, and the river being much more interesting. Wetlands are a different issue, and dogs should be prohibited there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Need to be clear about what is meant by "landward boundary" and "inwards", and there needs to be clear signage.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>As above, mowed grass areas are the most boring for a dog. However dogs should be prohibited from wetlands for the protection of wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>It will be important that the exemption process is not too bureaucratic or costly, otherwise people will be put off from offering a dog walking service at all.<br>How will "appropriate skills" be determined? Will people be tested to see if dogs they usually walk, behave for them?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have not read all of the documents but feel that the dog control policy and bylaw run the risk of becoming too complicated.<br>Simple policy and rules will be much easier for people to understand and comply with. It would be simpler to just have areas where dogs are prohibited and areas where they are not, with | Glenda Dixon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | dogs able to have as much freedom as possible in the latter. Trying to restrict dogs to mown areas where there are much more interesting environments close by and intertwined with the mown areas, eg planted areas, streams and trees, will be a pointless, uphill battle. | |
| 31086 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The Council is to be congratulated on the recent provision of walkways in "The Red Zone"<br>The Council must not allow itself to be hijacked by a person or group in a position of authority and with a personal agenda, acting in their own interests, as happened with City Council roading.<br>The Council must hold in view that nationally one in three households includes one or more dogs, and that Christchurch has one of the highest ratios of dog ownership in the country. A significant number of households and people are thus affected by bylaws restricting dogs.<br>For the Council, in this consideration of dog bylaws, to be expending monies raised by rates, it stands that there must be a problem. Apart from the disturbance of birdlife in tidal and nesting areas, a problem has yet to be described and quantified, which would invoke as a solution the short-leashing of dogs.<br>Proposed bylaws changes are sweeping, poorly constructed and without detail; for example "walkways"may be construed to include every abandoned road, overgrown footpath and track in the 605 hectares of "Red Zone". How would the Council police such nonsense?<br>There are very obvious reasons already extant for restricting walker and dog access to ecologically sensitive areas such as wading bird breeding sites. The importance of restricting walker and dog access, however, is reduced while the Council refuses to make mandatory the registration and confinement of Felis catus, the domestic cat, a far more destructive predator than the dog. | Keith Hunter |
| 31090 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>While I think that dogs should be on a short leash on footpaths they should not have to be on a short leash on formed tracks and green spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>I agree that dogs should be on a short leash on footpaths alongside roads but shared paths and pedestrian areas need to be clarified Dogs are effectively controlled with a longer 3 m leash which can be shortened when necessary<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>While protecting wildlife is important one of the major advantages of living in Christchurch is having large open areas accessible to both people and dogs Perhaps areas could be cordoned off during nesting times rather than having a blanket approach of excluding them<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am not a dog owner but feel that some of these proposals have been made without consulting those involved with training /working with dogs<br>ie NZ kennel club or Canterbury CATS<br>I thinks that it is important to consult these experts before making any decisions | Carol Piket |
| 31092 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I feel dogs and people need to have enough personal space between each other. Some people are anxious or afraid of dogs.<br>However some dogs I come across off leash in these areas are impeccably well mannered!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Alison Price |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Keeps everyone safe around traffic. Unpredictable incidents can happen!<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes I feel even the presence of dogs can be a threat to this type of wildlife. Especially when they are nesting.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Presence of dogs pose a threat to wild life.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>I would always avoid a large number of dogs if I see them , under the control of one person. I feel quite unsettled. Especially if I'm walking my dog! Incidents can happen in a split second. | |
| 31093 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This proposal fails the common sense test. In many cases the path runs through areas where dogs are allowed. As described, a dog on the path will be required to be on a lead, but a dog slightly off the path will not required to be on a lead, yet there is no meaningful difference between the two situations. Also, these places are heavily frequented by dog walkers so the proposal is to the disadvantage of a significant number of users of the facilities with little, if any, benefit to anyone else. If this change is really about safety then the council should be looking at the dangers created be cyclists and e-scooters.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The proposed update is less clear than the original wording. It fails to define what "near" means and therefore cannot be meaningfully assessed.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Access to the river provides additional exercise and stimulation for many dogs. The proposal is excessive and could easily be altered to provide benefits to all.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>The definition of "Under effective control" seems to have been written as if dogs are robotic when they are autonomous creatures - the definition needs to respect that otherwise it effectively prevents any dog from being off leash.<br><br>The requirement for leashing on playing fields fails the common sense test. Many playing fields are huge, as written, dogs hundreds of metres away from a match or practice session would need to be leashed to the potential detriment of the dog & owner and no benefit to the players. It could even be the case that both parties are completely out of sight / unaware of each other, yet the dog owner would be in breach of the policy. | Michael Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Why is the council not taking this opportunity to control and limit meancing dogs further? A lot of the policy talks about safety, yet no changes here? | |
| 31095 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I do not support this proposal on the cliff track because dogs need to have an area to be able to be off lead and there is no dog park in the Diamond Harbour area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If putting in place more restrictions for where dogs are allowed and not allowed both leaded or unleaded please ensure there are MORE dog parks available in ALL areas of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula to compensate for this. | Lorna Carnaby |
| 31096 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I support this change in most situations except at Steadfast Reserve in Cass Bay. This reserves is fully fenced and does not have livestock grazing there unlike other hillside parks and reserves. It is in a rural area and is very popular with people walking their dogs including local volunteers who help maintain<br>the reserve and take their dogs with them. Given that the Head to Head etc. track is for dogs on leashes this reserve should be allowed to have a " dogs under effective control" designation. Most of the tracks are just mown. Pony Point should maybe be considered as a dog park or exercise area as it is fenced and an open area dogs to run and play<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>I narrow areas where there many pedestrians, dogs on a long lead can cause problem, running in different directions and getting in people's ways<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Wildlife needs all the protection it can get.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Birds that nest on the ground are particularly vulnerable to dog AND cat attack.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>This seems a sensible approach.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jenny Healey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Definitely. Dogs can occasionally revert to their pack instincts and become aggressive<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It would be good to allow dogs on bases. People on low incomes depend heavily on public transport and may need to take their dog to the vets or like to exercise them in a different location.<br>When are CCC going to introduce a Bylaw for cats to be micro chipped, desexed or the number limited per owner. They do more dame to wildlife than dogs and should be kept inside especially at night. | |
| 31098 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>This seems too broad and restrictive for all situations. There are many footpaths where you seldom pass another person. Under effective control is a fine standard for footpaths unless there is a particular concern such as wildlife, children , or vulnerable people.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Is a short leash really necessary? The current law is sufficient as it is.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>This is FAR too restrictive and make no sense.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Is it necessary year round? This has been a nice walk for me and my dog, it would be sad to no longer go there.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>I am not familiar with this area.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>This will have adverse consequences. The number of 2 off leash is arbitrary and too restrictive. I sometimes take my elderly neighbor's 2 dogs on walks when she is unwell to areas where they can all be off leash easily. These are good dogs, it has never been a problem and easy for me to help out a neighbor. I am not willing to have 3 dogs on leash though, I have a hand injury so I can not hold that many leashes and it wouldn't be a good walk for any of the dogs on leash. I similarly offer to take a friend's dogs for walks because she had a baby and it is hard to get out of the house. These people may not be able to sufficiently walk their dogs or have the resources to pay for professional dog walkers to come. If there becomes a limit on the number of dogs I will not able to be a friend or neighbors dogs to help them out, which could lead to adverse consequences for these people or their dogs. If a limit is needed, perhaps 4 off leash dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>These changes do not seem to be grounded in a need for change. I can understand protecting wildlife, but these restrictions are too far. They would also be extremely hard to enforce. How about better signs? Better fences? Not put walking paths near bird areas? | Sarah Jenkins |
| 31102 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No | Craig Latimer |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 903 | |
| 31107 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 905 | Vanessa Smith |
| 31109 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 908 | Pamela Andrew |
| 31112 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 909 | Helen Greenep |
| 31113 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No | Julie Best |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 912 | |
| 31114 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 913 | Lavinia Tan |
| 31116 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>*See attachment - page 915 | Peter And Wilma Glassenbury |
| 31117 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 916 | Carl Webster |
| 31118 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 918 | Tori Ball |
| 31119 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Pigeon Bay Camping Ground - see attached | Pam Richardson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | *See attachment - page 920 | |
| 31121 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 922 | Katy Hediger |
| 31122 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br><br>*See attachment - page 924 | Ailsa Humphries |
| 31123 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br><br>*See attachment - page 941 | Jan Kirpensteijn |
| 31131 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 958 | Karen Mckee |
| 31132 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No | Katherine Paulin |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>*See attachment - page 960 | |
| 31133 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, currently dogs jump up on me when walking and also owners are not noticing when their dog poos if they are too far away.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, a family member got bitten recently by a dog that was unleashed on a shared path.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Yes, it is important to protect the wildlife.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>It's important to protect the endangered birds - this is their home and they should be safe.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jane Hopkins |
| 31139 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>*See attachment - page 963 | Hannah Wilson |
| 31140 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog control bylaw and policy 2024: Ref Schedule 1: Coastal Cliff Reserve and foreshore (Diamond Harbour)<br>Re the above "Dogs must be on a leash on the reserve and coastal pathway/head to head walkway to protect wildlife."<br>Diamond Harbour and surrounds require a tailored approach to the dogs on leash rules and there should be no changes to the current bylaw rules until the Council put significant effort to offer alternatives for dogs to be exercised unleashed. This includes Laurenson Reserve, which is well suited for dog exercise and not readily identifiable for other activities as it slopes and has an uneven surface.<br>regards<br>Alan Moran | Alan Moran |
| 31142 | **The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I am a bach holder at Wainui. Committee member of the Wainui Residents Association and a past Chairperson.<br><br>Re - Section 6.2.3 dog control bylaw and policy restricts dogs at Banks Peninsula swimming beaches.<br><br>One of the most used swimming beaches on the Peninsula, Wainui, has been omitted from this list by council error. Wainui has a swim raft and buoyed off area for beach swimming and is | Neville Dowie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | heavily used by residents, bach holders, day trippers and some 7,400 school children from the WMCA camps who visit and use the beach every year. Restrictions were in place and CCC signage placed on the waterfront stating the restricted hours for dogs prior to the previous omission. When these signs became faded and the Wainui Residents Association approached the CCC for replacement signs, (around eight years ago). we were told that Wainui was not on the restriction list and the council department very quickly drove over and removed their faded signs from our waterfront.. We complained and were told we would have to wait until the next revision of restrictions. We asked for common sense to prevail and were told nothing could be done. We asked for details to be put on the register so we were not missed in the next revision and were told that would be done. Obviously this has not happened.<br><br>There have been several bad beach experiences while this omission of safety by the council has been in place. One of the most serious that I have been aware of is a six year old girl being frightened and herded into the water on the beach by two dogs, sucked out by the waves and out of sight. She was eventually rescued choking, having sucked in a large amount of water. Her mother was terrified. Her daughter almost drowned. A very lucky escape and the reason for my contact and concern. Neither dog was on a lead or under owner control and no correct dog control law in place because of a CCC omission of six letters – Wainui.<br><br>Please let us have some common sense. Let the children play – let the dogs play – at separate times – and all keep safe and enjoy. | |
| 31172 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Ron Townsend |
| 31173 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Deidre Guckert |
| 31174 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Diane Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be on lead in parks such as Halswell Westlake | |
| 31175 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | S. Smith |
| 31176 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Mary . |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31178 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>2 max - Youth should not be allowed to be paid to walk and feed dogs that are not theirs<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>More Dog Parks need to be available | Sarah Raora |
| 31179 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | H J Berry |
| 31180 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Zanyin . |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Limit on big dogs as more dangerous, but not on small dogs.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Our Jack Russell was attacked this year by a big dog totally unprovoked. $4000 worth of surgeries and everyone who heard about it and heard that the owners weren't legally liable to pay those bills were shocked. If your dog attacks another dog then it should legally be your responsibility to pay for the bills. | |
| 31181 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Mark Kolmer |
| 31182 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Selina Ihaia |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I used to go to Jellie Park but to many people had there dogs off leash while they were on phones. I don't go anymore. Burnside Park Memorial Ave bit better. Do like Dog Parks much better because its for them. | |
| 31183 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Elaine Beavington |
| 31184 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>I have 3 and take 8 to the beach - no problems. | Paul Morgan |
| 31185 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Stuart Rodgers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31186 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Donette Fraser |
| 31187 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If all these changes are to become law - then Council MUST provide more Dog Exercise Parks for large + small dogs. | Jennifer Halton |
| 31188 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | William Boulton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31189 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If dog-walkers have control over the dogs it's ok. | Josephine Freeman |
| 31190 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yep our big huge dogs need to run around not with other large dogs. Normally that is when they attack each other. My big dog loves people. | Sue Mansell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31191 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robert Thomas |
| 31192 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Jan Williams |
| 31193 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Jocelyn Johnstone |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dog owners not picking up after their dog anywhere | |
| 31194 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kay Brown |
| 31195 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Colleen Patterson |
| 31196 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Don't know / not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Jason Dalziel |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 31197 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Leash to be a maximum length of 1.5metres<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Leash up to 1.5metres<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>2 dogs per 1 person | Peter Bulman |
| 31198 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Helen Ramsden |
| 31199 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Angela Greggain |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31200 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Lynn Hitchman |
| 31201 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>If alone in a park is it necessary?<br>Yes if a lot of public around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Don't know the area | Luke Goddard |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Depends what limit is put on it.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I take my dog to a dog park so much of this isn't my concern. However I would love a dog park closer to home. I live in Cashmere & have to drive to Rolleston. Chch could have 6 or 7 dog parks | |
| 31202 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>At all times while walking dog or dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>At all times while walking dog or dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Don't need to take them to bird or wild life, there are other places to take their dogs or dog<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Same as above<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>One dog is enough, more one dog is a pack. Don't no what other dogs are like<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I have one dog. He's on a leash when walking at all times. Can't see why some of these dog owners can't do the same. Other dog owners don't no other dogs are like. That no excuse. | Sharon Burke |
| 31203 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As long as the dog is on a leash - at all times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as the dog is leashed - at all times<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Ricky . |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>As long as the owner has the dogs leashed.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be kept away from public spaces like childrens play grounds. Childrens events in the parks. | |
| 31222 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Dog walkers can often have 4 - 5 dogs at a time on leads without any negative issues.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If you reduce areas where dogs can be, please provide more dog friendly places such as dog parks. I appreciate the CCC's provision of and care of the dog parks in Chch. | Zelda Weightman |
| 31223 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Nicola Richard |
| 31224 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** | Patricia Mclean |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31225 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>3,4,5 would be ok for dogs only under control on leash and long lead | Barbara Bower |
| 31226 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>We enjoy our walks in the red zone with our dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>South Brighton Estuary walk should be kept dog friendly.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** | B Perrow |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be allowed off leash in parks when no sport is being played. | |
| 31227 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>I am opposed to short leashes blanket rule applying to shared paths + greenspace areas. I am opposed to shared paths + formed tracks requiring dogs to be on a short leash most times the tracks I go on have no one or just a couple of people on the tracks + I stop and manage my 2 Hungarian Vizslas. They need free running.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>Many shared paths have no one there + you are requiring dogs to be under short leash. I stop my dogs when a bike goes by. It seems mountain bikers and horses have more freedom than dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>2 dogs is too restrictive off leash. If you clamp down on the numbers of dogs you are allowed to walk and also prohibiting dogs from many places, the CCC MUST provide alternatives such as creating new dog walking areas where they can run free.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I use the Groynes dog park periodically + believe strongly the one place dogs can swim needs an additional area - suggest the furtherest end to stop congregating dogs in a area where there is hype + limited space. This is a recipe for disaster. | Judith Young |
| 31228 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Deborah Morrall |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31229 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Danny Hapakuku |
| 31230 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Clifford Batson |
| 31231 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>OK for dogs on a short leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>OK for dogs on a short leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Ken May |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>OK for dogs on a short leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>What number?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Within the city boundary areas all dogs to be under strict control and/or on long leads | |
| 31232 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>As long as its key areas - clearly marked and communicated<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Simone Hudson-Papuni |
| 31233 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs need to be on a leash anywhere where birds are nesting, short leash on footpaths.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Dogs should be allowed off leash in public parks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>Not familiar with this area<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>Or must be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Or must be on leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>But I have seen a dog handler with 5 dogs all well behaved.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?** | Lois Gifford |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | I go to the contained park south of Burnside Park twice a day. The dogs are very well behaved and if you wish you take your dog off leash. The dogs love meeting others and only once in years has there been a complaint from a lady who didn't like dogs. I value this freedom (and others do). We are aware of cultural differences + put leash on if needed. People come to Burnside Park because they know dogs are well behaved, and they can let their dog off leash. | |
| 31234 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Ruth Scott |
| 31235 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>About time with enforcement.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br>Enforcement with fines.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>Cameras?<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>You need to use mufti patrols as dog vans are too easily seen with social media. Also random at MonaVale and Malvern Parks i.e. dinner times when dogs are unleashed by owners. | R Granger |
| 31236 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Jill Black |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Needs to be the bylaw that all dog excrement is picked up, put into a 'dog poo' bag + bag must be placed in public rubbish bag or poo bag taken home for disposal. In particular New Brighton Beach (South Shore + North Shore), the Red Zone, Stanmore Road (Richmond) | |
| 31237 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>But not wide tracks.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>You just cannot control 10+ dogs if something gos wrong. | Sean Maran |
| 31239 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Yes to footpaths, no for greenspaces. Footpaths are not green spaces.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>I think it would be a huge shame if people can't walk their dogs in these places<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No | Debbie O'Sullivan |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Ok to walk them on a leash<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Styx mill walk - I have walked my dogs many times there on their leads If you ban these areas for dogs you are restricting a huge number of people going there, just have them on leashes.<br>*These are publicly owned areas!*<br>This will be too restricting! | |
| 31240 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Betty Daem |
| 31241 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>IN aranui there is always dogs getting out, I wish dog control would be around more to pick up these wandering dogs and talk to the owners | Sandra Chamberlain |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31242 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>It would depend on dog's temperament but animal should be leashed and maybe muzzled. The question does not apply to me and with no car dog is walked locally, (always on a leash.)<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>For obvious reasons; yes.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs should be leashed in parks and NEVER permitted to be in these areas without the owner or other responsible person. This should curtail the possibility of attacks on other docile animals and humans. | Kathleen Mori-Barker |
| 31243 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Minor changes - re - that dogs owners should not rely on signage but should be familar with the policy :\| I STRONGLY disagree with this idea! There should ALWAYS be clear signage at every venue ie park, walkway etc. | Kerry Coles |
| 31244 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Denis Cotton |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31245 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Diane Martha Mora |
| 31246 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | D Shetford |
| 31247 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Gary Freedman |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | |
| 31248 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br>TWO OR LESS<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>HANSON PARK<br>BECKENHAM LOOP<br>ST MARTINS LOOP.<br>ACTIVE POLICING OF THESE BYLAWS NEEDS TO BE MANAGED | Roanne Pegram |
| 31249 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Paula Mckerrow |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31250 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Dogs are not on leash at Hampshire St (Park) not far from Marlon Rd. Also dogs are NOT on leash at Bexley Reserve, I get tired and freak out seeing dogs not on leash, their owners doesn't care at all. | Marise Emmerson (Miss) |
| 31251 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Willy Gould |
| 31252 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Derek Brown |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31253 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>Many dogs are wellbehaved and for good socialising in green parks<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Alan Warburton |
| 31255 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Daniels - |
| 31256 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes | Michael Cordwell |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31257 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Peter Dowery |
| 31258 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Alfred Charles Robinson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31259 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>propose the council ensuire BEFORE any RPGs in place cover all options viable for the experience of said pets | Rosalie Stevens |
| 31260 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Kevin Everson |
| 31261 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Cyclists/joggers should take more care not to scare dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners make sure their dogs are under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Mark Brokenshire |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br>Responsible dog owners make sure their dogs are under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Responsible dog owners make sure their dogs are under control<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Dependent on number and size<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Southshore spit - as a responsible dog owners I feel we shouldn't be penalised by the few who aren't. Cyclists/joggers come up behind our dogs frightening them. Cyclists/joggers should be more courteous. | |
| 31262 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Park next to willow bank, is it possible to seperate large dogs from small dogs | Conin Rae |
| 31263 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | C Thompson |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>- There needs to be more dog parks for small dogs separate from big dogs in residential areas.<br>- Fines for owners who don't clean up after their dogs excrement. | |
| 31264 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | R.B Skilling |
| 31271 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Judith Walker |
| 31272 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Don't know / Not sure | Colin Inkster |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31273 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As long as they on a lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>As long as they on a lead<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | T Phipps |
| 31274 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br>So long as there are enough off lead spaces<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>As an older woman need nice places to walk within easy access. this would mean some of my favourite walks are gone.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Exercise is even more important as you get older. My dog is part of my exercise.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>This would make these areas unavailable to me. Leashed please.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br>Maybe a licence for more than 3?? | Rachel Haskins |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31275 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Frances Gorrie |
| 31276 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I walk my Molly at Red Cliffs Estuary on her lead. She is a small dog and I keep her on a lead to keep her safe. I do not take Molly to Dog Parks, she doesn't know doggy protocol. She was attached when she was a puppy. | J Chittenden |
| 31277 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes | Steve Drury |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31278 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Bill Flanagan |
| 31279 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>It is no use introducing these bylaws if they are not enforced. | Jennifer Vine |
| 31280 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | Michael Hastings |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31281 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>Long lead or no lead = friendly interactions between dogs and people. Short lead or tight lead = defensive actions, on guard = aggressive both people and their dogs.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>The owner should know his/her dog well enough that the appropriate action - long, short or no lead = owners + dogs ability.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br>The dogs do not do the damage! The dogs also get catch the rats, ferrets and stoats and the occasional possum. (Whitebaiters, Council weedeater crews, PEOPLE DO THE DAMAGE! Spraying chemicals). Almost all the dogs at some stage go to the river for a drink of water, and to eat a bit of old grass.<br>We dog walkers claimed the red zone first for us and our dogs over 8 years ago. The first 2 years I took bags of rubbish every day over 8 years before I/we got it cleaned up. We cleaned up and looked after the area when you all weren't around.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br>Some people like to walk the roads/paths. Others like myself like to walk under the trees away from people, quality time with my dogs/friends/family.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>How can somebody with NO abilitys tell another with abilitys what they can or can not do?<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>If you exclude dogs and owners then you exclude everyone cyclists, runners, walkers, kyakers, rafters, whitebaiters, council wee eater parties, construction crews, tractors, mowers AND STOP SPRAYING CHEMICAL POISIONS WEED control because it washes downhill into the waterways and gets in the low laying 'wet land' - KILLING. | David Mcfelin |
| 31282 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | J Scott |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31283 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Helen Tepania |
| 31284 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Glenys Yates |
| 31285 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** | Annelousie . |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31286 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br>Birds can fly quicker than dogs move and birds usually fly straight up which make them quicker to move.<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br>Two dogs per household are fine if they are fenced in.<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I think you have enough bye laws regarding animals most dog owners look after their dogs. I think the city council are getting to PC with everything the do. | Val Beaffie |
| 31289 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Rw Gatehouse |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31290 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | John Edward Ryan |
| 31291 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Sandra Payne |
| 31292 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | D A Stephens |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31293 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Fine people who do not pick up dog poo.<br>Its the owners that cause the most problems, not sure you can control irresponsible people from owning and controlling there dogs. | C Nash |
| 31294 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robyn Wilson |
| 31295 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Norma Condon |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Professional Dog walkers should have a limit of how many dogs are walked by one person. | |
| 31296 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Malcom Grainger |
| 31297 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like to see signs right buy childrens Playground. NO dogs in play area.<br>dogs are allways in children play area. | Gaylene Smith |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31298 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br>No Not if their trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br>No Not if their trained<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Yes shit ideal, Should be more worried about cats killing Birds | Jonathon Kelly |
| 31299 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Stewart Harper |
| 31300 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?** | Luis Thacker |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31301 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>All owners should have plastic waste bags when walking in public spaces. | Sr Jordan |
| 31302 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | J Scott |
| 31306 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes | A.M. Moore |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Too many unrestrained dogs in cars!!<br>one dog jumped out of the car window and tooked to my small leashed dog. This problem requires your attention. Thank you for your good work around :) | |
| 31307 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Robyne Edwards |
| 31308 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes | Crehem Chelel |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31309 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Christine Margaret Bramicli |
| 31310 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | Heather Smallupds |
| 31311 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?** | Doreen Ayers |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Don't know / Not sure<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>Don't know what yr policy is. | |
| 31312 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Patricia Ann Ashurst |
| 31313 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Justine Maguire |
| 31314 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Ronald Paul Mcconchie |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |
| 31315 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Glenda Wall |
| 31316 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>"How will it be policed"<br>So pleased this is happening I have had experiences with dogs attacking my dog who is always on a leash. I walk in the Red Zone where there are always (loose) | Elaine Jane Barron |
| 31317 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>No | Mary Steele |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>No<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | |
| 31318 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | Gavin Dobiee |
| 31320 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | A Davey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 31321 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br>except guide dogs/assistance dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br>except guide dogs/assistance dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br>except guide dogs/assistance dogs<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes<br><br>**The review proposes a number of other changes. Do you have feedback on any other parts of the Dog Control Bylaw or Policy?**<br>I would like dogs better controlled in parks e.g Redwood Park as all 4 of my guide dogs have been confronted by aggressive out of control dogs in this park over the past 20 years + it is a route I need to walk to get to the chemist + bus stop. | Carl Lintott |
| 31337 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>No | John Barry Freear |
| 31338 | **Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**<br>Yes | Bw & F Narbey |

## Submissions received on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024, December 2024

| ID | Submitter feedback | Name |
|---|---|---|
| | **Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**<br>Yes<br><br>**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?**<br>Yes | |

29210 - Lou Drage

**Animal and Veterinary Sciences**
2021; 9(6): 181-190
http://www.sciencepublishinggroup.com/j/avs
doi: 10.11648/j.avs.20210906.14
ISSN: 2328-5842 (Print); ISSN: 2328-5850 (Online)

SciencePG
Science Publishing Group



# Let' m Loose – The Importance of Off-Leash Walks for Pet Dogs

**Sandra Foltin[1, *], Udo Ganslosser[2]**

[1]Department of Biology, University Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany
[2]Institut of Zoology & Evolutionary Research, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Jena, Germany

**Email address:**
sfoltin@web.de (S. Foltin)
[*]Corresponding author

**To cite this article:**
Sandra Foltin, Udo Ganslosser. Let' m Loose – The Importance of Off-Leash Walks for Pet Dogs. *Animal and Veterinary Sciences*. Vol. 9, No. 6, 2021, pp. 181-190. doi: 10.11648/j.avs.20210906.14

**Received**: November 24, 2021; **Accepted**: December 16, 2021; **Published**: December 29, 2021

**Abstract:** The approximate figure of pet dogs reported in Europe 2020 is 87.5 million. These dogs live mainly either in enclosed properties or their exercise takes place in form of a daily round of walks with their owner, frequently on a leash. The importance of regular exercise for dogs is well known and benefits to physiological and psychological well-being through off leash explorative behavior has been documented. Off leash walks benefit health and welfare because the dog's individual natural gait, social transaction ability and exploration behavior are thereby supported. In this study the behavior of free-ranging (off-leash) pet dogs was assessed whilst walking in familiar and unfamiliar areas with their owner and not being signaled or called to. Data were collected to measure distance travelled and duration dogs spent away from their owner during the walks to determine and compare speed and movement patterns of dog and owner respectively. The roaming behavior of the dogs was measured via GPS. All dogs displayed individual speed and exploration patterns and covered significantly longer distances at significantly higher speed compared to their owners. The majority of dogs, however, remained within a radius of 150 m of their owner all the time. Therefore, while it is inevitable for dogs to be on a leash in some situations whilst sharing our urban environment, safe and enriched areas for off leash activities are strongly recommend to ensure pet dogs' physiological and psychological welfare by being able to explore in their own speed and employing their individual movement patterns.

**Keywords:** Canine, Dog, Walk, Speed, Exploration, Welfare, Behavior

## 1. Introduction

Dogs have idiosyncratic exercise requirements to preserve optimal health physiologically and psychologically. Studies demonstrate that dogs that spent more time using their olfaction through regular nosework activity are more optimistic which increases their welfare [1]. Appropriate dog-walking activities are also essential for effective strategies to prevent for instance canine obesity [2] and assist social interactions and aid cognitive as well as behavioural development and wellbeing [1, 3]. Dog proprietorship however does not warrant that owners will on a regular basis exercise their dog(s) [4] and great cultural differences exist regarding the walking regiment. Christian et al., (2013) state that in the US and Australia approximately 60% of dog owners walk their dog with a median duration and frequency of 160 minutes per week [5]. Westgarth et al., (2015) described in concurrence that 40% of Australian dog owners do not walk their dog at all [6]. A survey conducted in the UK established that one in four owners never let their dog off the leash. Furthermore, if off leash, the average dog spends 17 minutes off leash per walk, maximum half the time of the walk [7]. In the UK survey ten percent of the dog owners walked the identical route every day with their dog [7]. Gorsuch (2021) showed in her study that 89.8% of German dog owners walked the similar route every day with their dog, half of the time (53%) at least intermittently on a leash [8]. This limits the sensory input the dog receives and thus may process. Insofar as pet dogs are not able to choose either their daily activities or

the quality of their walks with respect to time, distance and cognitive input it is important to consider the opportunities offered by the owner to express natural behaviours necessary for the dogs' welfare. These include autonomous movement, initiative taking, to have choices for instance where and what to explore and to make decisions of what or whom to approach or to avoid [1, 9].

What has clearly been shown are the negative health effects of collar use and leash tension forces wielded by dog and owner whilst walking the dog on a leash [10-13] and a concomitant unnatural gait pattern resulting from subsuming its walking speed to that of the owner whilst on a leash [12]. Undoubtedly, off leash pet dogs chasing wildlife is a sensitive subject. It is however quite difficult to find reliable facts and statistics regarding wildlife killed by dogs in Europe. People often assume that pet dogs display hunting behavior when out of sight and legislation in a number of countries prescribe leashed dogs [14]. In this study video cameras were used on the (larger) dogs to document their off leash behavior and potential wildlife effects.

Evidently the domestic dog inspired numerous scientific activities, but research on pet dog walks primarily focused on relevant aspects of health effects for the owner [15], epidemiology [16], or has been conducted in enclosed areas or laboratory settings [17, 18]. The intention of this study was to gather data about the actual exploratory activities of off-leash pet dogs. It was hypothesized that the distance and speed of the walks varied between owner and dog based on physiological and biomechanical factors. Additionally, the different walking patterns were moreover being influenced by motivational factors, i.e. the dogs' interest to explore.

This is of particular importance because of the strict regulations and prejudices currently existing and their implications for domestic pet dogs, specifically their physical and psychological welfare and the impact on cognitive abilities and functions by being frequently walked on a leash [19-21].

As far as could be ascertained, no research has in fact been done to establish how pet dogs in fact do behave whilst off the leash, unrestricted and not called or signalled to while walking in an unenclosed area.

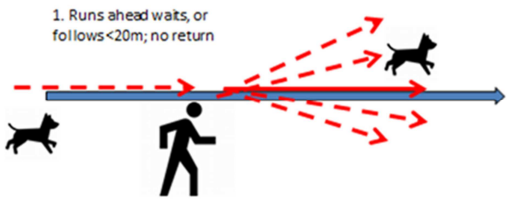
## 2. Materials and Methods

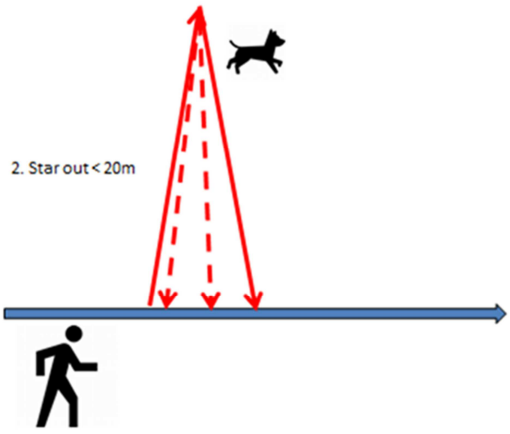
GPS data were collected on trials (n = 3145) of off-leash, free ranging, freely exploring domestic pet dogs (n=30) of different breeds, size, sex and age (Table 1) while walking with their owners on four consecutive walks in two familiar and two unfamiliar areas in North Rhine Westphalia, Germany (n=120).

***Table 1.*** *All dogs, pure breed or mixed breed, sex (m/f) and size large, medium or small (shoulder height).*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pure breeds n=20 | >60cm | <60cm | <40cm |
| Size | Large | Medium | Small |
| Sighthounds n=9 | Borzois n=3 (# 26m,28f,30f) | Whippets n=3 (# 11m,24f,13f) Silken Windsprite n=1 (# 8m) | Italian Greyhound n=2 (# 19f,25m) |
| Herding dogs n=2 | Collies n=2 (# 1f,29f) | | |
| Hunting/Sporting dogs n=4 | Standard Poodle n=1 (# 3m) | Labrador Retriever n=2 (# 2f,22f) | Miniature Pinscher n=1 (# 14f) |
| Toy breed n=2 | | | Pugs n=2 (# 10f,21f) |
| Working group n=3 | Rhodesian Ridgeback n=2 (#6m,17f) | Perro de Aqua Espanol n=1 (# 18f) | |
| Mixed breeds n=10 | >60cm | <60cm | <40cm |
| | Great Dane Mix (#4m) | Husky Shepard Mix (# 5m) | Terrier/Chinese Crested Mix (# 27f) |
| | Mastiff Mix (# 12m) | Labrador Mix (# 7m) | |
| | Greyhound Mix (# 23f) | Perro de Aqua Espanol Mix (# 9) | |
| | | Pastor Mallorcin Mix (# 15f) | |
| | | Collie-Shepherd Mix (# 16m) | |
| | | Labrador Mix (# 20m) | |

Compared were the total walk data and additionally any travel beyond a minimum distance of 20m away from the owner. Latter was recorded as a run, and seven different travelling patterns were distinguished for each run (each travel >20 m). 1. Dog runs ahead and waits/follows; 2. star; 3. loop; 4. loop+star; 5. Mix forms: runs ahead & loop; 6. Mix forms: runs ahead & star; 7. Runs parallel then meets owner, see Figure 1 for pictogram.



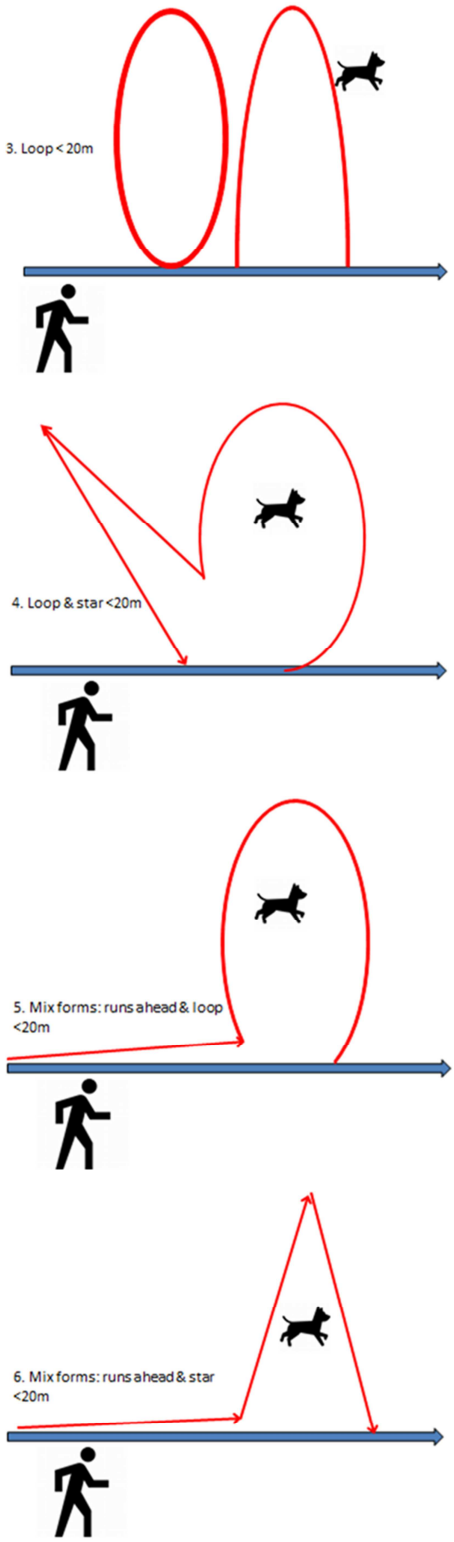



***Figure 1.*** *Pictogram illustrating the seven different travelling patterns.*

Lengths of the walks depended on age and physical ability of the dog, the average length was mean 89 min. +/- 24 min per walk; Median 81 min with a lower quartile of 73 min., and an upper quartile of 97 minutes per walk.

Eighteen owners participated, fifteen female (83%) and three male (17%). Eighty-three percent of the owners had more than one dog. Out of the 30 dogs eight belonged to a single dog household owner, 22 to a two or more dog owner – in this group ten owners accounted for 22 dogs. The median age of the dogs was 63.5 months, with a range from 9 month to 142 month. Forty percent of the dogs were male (n=12), of which 75% were neutered and 60% were female (n=18), of which 72% were spayed. Thirty-three percent (n=10) of the dogs were mixed breeds (the breed description of the owner was used) and 67% (n=20) of the dogs were pure breeds as defined by FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale) with breed certificates, see Table 1. All dogs must have lived with their owner at least six month prior to participation and no dogs used for professional hunting purposes could partake. Teams were acquired through the utilization of internet and social media. As we had to meet in person all participants lived in Germany.

The GPS used were a Garmin Astro® 320 and the dog collars DC™ 50, and T5 Mini, Garmin International Inc., Kansas, USA. Data were then analyzed using the software Garmin BaseCamp™ 4.5.2.1. The dogs were monitored through a GPS collar (Garmin T5 and DC™ 50) and the owner carried a hand held GPS device (Garmin Astro® 320) to determine the distance between dog and owner. The margin of error for the Astro® 320 is within +/- 3.65 m. Dog collar details: The DC™ 50 weighs 289g (sender; antennae and collar); the size is (B x H x T): 9 x 4.9 x 4.6 cm; distance of recording is up to 14.5km. The T5 weights 198g (sender; antennae and collar); size (B x H x T): 8.9 x 4.4 x 4.7 cm; distance of recording up to 12km. The Video camera used was a Garmin VIRB® Elite. Size: (H x B x T): 32 mm x 53 mm x 111 mm; weight 170g. Datatype: MP4; 1080p-HD-Video: 1920 × 1080; 30 fps. Video data were also displayed on Garmin BaseCamp™4.5.2.1. The camera, however, was only used on the larger dogs as it was too heavy and difficult to attach to the small dogs. Main interest here was to establish whether dogs were hunting prey. Wind speed and direction was measured with an anemometer (Technoline EA-3000) and a handheld compass. Ambient temperature was also recorded therewith. Fifty-one factors of interest (Table 2) were recorded for each trial.

***Table 2.*** *51 parameters data collected for each run.*

| Dogs | Name | Breed | Sex | Age | No. of trials/ runs <20m | Health | Did dog get lost | Animal sighting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | Day/month/year | Total time owner walk<br>Total time dog walk<br>Time moving/ Pausing time owner<br>Time moving/ Pausing time dog | Starting time<br>Owner walk/ dog walk/each run<br>End of walk owner/ dog walk/each run | Time at owner | Time point of return | Time out-bound | Time inbound | Time difference inbound/ outbound |
| Distance | Total distance owner walk | Total distance dog walk<br>Total distance of each run < 20m | Distance entire round | Distance out-bound | Distance inbound | Distance between point of return and start | Distance between point of return and owner meet | Distance difference |
| Environment | Latitude/ longitude | New/Known area | Animal sighting tracks | Wind | Location | Temperature | Weather | |
| Direction | Travelling patterns dog | Direct/shortest way to owner | Same or new route on return<br>Traceback own route | Azimuth point of return–start | Azimuth<br>Point of return | Azimuth<br>Starting point | Azimuth anticipation<br>Azimuth Point of alignment | |
| Speed | Owner average speed overall and each run | Dog average speed overall and each run | Mean speed total walk/each run | Dog<br>Maximum/ minimum speed total/ each run | Mean Speed travelling out | Mean Speed return route | Speed differences inbound/ outbound | Step frequency dog |

Trials were performed in wooded areas, preferably with dense underbrush to prevent visual contact. If two dogs from one owner participated data from both dogs were used individually as each dog collected data on its respective collar. Solely uninhabited areas, without roads or major pathways, were visited. The owner was not to whistle or call or offer any other kind of acoustic or visual signal.

Descriptive analysis was performed calculating number of valid measurements (n), mean (m), median, quartiles and standard deviation (SD). Relationships were plotted using scatterplots, bar charts, boxplots or mean +/- 95% confidence interval. Nonparametric tests were used for inductive statistics. Mann-Whitney U Test was used to compare two independent samples, Wilcoxon test for dependent samples of ordinal data. Also randomization (or permutation) tests were applied for comparison of dependent or independent groups of interval scaled data. All tests were performed two-tailed on a 5% level of significance. Standard Bonferroni correction of p-values < 0.05 was applied in case of multiple testing. Two-tailed tests were performed unless otherwise denoted. SPSS version 25, IBM Inc. was used for analyzing the data. StatKey (http://www.lock5stat.com/) was used for performing randomization tests using a simulated sample of size n= 5000.

## 3. Ethical Approval

The study was observational and the dogs were neither physically nor psychologically harmed in the course of the study. The dogs did not undergo any physical intervention (e.g. blood or saliva sampling). The owners were informed of the steps of their participation, affirmed that they were voluntarily participating in the study, and knew that they could stop at any time. Owners did not know the working hypothesis of the study.

## 4. Results

In this study all dogs that participated, independent of sex, age, size, reproductive status or breed, found and returned to their owner in familiar as well as unfamiliar environments consequent to having moved at least 20 m away from their owner without being called. The majority of dogs remained within a 150 m radius of their owner at all times. One third (Group 3) explored at least once beyond 350 m. Group 3 dogs were the ones with the highest return speed and a direct return route, indicating awareness of owner location. None of the video monitored dogs (including Group 3) pursued prey whilst exploring. All dogs, independent of age, breed or size, walked significantly further Table 3 and faster compared to their owner Table 4.

***Table 3.*** *Comparison total distance of owner walk and total distance dog walks as well as difference in walking distance dog and owner in meter.*

| | n | mean | median | Q25 | Q75 | SD | p-value (Wilcoxon Test) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| total distance owner walk in m | 120 | 5894 | 5300 | 4900 | 6200 | 1827 | |
| total distance dog walk in m | 120 | 7488 | 6700 | 5850 | 8700 | 2202 | |
| Difference_walking_distance in m (dog-owner dyad) | 120 | 1596 | 1000 | 400 | 2300 | 1600 | <0.001 |

Length of trials (runs >20 m) varied greatly, therefore three groups were established to determine travelling patterns in more detail and describe difference between the dogs more specifically: The majority of dogs travelled a maximum

distance of 150 m away from the owner (13 of 30 dogs =43% Group 1); eight (27%) of the dogs displayed a range away from the owner between >150 m and <350 m (Group 2); nine of the 30 dogs (30%) had at least one run >350 m away from the owner (Group 3). The maximum distance travelled by one dog was 2100m. Between the three groups differences between familiar and unfamiliar area maximum travelling distance could be observed Figure 2.

***Table 4.*** *Median walking speed of the owner and the respective dog(s) of one owner; difference in km/h; Group of each dog (1, 2 or 3) and over all speed difference.*

| Dog n=30 | Group 1 <150m range; Group 2 >150 - <350m range; Group 3 >350m | Owner | owner average walking speed in km/h | | | dog average walking speed in km/h | | | Speed difference owner – dog in km/h | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | median | Q25 | Q75 | median | Q25 | Q75 | median | Q25 | Q75 |
| Amanda | 1 | H.M. | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.3 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.4 |
| Wantje | 1 | H.M. | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.8.0 | 5.0 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.5 |
| Amy | 2 | S.S. | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | -1.5 | -1.9 | -1.4 |
| Nele | 1 | S.S: | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | -1.1 | -1.4 | -0.9 |
| Arthur | 2 | V.B. | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | -1.6 | -1.8 | -1.5 |
| Balin | 1 | H.N. | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.5 |
| Balou_Mix | 3 | C.B | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 76.8 | -3.4 | -4.6 | -2.8 |
| Lili | 1 | C.B. | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.3 | -0.9 | -1.2 | -0.8 |
| Balou_RR | 1 | C.C. | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 | -1.0 | -1.2 | -0.8 |
| Luna | 2 | C.C | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.1 | -1.5 | -1.8 | -1.1 |
| Bill | 3 | S.L. | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 8.3 | -3.4 | -4.3 | -2.9 |
| Kaito | 3 | S.L. | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | -2.1 | -2.6 | -1.6 |
| Lou | 3 | S.L. | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | -2.3 | -2.6 | -1.9 |
| Dr. Pepper | 1 | S.M. | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5 | 4.9 | 5.2 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -0.5 |
| Raiya | 3 | S.M. | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | -3.5 | -4.2 | -2.7 |
| Emma | 1 | A.S. | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5.3 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.4 |
| Zlata | 2 | A.S. | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.7 | -0.6 | -1.2 | -0.4 |
| Mala | 1 | A.S. | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5 | 5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| Freya | 1 | N.P. | 5.0 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -0.6 |
| Honey | 3 | D.S. | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 7.4 | -2.8 | -3.7 | -1.6 |
| Kimi | 2 | M.K. | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 6.8 | -1.8 | -2.9 | -0.7 |
| Nina | 2 | M.K. | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.9 | -1.9 | -3.1 | -0.8 |
| Lea/Emma | 2 | E.M. | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 6 | 5.6 | 6.3 | -1.4 | -1.9 | -0.7 |
| Manja | 1 | A.U. | 5 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 68 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -0.5 |
| Raffaele | 3 | A.U. | 5 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 7.4 | -1.5 | -2.9 | -0.9 |
| Marley | 3 | G.B. | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 9.7 | 9 | 9.8 | -4.8 | -5.3 | -3.9 |
| Tamina | 3 | G.B. | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 8.3 | -3.4 | -3.9 | -2.5 |
| Molly | 1 | N.B. | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6 | -0.8 | -0.9 | -0.6 |
| Odin | 1 | A.W. | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| Thorin | 2 | A.A. | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.2 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -0.7 |
| Total | | | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 6.6 | -1.1 | -2.3 | -0.7 |

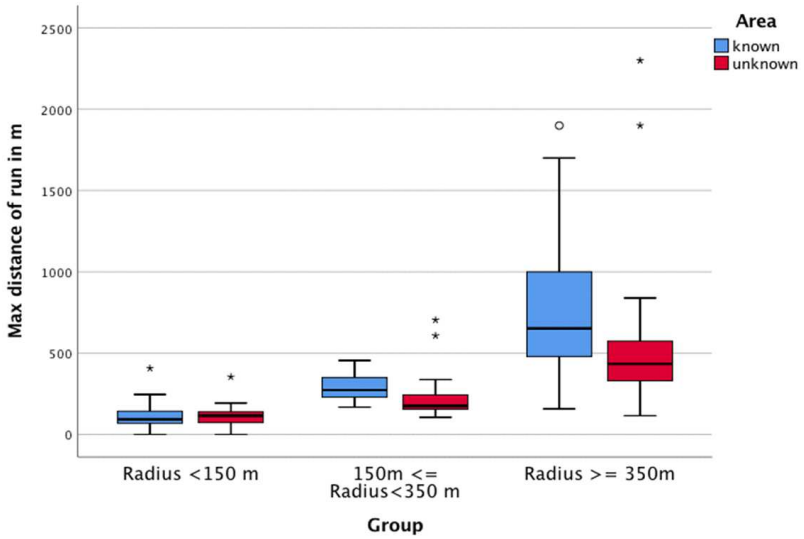



***Figure 2.*** *Maximum distance in meter of all runs >20 m, for Group 1, 2 and 3 in known (blue) versus unknown (red) area.*

In Group 1 (radius <150 m) the median of the maximum distance was 92,5 m in known and 115 m in unknown areas, respectively. In Group 2 greater differences in maximum median distance covered became apparent: 50% of the walks of dogs in this group had a maximum distance of 272 m in known and 175 m in unknown areas. Most pronounced was the difference in Group 3 (radius >350 m): here the maximum median distance in known areas was 652 m compared to 434 m in unknown areas. The 75% quartile in this group is reduced from 1000 m in known to 574 m in unknown areas. The difference was not significant however.

Looking at the total walking distance between owner and dog data established that 50% of the dogs displayed a median difference in total walking distance to their owner of 1000 m, with a lower quartile of 400 m and an upper quartile of 2300 m difference between owners and dog distance walked This corresponds to a forty-three percent increase. The distance difference traversed was significantly larger for dogs compared to owners ($p<0.001$). Dogs of all three groups covered larger distances than their owners, Table 3.

Results also indicated significant speed difference between the dogs and owners and dogs ($p<0.001$; Wilcoxon Test).

The mean speed of owners was 4.4 +/- 0.4 km/h compared to 6.0 +/- 1.2 km/h of the dogs. Results were independent of the group (1, 2 or 3) the dogs belonged to or factors like age (Spearman correlation coefficient, $r = -0.256$; $p=0.01$), size (Table 4) or exploration patterns. Overall 50% of the owners displayed a walking speed of less than 4.4 km/h. 50% of the dogs displayed a walking speed of less than 5.7 km/h. The higher quartile of owner walking speed was 4.7 km/h; compared to the dogs travelling speed of 6.6 km/h. Speed differences could also be established between the three groups, with Group 3, the dogs with the largest radius, displaying the highest speed differences compared to their owners, Figure 3.

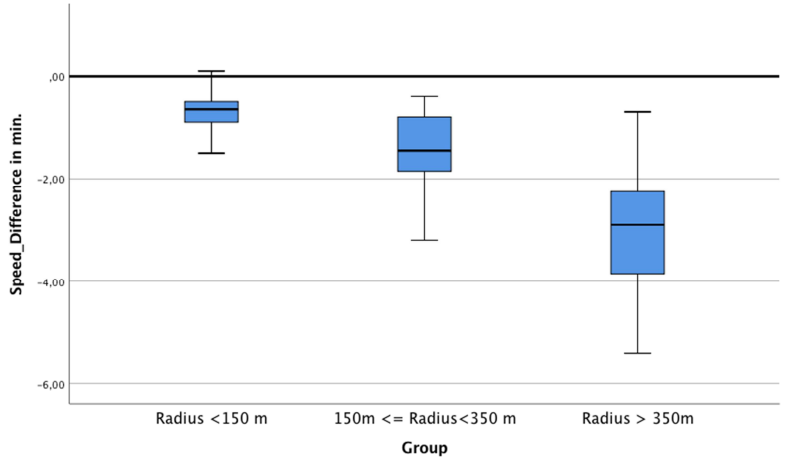



***Figure 3.*** *Speed difference owner-dog dyad, Group 1, 2 and 3 in minutes.*

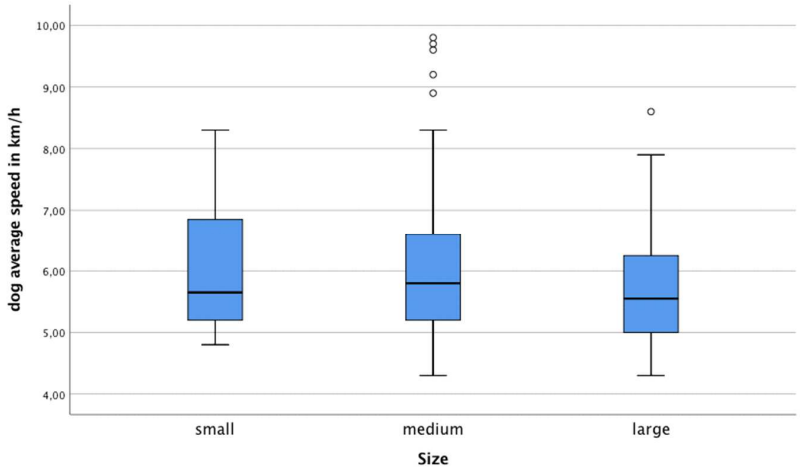



***Figure 4.*** *Speed of dogs in relation to size of dogs in km/h.*

To analyze whether the size of the dog had an effect on the speed traversed the data were evaluated accordingly. The dogs were separated in three groups: Dogs >60 cm shoulder heights (large n=11); dogs <60 cm >40 cm shoulder heights (medium n=13) and dogs < 40 cm shoulder heights (small n=6). Between small size dogs (<40 cm), medium size (between 40 cm and 60 cm) and large dogs (>60 cm) no differences in average dog speed could be observed (p=0.449, Kruskal-Wallis Test), see Figure 4.

Great variation could be observed between the 30 dogs. The overall speed during the walks in addition to their speed and exploration patterns differed intraspecifically (Figure 5). Some dogs exhibited generally a low average speed during all walks independent of breed or size (e.g. Balin, Great Dane Mix: mean 4.8km/h / -0.3km/h). Some dogs travelled over all at very high speed, for instance Marley (Labrador Mix, mean 9.4km/h / -0.7km/h, max speed 50 km/h) and one group of dogs displayed a high speed variance, thus these dogs alternated between very fast as well as moderate or slower runs: e.g. Bill, Labrador Mix: mean 7.8km/h/ - 0.8km/h max speed 42 km/h. see Table 3, Figure 5.

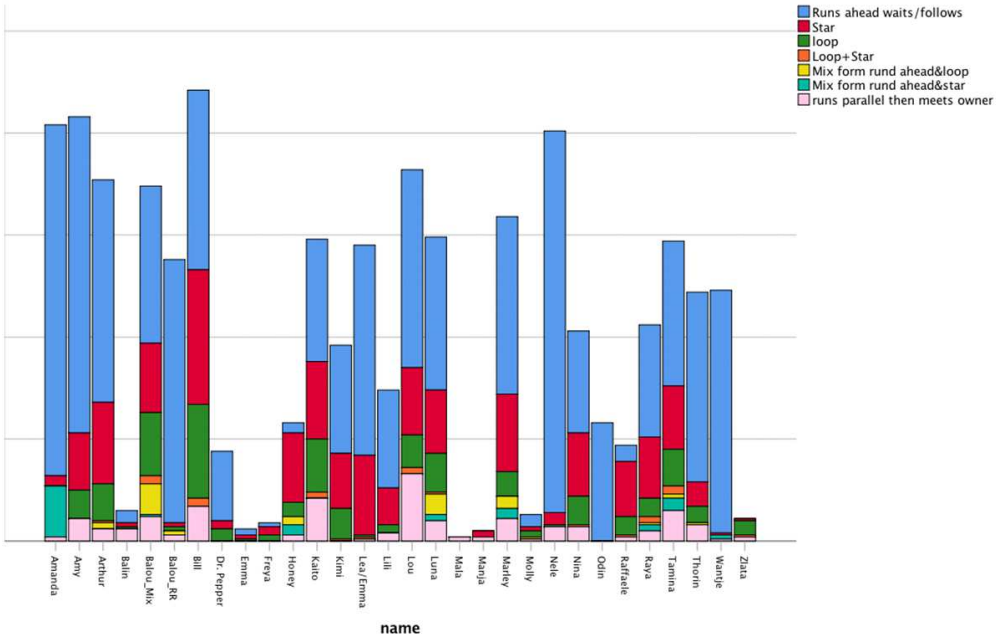



***Figure 5.*** *Absolute number of runs >20 m subdivided by the seven patterns of the runs, as displayed by each dog.*

Between the duration of the travelling rounds significant linear correlations were observable between dogs of one owner. High values of one dog were correlated with high values of the other dog(s) Figure 6. In every team a leader or initiating dog with a more extensive time range could be observed.

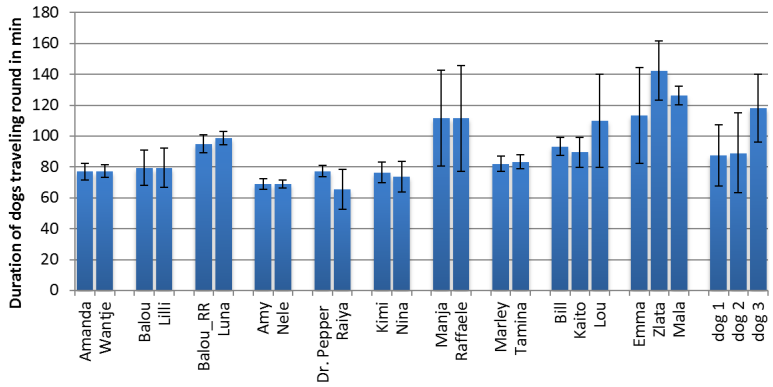



***Figure 6.*** *Duration of dogs over all travelling round between and within dos belonging to one owner, in min.*

## 5. Limitations

Prior to the discussion of the results, some limitations of this study should be considered. More women than men owner participated which may have had an impact on the dog-owner relationship and the results. Only owners participated which normally also walked their dogs in comparable areas off leash and all dogs could have been called back, as they had been trained. Only German teams participated and in other countries results may have been different based on divergent walking behaviors. Therefore future studies in other countries would be useful for validating the key findings.

The sample size was relatively low in this study, partly caused by the very time-consuming walks. In any case, a more comprehensive study would be beneficial (preferably involving more participants from non-European countries), especially including even more dog breeds based both on the artificial (FCI) and genetic clustering. Finally, the scope of this study was limited by the way in which the teams were acquired—the utilization of internet and social media has its benefits; however, potential participants could also be left out because they do not use these means of communication.

## 6. Discussion

The walking behavior of dog owners varies depending on factors like country, culture and the occasions existing to walk with their dog [for a review see, 4]. The days of free roaming dogs that may wander around unrestrained during the day (or night) are long gone in most industrialized countries including Germany. Even though no specific statistics are currently available, people habitually assume that (their) dog(s) will chase wildlife when out of sight and thus many dog owners keep their pet on a leash, not only in urban environments but also in rural or wooded areas. The video footage of the participating dogs herein found no incident of chasing wildlife. On the contrary, most of the dogs travelled consistently on human made path or used at most wildlife tracks. This may be due to faster and easier roaming modes or learned ambulatory behavior whilst with their owner. Studies show that dogs could hardly survive by hunting live prey, and that there is no evidence of dog populations being self-sustaining through hunting [22]. The primary form of dog foraging worldwide is scavenging, and the majority of dogs feed on food scraps discarded by humans [22]. In general dogs are not successful hunters, and very few exceptions survive and maintain their population through hunting [22]. The niche of scavengers does not require the complex skills that hunting live prey does and most studies agree that pet dogs no longer possess survival traits like successful hunting skills [22, 23]. In this study all dogs returned on all walks, no matter the number and distance of their runs, to their owner, even when not called or signaled to and most of them remained within a 150 m radius of their owner, exhibiting exploration pattern one: they ran back and forth on the owner path (62%) Figure 2. All dogs covered longer distances and travelled at higher speed on the respective walks compared to their owners Table 3, Table 4. In this study great intraspecific speed differences and walking idiosyncrasies could be observed including roaming variances in that a number of dogs were always fast (or slow) and some dogs displayed great speed variation on their exploratory runs (slow, moderate and fast) Table 4, Figure 5. In concurrence, Ladha et al., (2017) presented that dogs moved significantly further during off-leash than on-leash walks (32% greater distance) demonstrating an extensive range of step frequencies and great variance in the number of steps taken [24].

These results may raise welfare concerns as on leash walking may compromise the opportunity for dogs to elect their own pace and select their own points of interest to explore as owner walking speed is over all lower (Table 3) and the range of exploration is limited to the length of the leash. This is furthermore indicated by the fact that dogs take significantly longer to walk the identical route off leash than on leash [25]. Providing a dog with daily off leash exercise may be a precaution so the dog is less susceptible to psychological conditions such as depression [26]. In addition it assists in maintaining the dog at a healthy weight. Feddersen-Petersen (1997) proposed two hours off leash walking time per day for a healthy medium size adult dog [27]. Particularly in the urban environments, the opportunities of running free are frequently restricted to park areas with a high risk of parasite transmittance [16] and few cognitive challenges, as these areas are often overcrowded small, fenced in, barren spaces without trees or other mental and/or emotional stimulation [28]. Environmental enrichment and sensory stimulations however promote the cognitive development of dogs [29] and encourage exercise. To explore novel environments is essential for animals in order to collect information about features of their surroundings [30] and it assists them to collect different input [31] either through individual assessment [32] or by intra- or interspecific observational learning. The exploration behavior of dogs is clearly influenced by their prior learning and experience [33] and being always on a leash may inhibit their learning and development due to more restrictive walking patterns and limited exposure to information [5, 25]. One possibility to explore is through olfactory information which could also be seen on the video coverage. Studies show that more sniffing behaviors are performed whilst off the leash, suggesting that stimuli that promote sniffing are less accessible when on a leash [1, 25]. Westgarth et al., (2010) found the median duration dogs spent sniffing whilst off leash was 16% compared to 4% while on a leash [25]. Duranton & Horowitz (2019) postulated that permitting dogs to spend more exploration time by means of olfaction through nose work activity makes them more optimistic [1]. Presenting dogs with additional opportunities to explore off leash, in their individual time and pace to express for instance their natural olfactory foraging behavior improves

their emotional state and benefits cognitive processes such as attention, memory and positive judgement of a perceived situation [1]. Exploration requires dogs to problem solve, to analyze their environment and to make choices accordingly. [34] proposed that an owner who assists the dog's attempts to self-reliantly and independently deal with problems increases self-assurance in their dogs. It also enhances the social owner - dog interaction [25]. Owner wellbeing is also been promoted through regular dog walks [35, 36]. Rehn et al., (2017) postulated that on-leash usage significantly impacts the attention dogs' pay to their owners [37]. Dogs off the leash looked at their owners more frequently and with longer gazes compared to dogs that were kept on a leash. All studied parameters: gaze length; gaze frequency; and looking time of dogs' attention were found to be significantly higher for off-leash than on leash dogs. The capability to have choices and to be autonomous is essential in welfare [9] and may be offered to dogs through increased off leash activity in safe environments.

## 7. Conclusion

Distance traversed and walking speed differs significantly between owner and dog whilst out walking. Not only founded on physiological and biomechanical factors, but also strongly influenced by the dogs individual explorative behavior. However, even though the distance traversed was significantly greater, most pet dogs remained within a 150m radius of their owner at all times and essentially ran back and forth on the travelled path. These factors support the argument to allow dogs off leash in more areas. Results herein might be valuable to establish suitable areas where off leash dog walking is permitted. Furthermore the data may assist dog-trainers to acquire supplementary information about exploratory behaviour of pet dogs and strengthen dog-owner interaction. It may also benefit in designing walking areas, as dog walking is a popular method for increasing human physical activity and health. In order to engage in a high quality activity for both participants off-leash walks in safe areas with enrichment and cognitive challenging surroundings for the dogs are recommended.

While it may be inevitable in various circumstances and settings for dogs to be on a leash for their own safety and while we may subject them to this restriction, it is important to keep in mind the numerous detrimental effects on their physiological and psychological welfare. Owners should be cognizant of the immense danger of tension forces exerted by pulling the dog through the leash by the collar and also of the benefits associated with off leash walks by allowing the dogs to explore the world at their own pace.

## Compliance with Ethical Standards

Non-invasive observational studies on dogs are allowed to be done without any special permission in Germany German according to the Animal Welfare Act 2013.

## Conflict of Interest

The authors declare there are no conflicting interests.

## Acknowledgements

The authors would like to thank the participating dogs and owners, without whom there would have been nothing to observe.

## References

[1] Duranton C, Horowitz A. Let me sniff! Nosework induces positive judgment bias in pet dogs. App Anim Behav Sci (2019) 211: 61-66.

[2] Degeling C, Burton L, McCormack GR. An investigation of the association between socio-demographic factors, dog-exercise requirements, and the amount of walking dogs receive. Can J Vet Res (2012) 76 (3): 235-240.

[3] Tiira K, Lohi H. Early Life Experiences and Exercise Associate with Canine Anxieties. (2015) PLoS ONE 10 (11): e0141907. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0141907.

[4] Holland KE. Review Acquiring a Pet Dog: A Review of Factors Affecting the Decision-Making of Prospective Dog Owners. Anim (2019) 9: 124.

[5] Christian HE, Westgarth C, Bauman A, Richards EA, Rhodes RE, Evenson KR, Mayer JA, Thorpe RJ Jr. Dog ownership and physical activity: a review of the evidence. J Phys Act Health (2013) 7; 10 (5): 750-9.

[6] Westgarth C, Christian HE, Christley RM. Factors Associated With Daily Walking of Dogs. BMC Vet Res (2015) 11 (1): 116.

[7] https://www.harringtonspetfood.com/dogventures 2017 accessed 10.03.21.

[8] Gorsuch E. Freilauf von Hunden: Einflussfaktoren auf die zurückgelegte Distanz. Bachelorarbeit Fakultät für Biowissenschaften, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena 2021.

[9] Fraser D. Understanding animal welfare. Acta Vet Scand (2008) 50: 1.

[10] Hallgren A (1997). Hundeprobleme – Problemhunde. Verlagshaus Oertel und Spörer, Reutlingen.

[11] Hunter A, Blake S, De Godoy RF. Pressure and force on the canine neck when exercised using a collar and leash. Vet Anim Sci (2019) Oct 24; 8: 100082. doi: 10.1016/j.vas.2019.100082. PMID: 32734099; PMCID: PMC7386734.

[12] Kiss R (2018) Biomechanical analysis of the kinematics of different dog harnesses - Research rePORt - Cooperation Research Center for Biomechanics Budapest University of Technology and Economics.

[13] Shih HY, Georgiou F, Curtis RA, Paterson MBA, Phillips CJC. Behavioural Evaluation of a Leash Tension Meter Which Measures Pull Direction and Force during Human-Dog on-Leash Walks. Anim (2020) Aug 10; 10 (8): 1382. doi: 10.3390/ani10081382. PMID: 32785117; PMCID: PMC7460501.

[14] Landeshundegesetz in the State of North Rhine Westphalia § 2 allgemeine Pflichten; § 5 Pflichten. https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/controlling-your-dog-public.

[15] Hielscher B, Gansloße, U, Froboese, I. Impacts of Dog Ownership and Attachment on Total and Dog-related Physical Activity in Germany. Hum-Anim Interact Bull (2021) 10, 1: 22-43.

[16] Smith AF, Semeniuk CA, Kutz SJ, Massolo A. Dog-walking behaviours affect gastrointestinal parasitism in park-attending dogs. Parasit Vect (2014) Sep 4; 7: 429. doi: 10.1186/1756-3305-7-429. PMID: 25189133; PMCID: PMC4261879.

[17] Duranton C, Bedossa T, Gaunet F. Pet dogs exhibit social preference for people who synchronize with them: what does it tell us about the evolution of behavioral synchronization? Anim Cogn (2019) 3; 22 (2): 243-250.

[18] Scandurra A, Marinelli L, Lõoke M, D'Aniello B, Mongillo P. The effect of age, sex and gonadectomy on dogs' use of spatial navigation strategies. Appl Anim Behav Sci (2018) 9 (205): 89-97.

[19] Bowen J, García E, Darder P, Argüelles J, Fatjo J. The effects of the Spanish COVID-19 lockdown on people, their pets, and the human-animal bond. J Vet Behav (2020) 40: 75–91.

[20] Christley RM, Murray JK, Anderson KL, Buckland EL, Casey RA, Harvey ND; Harris L et al.,. Impact of the First COVID-19 Lockdown on Management of Pet Dogs in the UK. Anim (2021) 11: 5.

[21] Wallis LJ, Szabó D, Erdélyi-Belle B, Kubinyi E. Demographic Change Across the Lifespan of Pet Dogs and Their Impact on Health Status. Front Vet Sci (2018) 5: 200.

[22] Coppinger R, Feinstein M. How Dogs Work. University of Chicago Press (2015).

[23] Frank H, Frank MG. On the effects of domestication on canine social development and behavior. Appl Anim Ethol, 8 (1982) 507-525.

[24] Ladha C, O'Sullivan J, Belshaw Z, Asher L. GaitKeeper: A System for Measuring Canine Gait. Sensors (2017) 17: 309.

[25] Westgarth C, Christley R, Pinchbeck G, Gaskell R, Dawson S, Bradshaw J. Dog behaviour on walks and the effect of use of the leash. App Anim Behavr Sci (2010) 125: 38-46.

[26] Stilwell V (2014b) Dog Enrichment [Online], https://positively.com/dogwellness/dog-enrichment. Accessed 11.02.2021.

[27] Feddersen-Petersen D. Hund. In: Sambraus HH, Steiger A (Hrsg.), Das Buch vom Tierschutz. Ferdinand Enke Verlag, Stuttgart, 1997: 245–296.

[28] Rahim T, Barrios PR, McKee G, McLaws M, Kosatsky T. Public Health Considerations Associated with the Location and Operation of Off-Leash Dog Parks. J Community Health. 2018 Apr; 43 (2): 433-440. doi: 10.1007/s10900-017-0428-2.

[29] Binks J, Taylor S, Wills A, Montrose VT. The behavioural effects of olfactory stimulation on dogs at a rescue shelter. Appl Anim Behav Scien (2018) 202: 69-76.

[30] Moretti L, Hentrup M, Kotrschal K, Range F. The influence of relationships on neophobia and exploration in wolves and dogs. Anim Behav (2015) 9 (107): 159-173.

[31] Dall SRX, Giraldeau L, Olsson O, McNamara JM, Stephens DW. Information and its use by animals in evolutionary ecology. Trend Ecolo & Evol (2005) 20 (4): 187-193.

[32] Day RL, Coe RL, Kendal JR, Laland KN. Neophilia, innovation and social learning: a study of intergeneric differences in callitrichid monkeys. Anim Behav (2003) 65: 559-571.

[33] Bray, E. E., Gruen, M. E., Gnanadesikan, G. E. *et al.* Dog cognitive development: a longitudinal study across the first 2 years of life. *Anim Cogn* 24, 311–328 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10071-020-01443-7

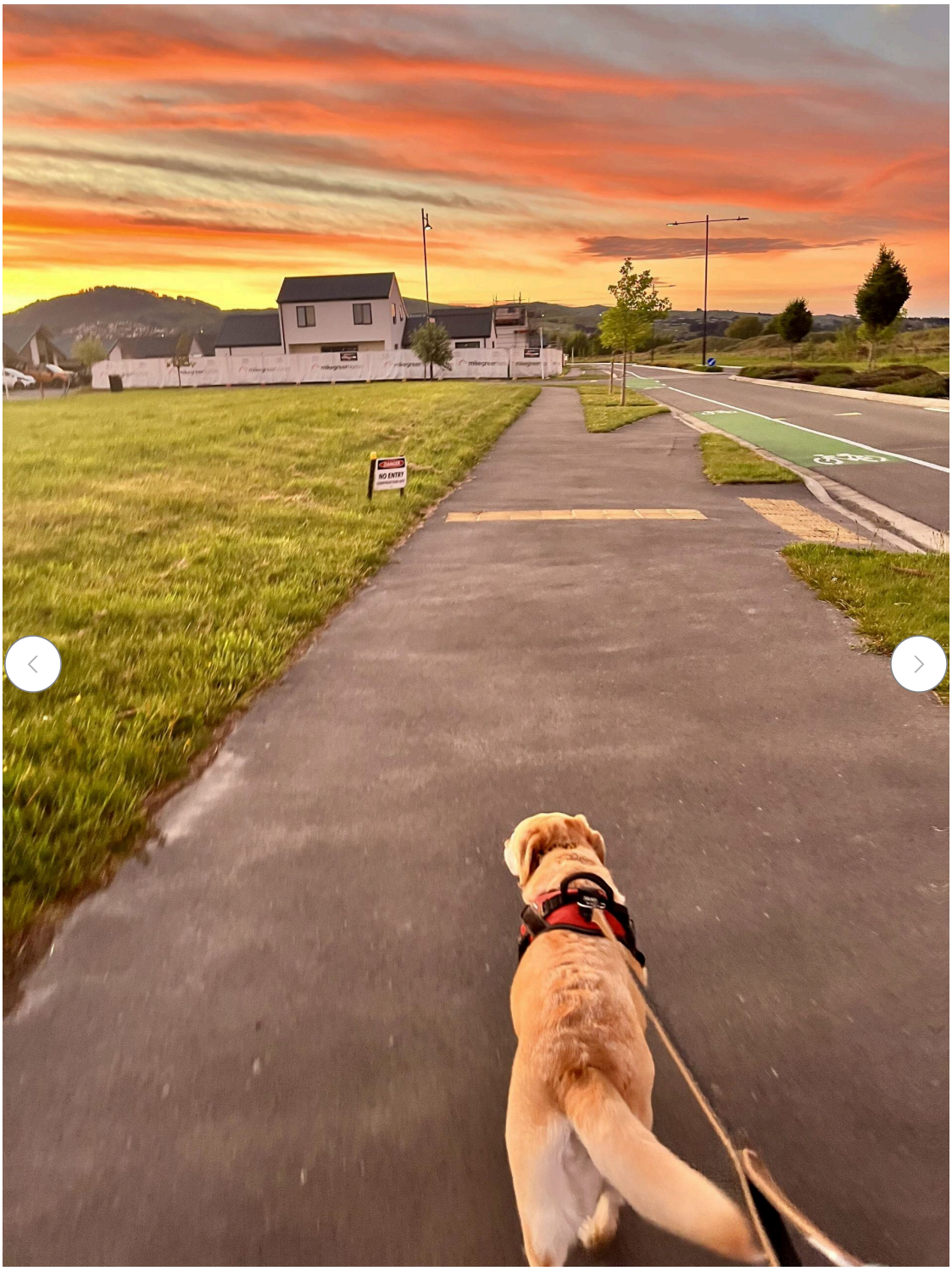
[34] Rehn T, Beetz A, Keeling LJ. Links between an Owners's Adult Attachment Style and the Support-Seeking Behavior of Their Dog. Front Psychol (2017) 8: 2059.

[35] Dall PM, Ellis SLH, Ellis BM, Grant PM, Colyer A, Gee NR et al.,. The Influence of Dog Ownership on Objective Measures of Free-Living Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Longitudinal Case-Controlled Study. BMC Pub Health (2017) 17: 496.

[36] Westgarth C, Christley RM, Marvin G, Perkins E. I Walk My Dog Because It Makes Me Happy: A Qualitative Study to Understand Why Dogs Motivate Walking and Improved Health. Intern J Environ Res Pub Health (2017) 14: 8.

[37] Mongillo P, Adamelli S, Pitteri E, Marinelli L. Reciprocal attention of dogs and owners in urban contexts. J Vet Behav: Clin Appl Res (2014) 9 (4): 158–163.

29751 - Vic...Bouvet.jpeg Open Share

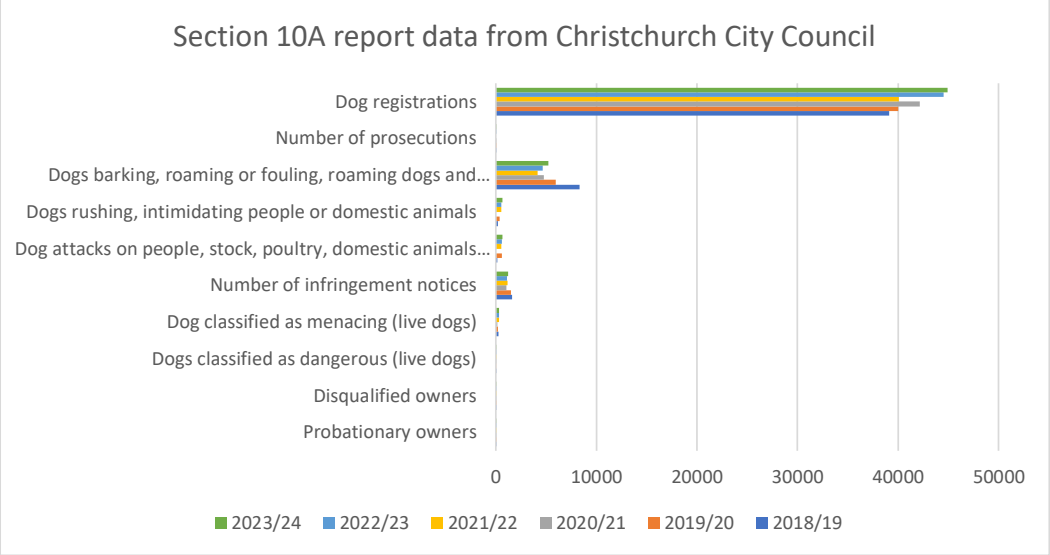


**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Mary Bamford
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

My name is Susie Kirkwood
I am a veterinary surgeon and dog owner .
It is unfortunate that all the discussion around the dog review takes a slightly negative slant on the dog . There is no feeling that we are discussing a wonderful creature who gives so much joy to so many . In fairness, all that the council will hear is negative feedback from the public . Nobody contacts them to say that they had a wonderful dog encounter when they were out for their walk or that watching their dog run free lifted their spirits . Most or many of the complaints will be legitimate . There is no doubt that some of the suggested changes make sense . However , many of the complainant will just find something else to complain about once dogs are trussed up on leads as soon as they leave the house .
It is impossible to exercise an active dog properly when he/she is on the lead . Your dog is unable to exhibit natural behaviours . He will want to sniff and scent , and stop and start . This is very unsatisfying for an owner who goes at the dogs pace , or dog who has to go at the owners pace . An active dog needs about an hour of off-lead exercise daily . This is very difficult to manage when all the paths , albeit between off-lead areas , require dogs to be leashed. Dog parks can be great places for dogs , but in my opinion are more useful for socialisation than for exercise especially if your dog is not into the game of fetch. Have you seen dog owners in dog parks ? they are static ! we want people to get out with their dogs and move . It is good for dogs physical and mental health , owners physcal and mental health , and the repercussions to all of that are huge .
A tired and happy ,well-exercised dog, allowed to run off-leash , is so much less likely to cause a nuisance .
I agree that dogs should be leashed on playing fields , public wharves , tracks shared with bikes , and on some super-highway walk tracks such as Harry Ell .. but on other quieter paths such as te Kura and the Red Zone .. oh my goodness why can reasonable common sense not prevail ? Often a negative confrontation with another dog , or MOP, is more likely when leashed as being on a lead makes dogs more protective and on-guard , and changes the normal hierarchy that allows them to figure out who is top dog and hopefully avoid a tussle . Whatever the law, confrontations will happen from time to time . The very difficult or dangerous dogs and ignorant and dangerous owners are not going to follow the rules whether you change them or not .
I would love that council would consider taking a more nuanced and positively forward -footed approach .. I do understand that ubiquitous leashing must feel like the easiest way to tick the ‘dealing with dogs in public places’ box … but how about ;

- Introducing an advanced training standard for dogs . The standard would test good training and social skills , owner understanding etc. If a dog / owner combo could pass the standard required they would get a special tag at registration that showed them to be a well-trained dog that could be off-leash in areas that are more restrictive for other dogs.
- Encourage extra training for dogs by reducing the registration fee for dogs and owners who have done puppy classes , and the older dog training classes [ or put it up for those who have not done ]
- Media campaigns to make the public more aware of the responsibilities of dog ownership. More talks at schools . Taking school kids out on walks with dogs . Kids will often keep their parents right .

- Patrolling [ could be volunteers ?] areas where dogs exercised off -leash eg Te Kura / Rd Zone . Perhaps in the first instance there could be restricted times for dogs off leads , eg in the morning [ when most of the walkers will be dogs owners in any case]
- Much stricter use of on-the-spot fines and making it clear to the public that there is to be a more merciless approach to bad dog [ and owner !] behaviour .
- This would be far better than clamping down on great dogs and owners with restrictive dog control laws.

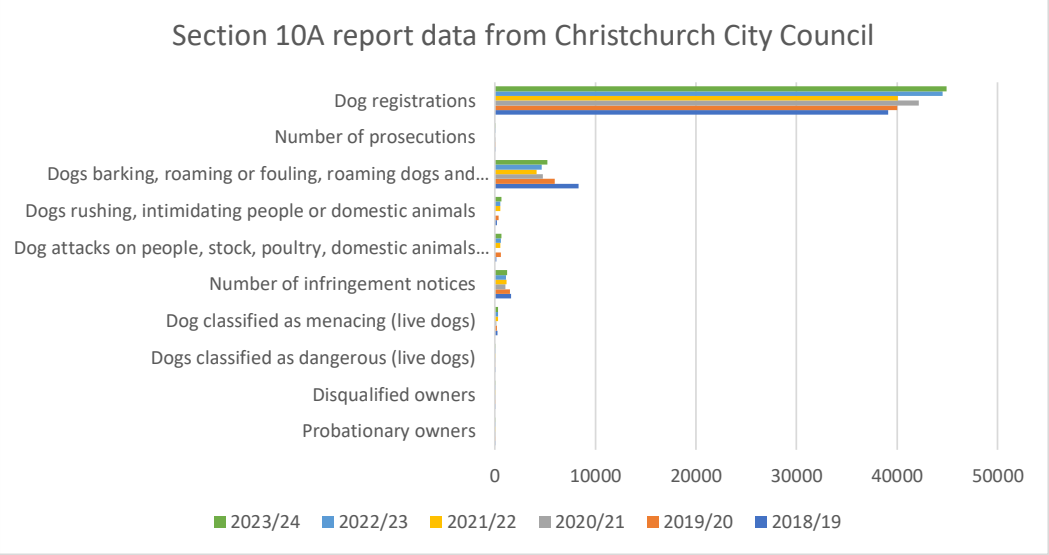
Most owners with a difficult animal have it on a lead anyway . Nobody really wants their dog to be in a confrontation .
I would volunteer to get involved in any of these initiatives , and I know many others who would too .
It would be such an impressive and positive way for CCC to respond to the perceived problem .
I would be very grateful indeed if you would consider some of the above .

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Paula McFarlane
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

> The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

**Lifetime Tag Issues**

While lifetime dog tags are intended to be a long-term solution, they present several practical issues. They can be uncomfortable for small dogs, can get caught and do not hold up over time. I recommend returning to the old plastic strip tags, which were more durable, cost-effective, and practical and also don't need to be replaced yearly.

**Conclusion**

I encourage the Christchurch City Council to take a more balanced approach to dog control, considering both dog welfare and the needs of responsible owners. Specifically, I recommend:

- Reassessing leash length requirements to balance safety and welfare.
- Maintaining off-leash areas for responsible dog exercise.
- Focusing on education and enforcement of existing regulations.
- Consulting with dog welfare experts to ensure the policy is informed by best practices.
- Re-evaluating lifetime dog tags to find more practical alternatives.

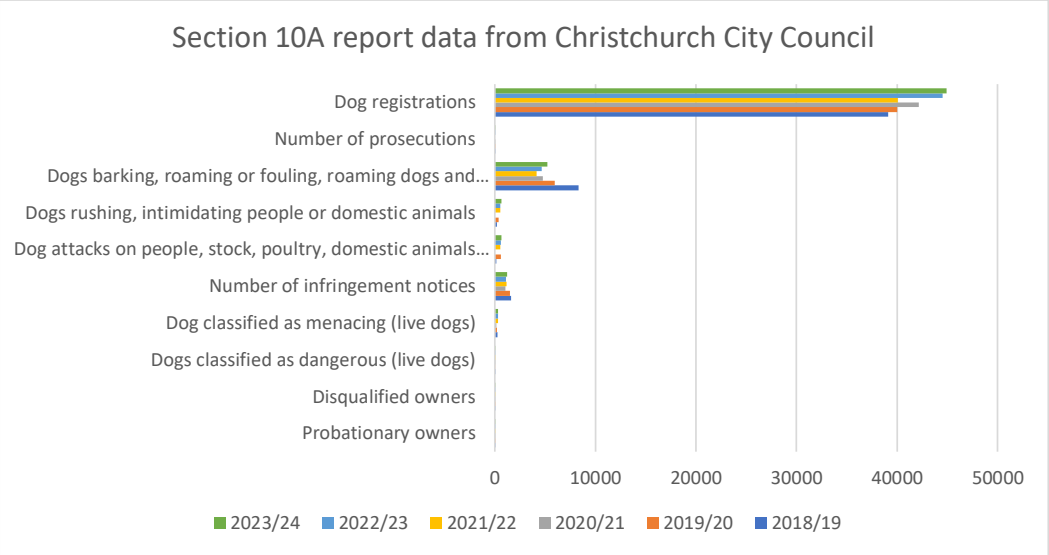
Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to seeing a more flexible, thoughtful approach to dog control in our community.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Olivia Burge
[redacted]
Christchurch
[redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

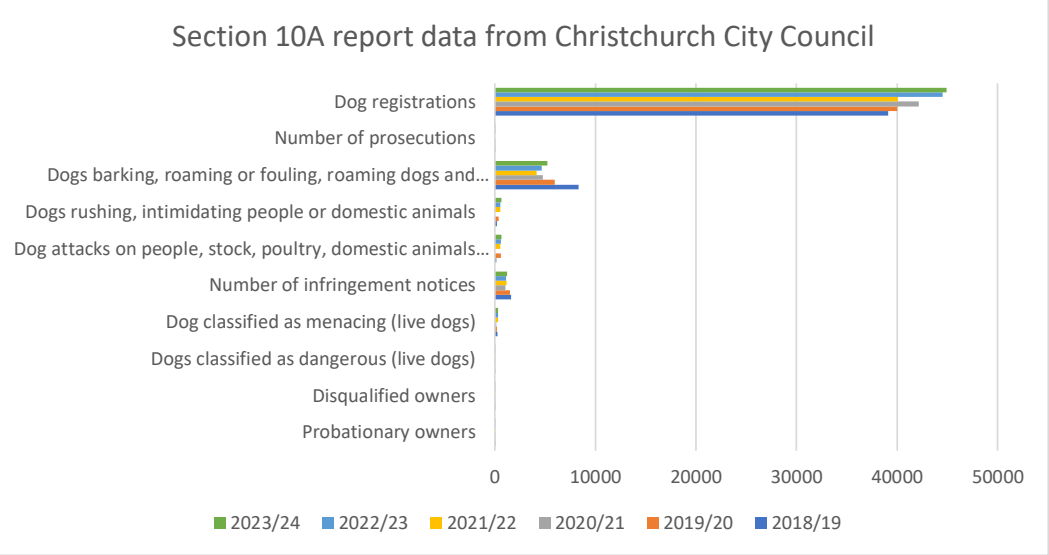
[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Vikki Hart
[redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

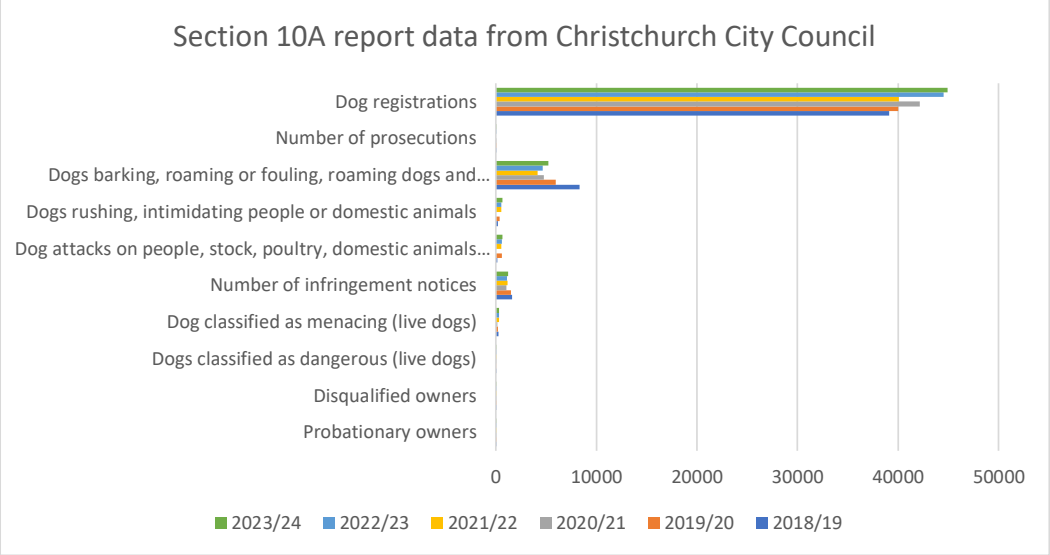
[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Jemma Lee
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

> The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

Firstly there is a huge difference between footpaths alongside a road which I believe short leads are appropriate but on shared paths and formed tracks this is overkill. Responsible dogs and their owners are not the issue and the only ones that will be punished by these rules. More focus should be put on enforcing effective control which all reasonable dog owners already follow.

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

Dog ownership is a privilege, I believe Stricker rules will have no effect as "good' dog owners already ensure that their dogs are not a nuisance in public and irresponsible owners will continue to be a nuisance regardless of any rules.

More emphasis should be put on enforcing current rules. As well as broader issues such as restricting and licencing breeders, removing the ability for any non-licenced breeder to sell dogs. Stricker rules around the responsibilities of dog ownership and stronger punishment for animal abuse.

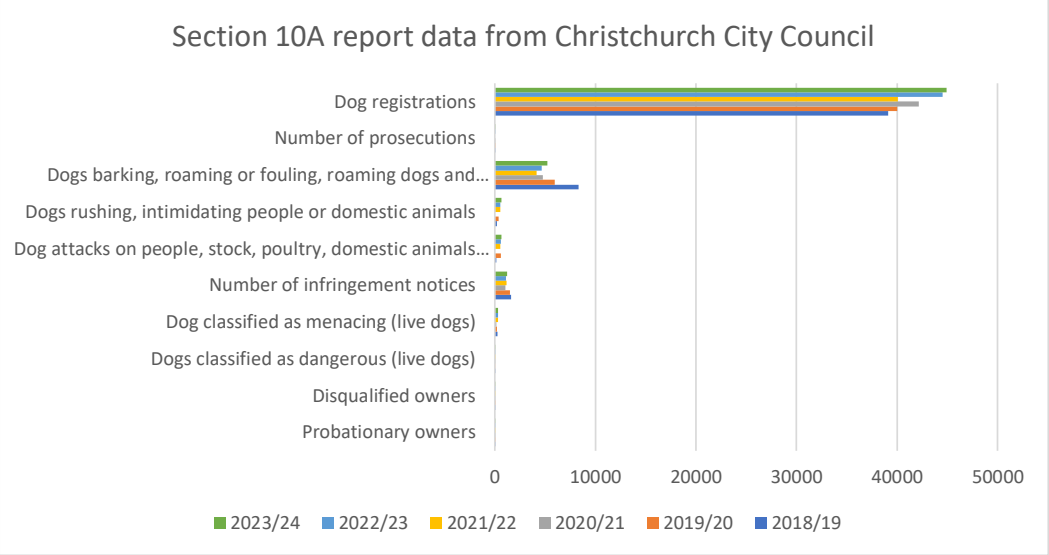
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Michelle Lee
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

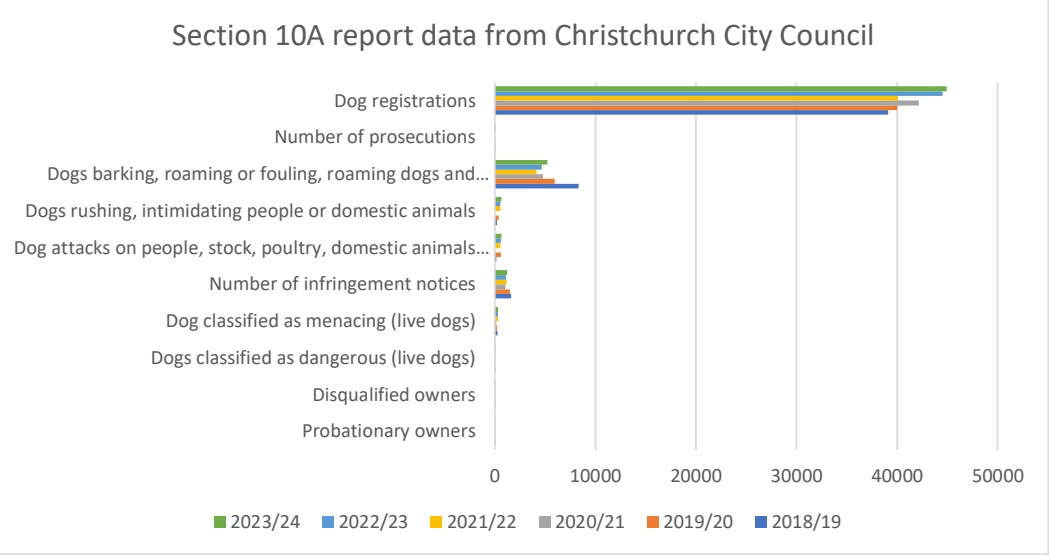
**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

**Email to - letstalk@ccc.govt.nz**

Candace Bobier
[redacted]
Christchurch [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are **no reliable data** to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are **no reliable data** to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are **no data** to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

As a public data and research professional with over 30 years' experience, I was shocked at the blatant bias inherent in this survey. The questions were leading and forced replies in support of an obvious agenda to limit the freedoms and natural agency of dogs and their owners in Otautahi. The only opinions sought appeared to be an endorsement of a predetermined plan toward further restrictions. Dog ownership and companionship is on the rise - yet the community in which one can enjoy such companionship is ever shrinking.

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Karen Carcamo Fernandez Veraud
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission.

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.

*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.
There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).
I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

### Other comments:

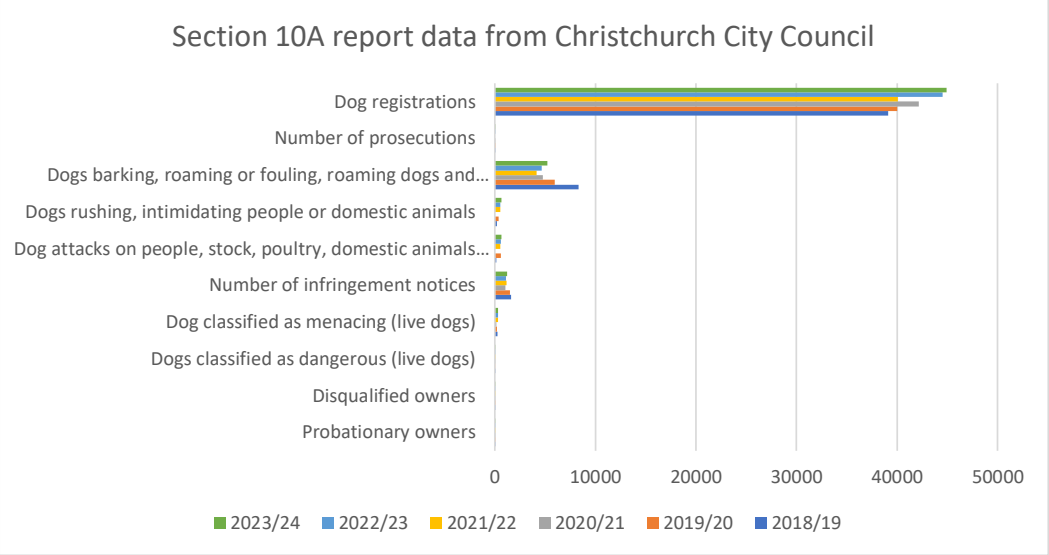
There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy."* (emphasis added)
In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*." In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Margaret Anne Sissons
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is: [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

At a very minimum, dog owners, as Christchurch City Council rate payers, and providing dogs are on leash and under control, should be entitled to pass through these areas, in order to travel from one section to another. Banning owners from passing through becomes discriminatory and disadvantages citizens, purely because they have an animal with them. This is despite, as stated above, there being no researched impacts or studies on what banning dog owners will achieve.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

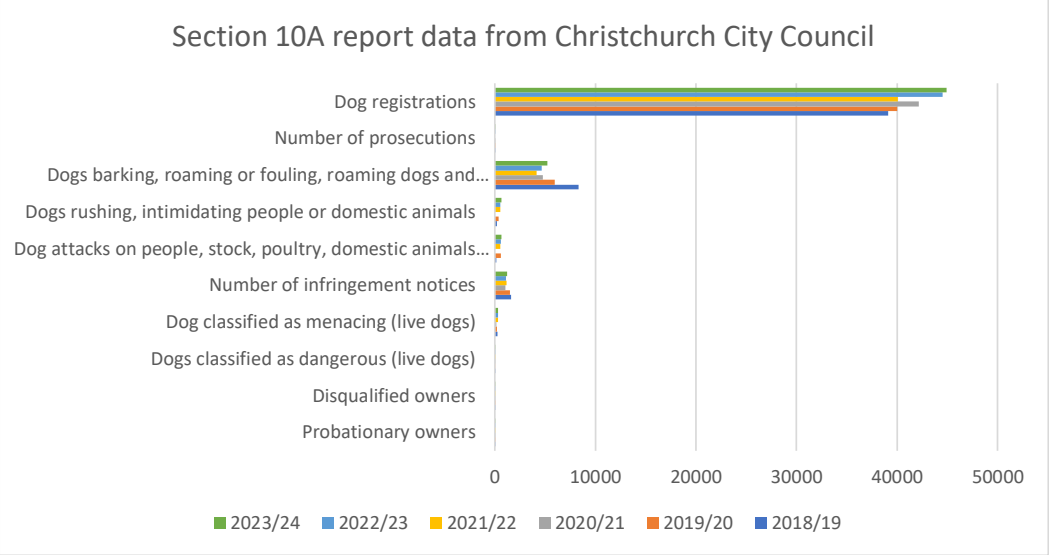
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Jan Egan
Address [redacted]
Postcode
Email

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

Submission to Christchurch City Council Regarding Proposed Changes to Dog Control Bylaws

I am writing as a responsible dog owner in Christchurch to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the dog control bylaws. While I appreciate the Council's efforts to balance public safety, wildlife wellbeing and the needs of dogs and their guardians, I have significant concerns about the current proposals, particularly the short leash requirements, the reduction of off-leash spaces, and the overall consultation process.

1. Short Leash Requirement and its Impact on Dog Welfare

The proposed definition of a short leash (no longer than 1.5 meters) is inconsistent with modern research on dog welfare. Restrictive leash lengths limit a dog's ability to engage in natural behaviours like sniffing and exploring, which are essential for mental stimulation and physical health. Evidence from studies cited by the Association for Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ) underscores that longer leashes (at least 3 meters) or off-lead opportunities under effective control are vital for reducing stress, promoting exercise, and mitigating behavioural issues.

Mandating shorter leashes unfairly penalises responsible dog owners who already maintain control of their dogs while doing little to address issues caused by those who disregard existing rules. I urge the Council to prioritise education and enforcement of current regulations rather than imposing overly restrictive measures on all dog owners.

2. Off-Leash Access

The proposed limitations on off-leash areas, particularly in the red zone and new storm-water basins such as Te Kuru Stormwater (which I've used to exercise myself and my dog at least 4 times a week over the past two years), are deeply concerning. These areas are critical for exercise, training, and enrichment, especially during winter (when dry and safe tracks are essential for running) warmer months (when water access is vital). Reducing these spaces would not only affect dog welfare but also diminish the quality of life for owners who rely on these areas for meaningful interactions with their pets and the ability to undertake owner's own physical exercise safely at the same time.

Research shows that access to off-leash areas contributes to both canine welfare and community wellbeing. For example, based on my direct observations, 95% of the Te Kuru users between the hours of 6am - 10am are dogs being exercised by their owners off-leash and maintaining effective control. I have not witnessed any dogs harassing, chasing or disturbing native bird life during this entire period and I cannot accept council assertions that there is currently evidence to justify imposing a restriction beyond the current 'effective control' rules. The council has not produced any relevant Christchurch-related evidence to support its proposal. Instead of restricting access, the Council could enhance existing spaces by implementing workable and practical rules for responsible use, supported by education campaigns.

3. Flawed Consultation Process

The Council's consultation process has significant flaws that undermine its credibility:

• The Council has not provided any, or any objectively robust, evidence to support the proposed changes.

• The changes focus solely on restricting current rules rather than reviewing whether the current rules have been effective. If there is objective evidence showing them to be ineffective, then this should be clearly shown and proposed changes that address that evidence. For example, have existing rules achieved the desired results from the review undertaken in 2016? Are those rules being followed, and if not, why not? Have areas of improvement emerged such that previous rules could be relaxed?

• The Council's survey was written with a clear bias toward its preferred proposals and only responded to by a small minority of dog owners and general Christchurch residents. This suggests there is minimal support for the council's proposed changes or any real concerns from the general community about the effectiveness of the current rules.

• The Council has rejected the absence of complaints or evidence of increasing harm as factors disputing the need for these changes, claiming that many cases are unreported. However, if they are unreported, how can this be verified?

• The Council claims to prefer education over enforcement but has not provided evidence of educational interventions or outcomes. The council should be able to produce this data.

• The Council's approach of adding restrictions with each 10-year review imposes a cumulative burden on dog owners, effectively amounting to a "death by 1,000 cuts." This approach is contrary to a democratic, evidence-based process.

4. Failure to Consider Balanced Alternatives

The Council has not considered balanced suggestions, such as curfew times for dogs on and off-leash in popular areas like the Port Hills running tracks or Stormwater basins. For example I propose:

• During winter months, dogs could be required to be on-leash on shared paths between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• During summer months, this restriction could apply from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This approach would allow for shared use of public spaces while meeting the needs of all users (including those vulnerable members of society who are least likely to be using facilities/areas during the non-curfew times), as well as dogs and their owners. It would create a truly 'shared' model of council facilities and areas, rather that the punitive dog-owner-restrictive approach currently taken by the council.

5. Arbitrary and Unclear Rules for Grassed Areas

The Council's suggestion to allow dogs only on "mowed grass" introduces an arbitrary and uncertain benchmark. This rule could lead to the removal of existing dog exercise areas without consultation or recourse for dog owners, simply by ceasing to mow grass. A more practical rule, and one in fact that is supported by the Council's own language in the online policy documentation, is to propose to "permit dogs off-leash on all "grassed areas" while restricting or barring access to "planted-out areas". I intend to present photos during my submission to demonstrate this clearly achievable distinction.

6. Exclusion of Professional Dog Experts

It is concerning that the Council has engaged with certain groups in secret (such as the Estuary Trust - see policy officer's comments on prior consultation at the end of the recorded webinar)

while refusing to consult with professional dog experts, such as APDTNZ. Experts in dog behaviour and welfare should have been involved in shaping these proposals to ensure they are evidence-based, effective, and fair. Councillors should reject the current proposals until council officers have undertaken proper formal consultation with such professional bodies.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I urge the Council to reconsider and reject the proposed changes, particularly the short leash requirement, the reduction of off-leash spaces, and the flawed consultation process. By prioritising education, enforcement, and collaboration with experts, the Council can develop fair and balanced policies that promote both public safety, wildlife wellbeing and dog welfare.

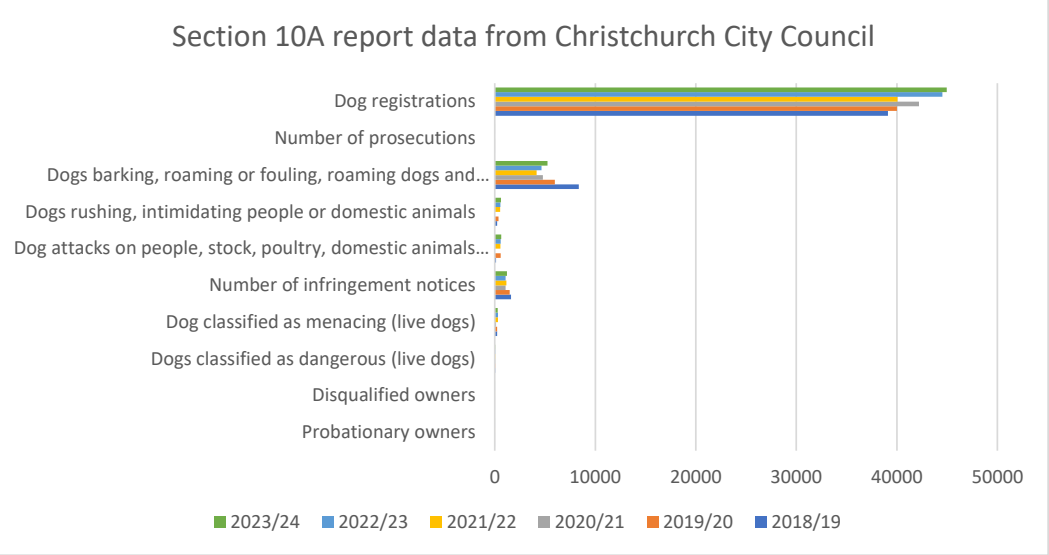
Thank you for considering this submission. I hope my feedback contributes to a more constructive and inclusive approach to dog control in Christchurch. I would like to present my submissions in person before any council meeting to consider the current proposals.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Emma Ruth Jackson
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

> The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. I consider that these groups should be able to apply for exceptional circumstances permit (which would be predicated on a good history of no incidents or reports of dog nuisance behaviour etc ) .

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to wander around . A dog stopping to sniff on a short lead is more of a trip hazard to owners than a longer lead with proper management from a knowledgeable owner .

The allowance of dogs to run in the mowed areas presumably while the owner walks/ runs on the gravel track is unclear and restrictive with small passageways between these areas ( where no mowed grass ) requiring dogs to be "on off on off" leads this is impractical
For over 95% of the time that I have run with my dog at the Te Kura wetland area the only other people / users have been runners and walkers with dogs with the very occasional cyclist . At present my dog runs just ahead of me on the gravel track roaming to the grass areas and back . she returns to heel at recall which is whenever another person / dog or cyclist is approaching. The lines of sight are very clear . To restrict her to leash is utterly nonsensical and entirely takes away the joy the dog has in being able to free roam and sniff the environment particularly as I am a runner not a walker . It will of course also require some interesting training to enable the dog to be running on the mown area alongside myself who will be choosing to run on the gravelled track rather than running slightly ahead or at heel .

How also are the mown areas then defined and can dogs pass briefly through the gravel tracks to get between these mown areas . what then when the grass grows longer do these still count – the term is too nebulous.

I request please to see a map now indicating what areas are included and what the dog roaming free (under effective control ) area will be and how many of these join up to enable a proper run / walk with a controlled dog

The survey did not ask what those completing it did at present in terms of recreation with their dogs ? were they those that walk dogs around the neighbourhood or park on leash at present? or were they those that run with their pets off leash where able . the potential for bias in the survey was huge without asking demographics of the respondents and their recreational activities. I consider that the albeit small group of responsible dog owners who run with their dogs off leash where able have not been adequately represented.

Why can a curfew type rule not be applied sensibly to allow time for dogs off lead and dogs to be on lead such as occurs in other jurisdictions if dogs bothering other walkers and bikers is the concern.?

Many of those who choose to run with dogs off leash do so at the start and ends of the day . Having dogs on leads eg 9am-5pm would give those that wish to have their dog under effective control able to be so whilst those that want to take a walk or bike without having to cross paths with a dog could choose a time to avoid them .

The survey was also poorly designed with an obvious agenda in terms of dual and loaded questions about bird protection "BY" controlling dogs – these should have been separated "do you believe in protecting native birds" ( of course! ) and " do you believe that dogs and the lack of effective control by dog owners is currently a threat to these native birds" ( NO and the small minority of owners who badly manage their dogs will not heed any changes )

The lack of representation of the vast majority of the many dog owners in Christchurch reflects the limited extent of the survey. QR codes and posters should have been displayed at all the dog parks and exercise areas and tracks around Christchurch

A leash and in particular a short leash is a big hazard on the formed but uneven tracks . A dog by nature will swerve , jump and move aside to avoid obstacles and cannot be expected to somehow anticipate how quickly the trailing human can navigate the same terrain . On almost all occasions in the last few years that I have sustained an injury is when I have leashed my dog in a restricted area such as uneven paths in Victoria park and in the port hills . A short leash policy would increase the risk of this happening more frequently . Also what consideration has council given for the lead to be visible during dark hours as a "off lead" dog is less likely to be a trip hazard than a poorly visible leashed dog as a dog will naturally move to the side to avoid others and a lead impedes this .

Where then are the places set aside for the dog running community ? I would ask that , given there are already so many tracks that require dogs to be leashed why then cannot we have some clearly demarcated places ( including running trails and tracks across the city ) set aside where it is marked that dogs can be off lead ( other than the dog park which I do not consider a place for running with a dog) .
Examples of this would be the lower Dyers track which the council basically gave over to CAP - ; this was a safe place below the road that dogs could be off lead and not bother walkers or be near cars , initially given over to a shared track with CAP and then effectively taken over by CAP with removal of the shared path sign up by the Kiwi and many examples when myself and a group of friend continued to run our dogs up their on lead when supposedly shared of examples of dangerous behaviour by cyclists with no consideration of any other users who may be ascending whilst they are descending at incredible speed . Near misses made us have to leave this once loved track .I think it is now even hazardous for walkers without dogs to try and ascend I note there was no consultation with walkers / dog owners on this ?
Another area would be the Eastside bush track until it pops out onto the Bowenvale track at the bottom . This is not an area where sheep are ever grazed , it is shady and vegetated with things nice for dogs to sniff and runners / walkers to safely navigate , why cannot this for example be given over as a track where dogs are allowed off leash ( under effective control ) ?

What input has the council sought from animal behaviouralists and vets about the need for dogs ( and in particular medium to large dogs ) to have spaces for unleashed access to exercise . Dogs move differently with alteration of gait and natural rhythm of movement when leashed and dogs thus need ability to freely run / walk as well in leashed environments. Humans also need the ability to walk or run freely in nature and enjoy the benefits this brings in terms of mental and physical health. For many of us this recreation has been combined with engaging and exercising our canine companions The dogs exercise time is my exercise time , my working day does not allow time for both to happen separately by necessity they are simultaneous .

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I think sensible dog owners will continue to use their discretion In terms of controlling their dog with appropriate leashing if near a road as per current guidance

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from*

*dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[1]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

Sugarloaf Reserve Leashed Dogs must be on a leash to protect conservation values. I am not sure what this means? this would be a great place ( round the back on the Lyttleton harbour side ) for dogs to be allowed off leash as it is shady , well vegetated and no grazing stock this side ; this would be somewhere a curfew would well apply so that dog lover sand those that would rather avoid dogs can both have their space

As mentioned above the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council needs to provide a detailed map now of the proposed changes so that those of us invested in these proposed changes can understand what the impacts will be and moreover what areas will remain where dogs can roam off leash under effective control .

The current rules map alongside the written paragraphs pertaining to the proposed changes do not sufficiently allow understanding of the exact limits and where rules change (changeover areas ) . A map colour coded with the changes ( or the propose updates ) and an eg green belt with " dog under effective control – on grassed areas and verges " eg in green and " dogs on leash " ( in orange ) and so on would allow a better understanding and fair opportunity to engage . It is clear that the council is considering every specific area of parkland/ land area in great detail so this map needs to be in the same detail so for example one can work out a best " effective control" route around Te Kura and where one must leash a dog to pass through a more restricted area .

.

At present for example there is the lack of clarity to about the Southshore spit reserve , does this proposal mean that a dog can still use the south Brighton beach under effective control down towards the tip but at that point one must leash the dog and take the inland path to the estuary track rather than ( what I currently do) leashing the dog ( at the sign ) and running just around the tip just lateral to the land itself ( being mindful that there are no birds anywhere near ; usually at full low tide ) ? however If so, then that seems a reasonable it is just currently unclear

.

.




So for the above example can I continue to run my dog under control to the black cross at 1 ( although I often put her on before if there are any birds on the shoreline) then I can run with her on the leash around the red marked route on the formed paths back around and pop out on bridge street or before ? Or is the intention to lead up earlier ( at 2?) and not allow at all on the tracks around the land part of the spit .

A close up map for all areas with a dog under effective control and dog on leash route should be available now , this should not be a particularly onerous task and requires a simple draw over the current map zoomed in with greater detail and a simple key to understand the main 3 areas effectively

Producing an updated map only when all the changes have been finalised. Is not satisfactory .and impedes a fair and transparent consultation process

"(C) ALL COUNCIL SWIMMING POOLS AND PADDLING POOLS Dogs are prohibited from being inside any fenced Council paddling pool area, and from being within one metre of any unfenced Council paddling pool. Dogs are prohibited from entering any Council swimming pool facilities" this needs to include exemption of the last day of opening at some pools where dogs are allowed for the one day as part of a planned closing event .

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024.

I will keep this short, addressing my main points, since the deadline for submission is only in a couple of hours today.

Short leash requirement

I believe the short leash requirement is a blanket rule that does not take into account a dog's welfare at all and is based on the presumption all dog owners are not responsible.

1,5 metres is very short, especially for small dogs, essentially requiring the dog to be in the heel position. Short leashes promote leash pulling, a non-desirable behaviour. Dogs will not be able to explore and sniff around on a short lead. Our dog is being trained to not display "free roaming" dog behaviours if held on a short lead, meaning if I hold him on a short lead he will not be able to do what he wants, his natural dog behaviours. This will ultimately lead to frustration and behavioural issues.

In my view, the rule should rather be to keep dogs away by a certain distance (e.g. 2 metres) from people who do not want to interact with the dog or wildlife/ places that need to be protected. Otherwise, the dog should also be able to be walked on a longer short leash or a long line to be able to exhibit natural dog behaviour but still enabling the dog owner to exert control and "reel" the dog in as and when required to adhere to the min. distance rule.

Have you thought about what you want to do about the retractable leashes? Will these count as short leashes because people can lock them? If yes, this would favour (owners of) small dogs who are able to control their dogs with those, not fair on (owners of) larger dogs or strong breeds.

Long lines can be looped and used as a short lead, the same as pushing the lock button. Why would I need to carry 2 leashes during my walk if I can perfectly control my dog on the long line.

Therefore I would rather go with the minimum distance rule we have all gotten used to and happily adhered to during Covid-19.

I would also propose you introduce a rule that people do not approach dogs/ keep their distance, unless invited to. If you startle the most well behaved, good character dog, this can lead to undesirable consequences.

Last, I would propose that you police the current rules properly before implementing even stricter changes around leashes. This will only disadvantage the law-abiding citizens. People who walk their dogs off leash on busy roads in residential areas need to stop. This is dangerous for everyone involved. Possibly you are relying too much on

people reporting. I personally dislike confrontation. An educational approach from the people who made the rules would be much better.

Avon-Heathcote Redzone changes

I walk my dog in the Bexley Red Zone almost every day. I believe the new rules will be a huge loss to the Christchurch dog community, especially those who have dogs who do not like other dogs or dogs in training.

It will condense the areas dogs can be walked freely down even more for these types of dogs, making undesirable interactions more likely. People chose walking their dogs in quiet areas for a reason! For example, what do people do who can no longer walk their dog in the neighbourhood because people are scared and the dog is reactive (i.e. scared himself), where do they go? A dog park? Certainly not. They will drive even further, contributing to congestion and not environmentally friendly, not productive either.

Mowed grass: Most of the fields are only being mowed two or three times a year. It is random. Currently I am not able to tell if the fields which were mowed 4 weeks ago have actually been mowed. If I did not walk there every day I would not know.

The Council will be able to make the available areas even smaller by deciding not to mow any more in the future, e.g. due to budget restraints. This is unfair on the dogs using this area.

The protected bird life is in the estuary itself. I agree no dogs in there and only on (in my view long) leashes along the foreshore paths etc. In the Bexley Red Zone, I can see almost no protected bird life in the grass paddocks. To be honest, there is more birdlife on the mown areas. Perhaps make the rule no dogs in the swampy areas or in the areas that have been actively restored to natural habitats?

The red zone is almost empty. Most of the time when I walk there during the day I meet nobody, on a very busy day perhaps three people. Who would I have to leash my dog on a short leash while walking on the broken, liquefied paths? This should be “under effective control”.

Nuisance

I strongly propose that you clarify what types of barking are actually considered nuisance barking.

I would like to be heard during a meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Judith

**Submission against the proposed Dog Control Law changes**

**I, Delia Teesdale, disagree with some of the proposed Dog Control Law changes. Below I state a summary of what I don't agree with of the proposed changes, I note my expertise with dogs, followed by details of what I disagree with, as well as provided suggestions and other things to consider.**

**Summary**
I believe we don't have enough 'under effective control' parks where dogs can run free. Especially no hill walks. This is the most effective way to exercise a dog and allows the owner ability to exercise freely, improving mental health and welfare. We should use our dog registration fees to have positive outcomes for good dog owners and their dogs, instead of prohibiting dogs or leashing them everywhere. I believe the dog limit fee should not apply to people walking their own dogs.

**Expertise**
I am a DogsNZ registered breeder (however, rarely breed litters, I am just passionate about the Border Collie breed), I have been involved with dogs all my life, I have been a professional dog trainer in the past- training detector dogs to find Kiwi and Petrel for Ecoworks Ltd. I am a member of Selwyn Dog Training Club and regularly compete with my dogs in various dog sports. I have been a volunteer domestic dog trainer for dog clubs around NZ (Gisborne, Blenheim, Selwyn)
I own three Border Collies, Rain (11), Remi (3) and Little (3).

**3.1.2.1 Dog limit**
Fee should not apply to those who own their own dogs. I don't have a problem with proving I can control my three dogs in public, but I don't think I should have to pay to prove that when I already have permission to have 3 dogs on my property and I have a good dog licence. I understand charging a dog walking business who is profiting from walking many dogs they don't have the same bond with and posing a risk to the public in doing so.

**6.2.2 Footpaths share paths and formed tracks**
Proposal says: "These pathways in parks and reserves can be busy with people walking, running, cycling, mountain biking and scootering, as well as by people using mobility devices, pushchairs, balance bikes, etc, and we want to make sure these areas are safer for everyone by requiring dogs to be leashed"

But then says "This does not apply to Bottle Lake Forest Park, which is a dog exercise area. Dogs can be exercised on the tracks through Bottle Lake while off-leash, as long as they are under effective control."

If there is a system that works at Bottle Lake, where mountain bikers, walkers, runners, kids and dogs can all move about the tracks with dogs managed under effective control and it works and it is safe, why can this not work for the other parks and areas where it is changing from under effective control to leashed. Where is the data that says this is not working at

other parks? I think it would be more effective to encourage the right behaviour, such as dogs giving way and moving off the path for cyclists and pedestrians to pass as I currently do and have Dog Control act on people (if any) that let their dog run wild tripping people up and knocking people off their bikes. I feel this rule is punishing good owners who are already polite on paths with their dogs under effective control, and those who are unpolite and have unruly dogs are probably not people who are likely to follow a dogs on leash rule anyway.

**6.2.2 List of restrictions**

*"Currently, dogs are:*

*• prohibited from some parks and reserves (this will not change);*
*• allowed in some parks and reserves, but only on paths and only if leashed (this will not change);*
*• allowed in some parks and reserves, but only if leashed in the whole area (this will not change);*
*• allowed in some parks and reserves, but must be leashed if on paths (this will not change); and*
*• allowed in some parks and reserves as long as they are under effective control (this will change, but only on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in these areas – not on areas near the paths)."*

The changes are only restricting further. There doesn't appear to be any case which has allowed more freedom for dogs. It is a hot topic in animal welfare science to give dogs more agency. Giving them a choice and freedom is important for their mental health and welfare, therefore off leash walks where they are not bound to the 1.5m area around their owner, are really important.

Read article: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/five-tips-to-help-your-canine-friends-live-their-best-life/RUSYPHEW2RE47LMGANKRCFFWBE/#google_vignette

As someone who pays dog registration fees, I don't feel like I am being catered for when I value- highly- being able to walk my dogs off leash to give them agency and allow them to sniff and move at their own pace for their well-being and mine.

**Other, wider reaching implications**
Some of the storm water retention ponds, particularly those in the southwest, are peoples local dog walking spots where we walk on foot from home which reduces CO2 emissions, not having to drive across town to an off-leash area like Bottle Lake. I walk my three dogs twice a day, every day. This means the dogs are content at home and not likely to bark or be a nuisance while I am at work for the day. Communities need these parks within walking distance and with the ability to allow dogs to burn energy off leash for the betterment of the environment and for peace within the neighborhood.

**Elderly/ disabled considerations**

While dogs can be off leash in some mown grass verges, for those dog owners who are elderly or disabled, we need paths for them to walk their dogs where they will have firm footing or a place for their mobility scooter etc. and out of the wet and mud. While their

owners may be less able to leave the path, it shouldn't mean their dog doesn't deserve the freedom of off leash time, therefore this proposal seems discriminatory.

**Fencing for wildlife protection**

I too want to keep wildlife safe, and I suggest fencing off the river corridor where you plant a native habitat for wildlife such as on the banks of the Avon. Similar to how they've done it on the Otukaikino that runs through the Groynes dog park. They have even allowed areas of access to the river in places so dogs can still swim. The design of the park can enable rest areas for wildlife that dogs can't access by being fenced or being an island, without having to ban or leash dogs, such as the nesting area at Nga Puna Wai.

**Pro-dogs in reserves initiatives**

CCC could come up with initiative where dog owners could be a bigger part in restoring reserves such as developing a community group of dog owners who look after a trap line or can be involved with a planting day with their dog and the ongoing maintenance. Dog owners are out walking their dog's morning and night and could be a part of increasing biodiversity and enhancing natural spaces.

**Christchurch's reputation as dog friendly**

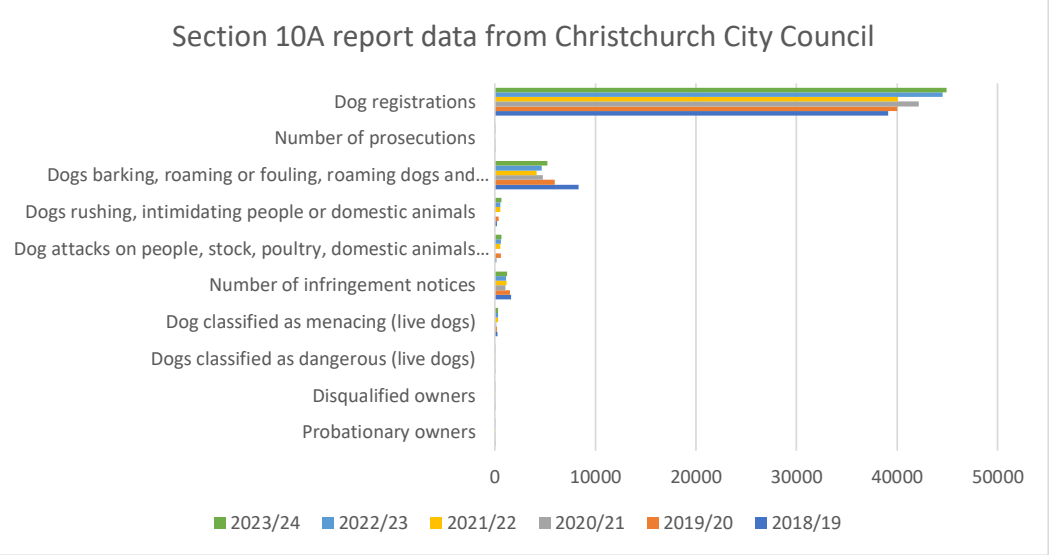
This year Christchurch hosted the National Dog Obedience Assembly and in 2021 held the New Zealand Dog Agility Nationals, among other nation-wide dog sporting events that attracted dog owners from around New Zealand and would have boosted the economy of Christchurch during their visit. Having been apart of these events and hosted friends from the north island, many of these visitors were excited to be coming to such a dog friendly city with so many amazing places you can walk your dog. This is also the reason I want to live in Christchurch. It would be a shame to lose that reputation of being a dog friendly city.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Alex Earl
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

[redacted]

From: Dean Jellyman <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 8:55 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Jellyman
[redacted] Christchurch [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.

One of the most pressing issues is the proposed short leash requirement in many parts of the city. This would unfairly punish responsible dog owners who already maintain good control over their dogs, while doing little to address the real problem—irresponsible dog owners who don't follow the rules. The definition of short leash being no longer than 1.5m goes against all modern science on dog needs as explained here.

The new leash requirements will make it harder for all of us to enjoy walks with our dogs and limit our access to areas that are essential for exercise, enrichment and training. While we would be cramped into smaller and smaller spaces, essentially losing 2/3 of the red zone for instance, the lack of enforcement of existing regulations means that those who don't follow the rules may face no consequences, while responsible dog owners will bear the brunt of new restrictions. The proposed changes to the "red zone" are particularly unjustified. If implemented, they would severely limit our ability to use these areas for off-leash activities and water access, which are essential for dog welfare, especially in warmer weather.

*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place? Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

Do you support the revised definition of effective control? Yes

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed? No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.
There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads? Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).
I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.
Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor? No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

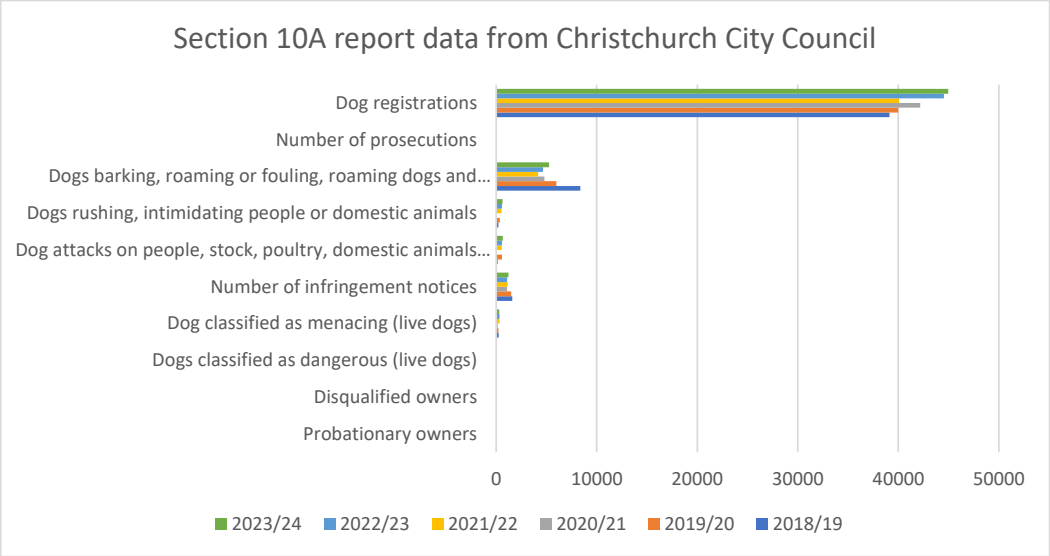
I personally have a greyhound Staffy cross with lots of energy and excellent recall, limiting the places I can bring him with my young children would be very challenging for our family.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Patricia Wallace
Address: [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** No

My reasons:

- The relative ages and sizes of the dogs and the person in control are significant and should be considered.
- Are the dogs being walked by someone with responsible dog owner status?
- I suggest children aged under 10 or 12 should not be allowed to walk a medium to large sized dog on their own. A person who has rehomed elderly dogs can often manage more.
- I would like to point out that a parent walking with children or a pushchair as well as a dog can often be distracted….
- If this proposal is basically aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry this rule will not fully address the problem,

unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

My reasons:

- It is claimed that the purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs. However, no evidence has been provided to prove that further restrictions on dogs in these settings will 'minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs" is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.
- Where there are legitimate concerns about public safety, blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive.
- Owners will want to use pathways – particularly in council parks in which the grassed area is not particularly even, whereas their dogs will want to use their noses and express natural agency. Please refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

My reasons:

- Again, no evidence has been provided that proves further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).
- Furthermore, a responsible dog owner can easily learn how to shorten a leash when walking by using a thumb lock or finger lock technique
- I personally favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). As pedestrians, we currently share footpaths with cyclists – adults and children, pushchairs, electric scooters, skateboards etc. The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time should be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

My reasons:

- The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training.
- The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.
- If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas.
- Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.
- The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Closing comments:**

The CCC's introduction to this call for submissions states that the proposed changes are based on:

- better control of dogs in public places
- better protection of wildlife from dogs in key areas
- people having a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off leash, and
- simplifying and updating the rules and future-proofing them where possible.

The claim that "The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs" has also been made.

There is no question about the importance of ensuring best possible protection of *bird* wildlife in key areas. (Other wildlife, e.g. rats, etc., are a different matter.)

However, with regard to "people having a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off leash" CCC is offering less opportunity. It is very disappointing that NOWHERE does there seem to be any acknowledgement that dogs which play together inevitably become well socialised. Dogs that are allowed to burn off some energy by romping and play are far less likely to become troublesome animals. Why is the CCC not making it easier for dog-owners to exercise their pets in the suburbs?

As post-quake infill suburban housing continues to intensify our population – private gardens or similar areas where children and pets can play, or where the elderly can actually sit outside, is fast becoming a thing of the past. We need more parks and green spaces to improve the mental health of all Christchurch people. And dogs remain great companions that encourage people of all ages to go walking and socialise. Please don't make it harder for us.

[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

In conclusion, it seems there has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

Furthermore, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

Thank you,

P. Wallace

[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

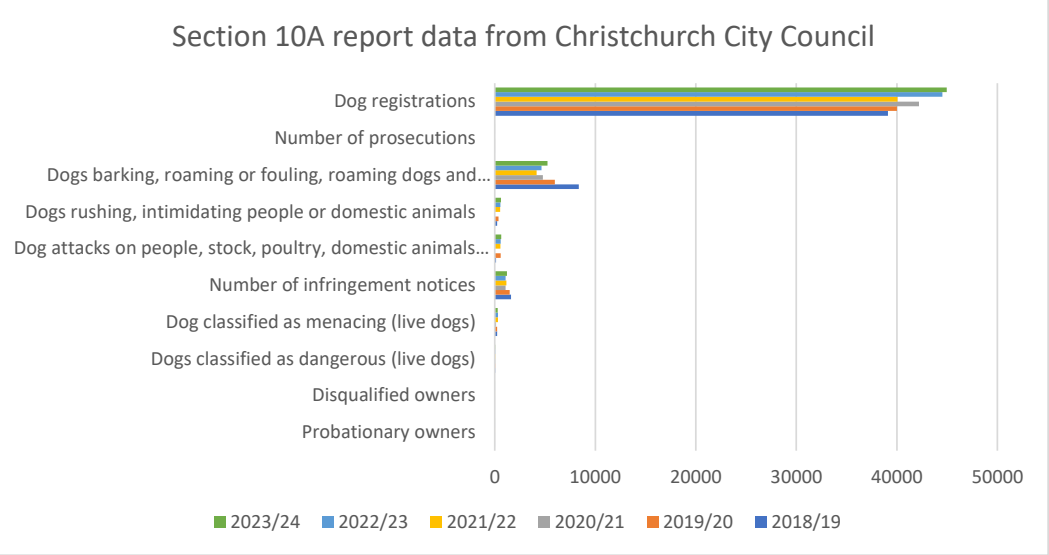
Full Name Katya Grace Houghton

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

[redacted]

From: Fearga Jellyman <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 12 December 2024 2:36 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Fearga Jellyman
[redacted] Christchurch [redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.

One of the most pressing issues is the proposed short leash requirement in many parts of the city. This would unfairly punish responsible dog owners who already maintain good control over their dogs, while doing little to address the real problem—irresponsible dog owners who don't follow the rules. The definition of short leash being no longer than 1.5m goes against all modern science on dog needs as explained here.

The new leash requirements will make it harder for all of us to enjoy walks with our dogs and limit our access to areas that are essential for exercise, enrichment and training. While we would be cramped into smaller and smaller spaces, essentially losing 2/3 of the red zone for instance, the lack of enforcement of existing regulations means that those who don't follow the rules may face no consequences, while responsible dog owners will bear the brunt of new restrictions. The proposed changes to the "red zone" are particularly unjustified. If implemented, they would severely limit our ability to use these areas for off-leash activities and water access, which are essential for dog welfare, especially in warmer weather.

*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place? Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

Do you support the revised definition of effective control? Yes

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed? No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.
There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads? Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).
I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.
Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor? No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

I personally have a greyhound Staffy cross with lots of energy and excellent recall, limiting the places I can bring him with my young children would be very challenging for our family.

[redacted]

From: Daniel Smith <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 4:13 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted]m. Learn why this is important

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

[redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission.

---

**1. Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can control in a public place?**

**Yes**

I support this proposal as it is aimed at addressing the issue of commercial dog walkers, who often operate without oversight. However, the success of this rule will depend on effective enforcement. Regular spot-checks at popular parks and reserves, where these services are common, are necessary to ensure the rule is upheld. Additionally, private dog owners with permission to keep more than two dogs on their property should be allowed to walk their dogs off-leash in public spaces, as long as the dogs are under control.

---

**2. Do you support the revised definition of effective control?**

**Yes**

The revised definition provides much-needed clarity on what constitutes effective control. This will help avoid confusion and ensure that both dog owners and enforcement officers are on the same page when it comes to responsibilities in public spaces.

---

**3. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5m) on footpaths, shared paths, and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**

**No**

I do not believe there is sufficient evidence to justify imposing a blanket 1.5m leash restriction in these spaces. The revised definition of "effective control" should already provide enough clarity for enforcement, making such additional restrictions unnecessary. Requiring dogs to be on such short leashes can cause stress, frustration, and behavioural issues like leash-pulling, barking, and aggression. I recommend allowing for longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines, which would give dogs more freedom to move around, without compromising control.

---

**4. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?**

**No**

There is no clear evidence to support the need for further leash restrictions in these areas, especially given that dog-related infringements have decreased over time, despite an increase in the dog population. I believe a more balanced approach is needed—one that considers the safety of all shared path users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and dog walkers. The principle of "speed yields to vulnerability" should guide how we manage shared spaces, allowing for the needs of the most vulnerable users to be prioritised, without imposing unnecessary restrictions on responsible dog owners.

---

**5. Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?**

**No**

The proposed restrictions for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor will significantly limit the areas where dogs can enjoy off-leash exercise and enrichment. Restricting dogs to just a third of the red zone area is overly restrictive, and limiting access to only mown grass areas is not an adequate solution. This would prevent dogs from accessing water, which is essential for their well-being, especially during hot weather. Furthermore, the Council's own data does not provide adequate evidence to show that dogs are having a significant negative impact on wildlife in the area.

While I understand the importance of ecological conservation, I believe that a more balanced approach is needed, one that considers the needs of both the environment and the community, including responsible dog owners.

---

### 6. Other Comments

I am concerned about the reliance on the Dog Control Survey issued in July 2024, especially since the survey methodology was not peer-reviewed. While the survey may provide valuable insights, it should not be the sole basis for these proposed policy changes.

Additionally, the Council's refusal to provide an updated map outlining the proposed changes has made it difficult for the public to understand the full implications of the new rules. Without this map, it's nearly impossible for dog owners and the public to assess how these proposals will affect them. This lack of transparency creates an unfair burden on those wishing to submit their feedback.

I believe the solution to public safety and responsible dog ownership lies in better education and targeted enforcement, rather than more restrictive laws that unfairly impact responsible dog owners. Over the years, I have seen improvements in dog behaviour and responsible ownership, thanks to the efforts of local trainers and organisations like APDTNZ and CANZ. We should continue to focus on education rather than punitive restrictions.

I urge the Council to reconsider the proposed bylaw, consult with experts in dog welfare, and adopt a more balanced and thoughtful approach that benefits both the community and the dogs we love.

Additional Concerns:
Lifetime Dog Tags
While lifetime dog tags are presented as a long-term solution, they come with several practical issues. They can be uncomfortable for small dogs, prone to wear and tear, and often do not stand up to the test of time. I recommend returning to the previous plastic strip tags, which were more durable, cost-effective, and less likely to cause discomfort for dogs and do not need to be replaced yearly either.

---

**Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to seeing policies that balance public safety with responsible dog ownership and animal welfare.**

**Daniel Smith**

Christchurch City Council
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch Central City
Christchurch 8013

12 December 2024

By Email

**Submission on behalf of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe regarding the Christchurch City Council Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review**

The New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) is the largest professional organisation representing veterinarians across Aotearoa New Zealand. Our mission is to support our members through leadership, education, guidance, and advocacy.

This submission is presented on behalf of our members in response to Christchurch City Council's Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review. We have consulted with our Companion Animal Veterinarians Branch to ensure this submission reflects the collective expertise of our members.

The NZVA strongly supports principles of responsible dog ownership and control, fostering a harmonious relationship between people, dogs and the environment. It is essential to minimise the environmental impact of dogs by promoting measures such as leashing to prevent predation, early socialisation to encourage positive behaviour, and ensuring waste is disposed of responsibly in public spaces.

The NZVA views dog ownership as a privilege rather than a right. To support this philosophy, we advocate for the implementation of owner licensing through an amendment to the Dog Control Act 1996.

We also emphasise the importance of education. Local councils should actively inform dog owners about their responsibilities, clearly defining what constitutes responsible ownership. Incentives within the registration system – such as discounts for ongoing training, effective containment, microchipping and desexing – should be implemented to encourage compliance and best practices.

The NZVA has specific feedback about the following areas of the draft policy:

**Dog walking limits**

We endorse the proposed limits on the number of dogs an individual can walk at one time. Exemptions should only be granted to individuals who demonstrate appropriate skills, assessed through a formal process. Establishing these limits will enhance safety and control, reducing the risk of incidents.

**Mandatory training and certification**

We recommend dog walkers undergo professional training and obtain certification. This ensures they possess the necessary skills to manage multiple dogs effectively and responsibly.

**On-leash and control requirements**

We agree that dogs should always remain on-leash in designated areas and under effective control. These measures are critical for reducing unwanted encounters and enhancing public safety.

**New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe**
**A** Level 2, 44 Victoria Street, PO Box 11212, Wellington 6142, New Zealand
**P** +64 4 471 0484 | **F** +64 4 471 0494 | **E** nzva@vets.org.nz | **W** www.nzva.org.nz

**Routine monitoring and enforcement**:

Councils must be resourced to conduct regular inspections and respond swiftly to complaints to ensure adherence to dog walking regulations.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review and support Christchurch City Council's efforts to enhance responsible dog ownership and public safety.

Nāku iti noa, nā,

[redacted]

Kevin Bryant
Chief Executive Officer
New Zealand Veterinary Association
Te Pae Kīrehe

[redacted]

Dr Becky Murphy
President
Companion Animal Veterinarians
New Zealand Veterinary Association
Te Pae Kīrehe

**New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe**
**A** Level 2, 44 Victoria Street, PO Box 11212, Wellington 6142, New Zealand
**P** +64 4 471 0484 | **F** +64 4 471 0494 | **E** nzva@vets.org.nz | **W** www.nzva.org.nz

13 December 2024

Christchurch City Council
53 Hereford St
Christchurch 8013
*letstalk@ccc.govt.nz*

**Submission Regarding the Christchurch City Council's proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.**

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a respected animal welfare organisation committed to advancing A Good Life for companion animals. We own and manage the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) and actively promote the importance of permanent identification and traceability through microchipping and registration. The New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) is NZ's leading microchip database for pets with more than 1.3 million pets registered and over 1000 approved users nationwide, such as vet clinics, SPCA and rescues. We connect companion animals to their guardian details to ensure swift repatriation in case of separation and we offer a lost and found service. Through our 'Good Life for Animals' research and education work we promote improved standards for welfare and responsible companion animal guardianship in New Zealand. Our mission is that all companion animals in New Zealand should enjoy A Good Life.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Christchurch City Council's proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

**Companion Animals New Zealand's perspective on the Dog Control and Bylaw Review 2024, with a particular focus on 'off-leash exercise' requirements.**

We appreciate that Christchurch City Council is generally very supportive of exercise areas for dogs, providing multiple off-leash spaces for them to enjoy. Physical health is vital for both humans and dogs, with increased physical activity contributing to better overall health and preventing obesity in dogs (Hurley et al., 2011). Walking is crucial for pet dog welfare, offering outlets for exercise, social interactions, species-specific behaviours, and enriching activities. Dog parks are popular venues for outdoor exercise and socialisation for dogs, with proximity to these parks linked to increased use and satisfaction among dog owners (Lee et al, 2009). New Zealand's Code of Welfare for Dogs emphasises the importance of exercise for canine physical and mental well-being, warning that insufficient activity, or space for exercise can lead to behavioural issues, that may be problematic for humans and other animals.

CANZ is concerned about the proposed changes requiring dogs to be on 'short' leashes (ie leashes of no more than 1.5 metres in length), on footpaths, shared paths, and tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed. Such mandatory restrictions limit dogs' natural instincts to run and explore. Lead pulling is a significant welfare issue, with negative effects on a dog's health and behaviour (Townsend et al., 2022). A 2021 study found that popular on-leash activities often overlook the individual walking pace needed for dogs' physical, physiological, and cognitive well-being (Foltin & Ganslosser, 2021). The research also highlighted that providing dogs with off-lead freedom, while maintaining effective control, and using longer leashes (such as longlines) can help address behavioural concerns by allowing dogs to release energy, explore, and engage with their environment. This supports natural behaviours like sniffing, roaming, and interacting, which in turn enhances a dog's sense of safety and overall satisfaction.

A potential compromise between short-leash walking and off-lead exercise could involve educating dog owners on the use of longlines. By giving dogs more freedom while ensuring control, we can significantly improve their wellbeing. CANZ supports any educational efforts to promote the use of longlines as an alternative to short leash walking, providing dogs with greater



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

freedom. We would be happy to support Council initiatives that make this information more accessible to dog owners, helping to foster better outcomes for both dogs and their communities.

Regarding the proposed changes to the number of dogs one person can control at any one time, we believe this measure is beneficial for ensuring the safety of both dogs and the public. Walking multiple dogs at once can be challenging to manage, increasing the risk of accidents, conflicts between dogs, or difficulty controlling them in busy environments. Exceptions made for individuals with appropriate training ensures that those with the skills and experience are still able to manage larger groups of dogs safely. This approach prioritises both the wellbeing of the dogs and the safety of the community and we support this.

We would like to comment on Section 10: Education and training, specifically section 10.2 re "Learning how to be a good dog owner". We would like to recommend that the Council emphasize the importance of using accredited trainers who adhere to professional standards, particularly those who are members of the CANZ Accreditation scheme (https://www.companionanimals.nz/canzaccreditation). CANZ Accredited professionals have demonstrated that they meet the rigorous CANZ Accreditation standards and follow the CANZ Code of Ethical Conduct. By choosing a CANZ Accredited trainer, the public can be confident that they will receive humane, effective training methods grounded in an understanding of animal behaviour and learning processes.

We encourage the Council to highlight the value of trainers who employ the LIMA (Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive) approach. This method prioritises positive reinforcement and minimizes the use of aversive techniques, ensuring that dogs are trained in a way that promotes their wellbeing, prevents fear or anxiety, and supports long-term success in behaviour modification. Promoting accredited trainers who follow these principles would contribute to safer, more positive outcomes for both dogs and their owners in the community.

In addition to outlining our position on the importance of dog exercise requirements for welfare, we would also like to offer some recommendations to the Council regarding the **management of owned cats**. We recognise that cats are not included in this consultation, but we believe they



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

should be considered as part of Christchurch City Council's long-term planning strategy for the following reasons.

**CANZ advocates for mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the NZCAR for all cats by four months of age in the Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula regions (*see Appendix 1 for the Rationale for Management of Cats*).**

Many thanks for considering our feedback. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Ngā mihi

[redacted]

**Dr Nicola McDonald**
Veterinarian & Animal Welfare Operations Officer
Companion Animals New Zealand
welfare@companionanimals.nz
Ph: [redacted]



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

**Appendix 1.**

**Rationale for consideration of the need for Management of Cats in Christchurch.**

The NZCAR currently has **61,141 live cats** registered to those guardians who have listed their city as 'Christchurch'. Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted. CANZ has previously supported various NZ District Council's proposals regarding mandatory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR (https://www.animalregister.co.nz). This includes the recent consultation on the 'Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2024' in the Far North District Council and the recent lowering of age of desexing of cats from 6 months to 4 months of age in the Palmerston North District Council's 'Draft Animals and Bees Bylaw' 2024.

Merely engaging in this discussion enhances community awareness around responsible cat guardianship, and our evidence indicates that simply introducing a proposal can result in higher rates of cat microchipping and registration in an area, ultimately benefitting cat welfare. CANZ considers the early desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat guardianship providing health and welfare benefits to the individual cat and reducing unmanaged breeding. The overpopulation of cats in New Zealand is a well-known and recognised issue not just here but throughout the world.

**Rationale:**

Domestic cats can reach reproductive maturity as early as 3.5 months of age (Farnworth, 2013a). Research conducted in Australia has shown that only 70% of cats are desexed prior to the age of 6 months, allowing opportunity for sexually mature cats to produce litters before they are desexed (Toukhsati, 2005).

The exact number of stray cats in New Zealand is not definitively known, however one study has estimated it to be around 196,000 (Farnworth, 2013b). With most companion cats in New Zealand being free roaming (Farnworth, 2010) the likelihood of interaction between owned and stray cats is extremely high. Consequently, there is huge potential for non-desexed owned cats



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

to mate with stray cats and produce unwanted litters contributing towards the overall cat overpopulation issue in New Zealand.

Each year thousands of cats and kittens are taken to animal shelters, many of which are either unsuitable for adoption or are unable to find homes and are subsequently euthanized. There is a lack of national statistics relating to cat numbers in animal shelters, however the total number of incoming kittens and cats arriving at SPCA centres across New Zealand in 2019 was more than 27,131 (SPCA, 2020), and incoming cats and kittens into SPCA Shelters through 2022/23 were reported to be up by 8% (SPCA Annual Report, 2022-2023). This increase in cats and kittens is representative of the issue New Zealand wide and should be pro-actively addressed through implementing **mandatory desexing of owned cats at an early age to prevent unwanted litters and breeding with the stray/feral cat population.**

As well as the benefit of reducing unwanted litters and associated euthanasia as described above, there are additional benefits to the early desexing of cats (Berg, n.d.; Cupp, 2014). Desexed cats engage in less nuisance behaviour e.g. roaming, fighting, spraying. Desexing has important disease prevention benefits, such as reduced mammary, uterine and ovarian tumours and pyometra (uterine infection) in females, reduced risk of testicular tumours and prostate disorders including cancer in males, and an increased lifespan in both males and females.

The traditional age of desexing of cats has to date been 6 months. However, research suggests there is no significant behavioural and physical advantages of desexing at the traditional age of 6 months (Joyce, 2011). Early-age desexing (EAD), or prepubertal desexing, is usually performed when kittens reach 1 kg body weight, which is typically by 4 months old. EAD has been practiced routinely at animal shelters in the USA for over 30 years and has been supported by other organisations such as the International Society of Feline Medicine, the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Australia and The Cat Group, UK. Concerns that EAD might increase anaesthetic risk or cause orthopaedic, behavioural and lower urinary tract diseases, have now been addressed by an evidence-base that supports that EAD is not only safe, but offers advantages over traditional age desexing, including more rapid recovery times and earlier socialisation (Mazeau et al., 2021).



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

The New Zealand Veterinary Association supports pre-pubertal desexing of cats from 8 weeks of age and cites benefits of early age desexing including improved population control, faster surgical procedure with less trauma and stress for the individual cat, and reduced recovery times (NZVA, 2018).

**In addition:**

CANZ proposes that a cat should be exempt from desexing only if:

- The cat is owned, for the purposes of breeding, by a cat breeder **registered** with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated.
- The owner provides a **certificate from a veterinarian** stating that the desexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.

**CANZ urges the Christchurch City Council to introduce a proposal for mandatory microchipping and registration of owned cats on the NZCAR along with desexing of owned cats by 4 months of age. We've attached our booklet '*Let's Talk About Cats: Our Position On Local Authority Bylaws*' for your information and welcome any questions you may have about any support we can provide.**



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

**References:**

Berg, J. (n.d.) The spay/neuter controversy and topics in genital surgery. Retrieved from http://vetfolio.s3.amazonaws.com/bc/1d/831cd1f54b539492b4855b811b2e/the-spay-neuter-controversy-and-topics-in-genital-surgery-pdf.pdf

CANZ (2024): Companion Animals New Zealand encourages Government to prioritise pet welfare. June 2024. Retrieved from: https://www.companionanimals.nz/articles/companion-animals-new-zealand-encourages-government-to-prioritise-pet-welfare

Cupp, C., Laflamme, D. (2014) Effects of neutering on life expectancy in adult cats. Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine 28 (3)

Farnworth MJ.; Campbell J.; Adams NJ. (2010) Public awareness in New Zealand of animal welfare legislation relating to cats. New Zealand Veterinary Journal. 58, 213-217.

Farnworth, MJ.; Adams, NJ.; Seksel, K.; Waran, NK.; Beausoleil, NJ.; Stafford, KJ. (2013a). Veterinary attitudes towards pre-pubertal gonadectomy of cats: a comparison of samples from New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom. New Zealand Veterinary Journal.61(4), 226-233

Farnworth, MJ.; Muellner, P.; Benschop, J. (2013b) A systematic review of the impacts of feral, stray and companion domestic cats (Felis catus) on wildlife in New Zealand and options for their management. Wellington, New Zealand Veterinary Association.

Foltin, S., & Ganslosser, U. (2021). Exploration behavior of pet dogs during off-leash walks. *Journal of Veterinary Science Medicine,* 9(9), 1-9.



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

Hurley KJ, Elliott DA, Lund EM (2011). Dog obesity, dog walking and dog health. In: *The health benefits of dog walking for people and pets: evidence and case studies*. United States: Purdue University Press. p. 125–43.

Joyce, A.; Yates, D. Help stop teenage pregnancy! Early-age neutering in cats. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. 2011, 13(1), 3-10.

Lee, H., Shepley, M. & Huang, C. (2009): Evaluation of off-leash dog parks in Texas and Florida: A study of use patterns, user satisfaction, and perception. Retrieved from: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0169204609001030

Mazeau, L., Wylie, C., Boland, L. *et al.* (2021): A shift towards early-age desexing of cats under veterinary care in Australia. *Sci Rep* **11**, 811 (2021).

SPCA (Nov 2020). A pitter-patter of tiny paws across New Zealand. *News and events*. Retrieved from https://www.spca.nz/news-and-events/news-article/akittensjourney

SPCA Annual Report (2022-2023)
Retrieved from: https://www.spca.nz/downloads/assets/907235/1/spca_year-in-review-2022-23_3-nov_spread-small.pdf

Townsend, L., Dixon, L. & Buckley, L. (2022): Lead pulling as a welfare concern in pet dogs: What can veterinary professionals learn from current research? Retrieved from: https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/vetr.1627

Toukhsati, S.; Coleman, GJ.; Bennett, PC. (2005) Community attitudes and behaviours towards cats. A report to the Bureau of Animal Welfare DPI, Victoria, Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne, Animal Welfare Science Centre, Monash University.



PO Box 27273, Marion Square
Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
+ 64 21 953 914
www.companionanimals.nz

Companion Animals NZ
A Good Life for Animals

# LET'S TALK ABOUT CATS: OUR POSITION ON LOCAL AUTHORITY BYLAWS

Updated November 2024





companionanimals.nz

This document outlines our position on local authority cat management & how we can support stakeholders should bylaws be introduced.

Companion Animals NZ
REGISTER

animalregister.co.nz

# Contents


| | Page |
|---|---|
| About Companion Animals NZ | 3 |
| About the New Zealand Companion Animal Register | 4 |
| Our Position - Cats | 5 |
| Why we microchip companion animals | 6 |
| How much does it cost? | 7 |
| What is recorded? | 8 |
| How we support bylaws | 9 |
| Legislation background | 10 |
| The Bylaws | 11-19 |
| Resources | 20-22 |
| Frequently Asked Questions | 23 |
| Thank you | 24 |


Developed by:

Companion Animals NZ
A Good Life for Animals

THIS BOOKLET IS NOT FOR RESALE

2024 © Companion Animals NZ

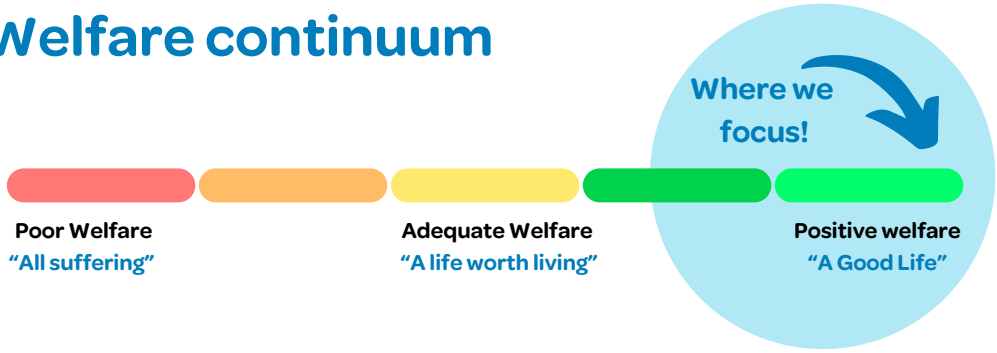
All rights reserved

The contents of the booklet was developed by Companion Animals NZ. Companion Animals New Zealand is a Charitable Trust, Incorporation number 50054968, and a registered Charity under the Charities Act 2005. Registration Number with DIA Charities: CC27849

# About Companion Animals NZ

**Companion Animals New Zealand is a charity passionate about transforming New Zealand into a global leader in companion animal welfare. We envision a world where every pet thrives and experiences the Good Life they deserve.**

## Welfare continuum




Our key stakeholders and trustees which include the SPCA, New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), Dogs NZ, New Zealand Cat Fancy, the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association (NZVNA) and the New Zealand Institute of Animal Management (NZIAM). While we have a strong relationship with these organisations, we are an independent charitable trust with our own objectives.

Our relationships are extensive across:

- Veterinary clinics
- SPCA and rescues/shelters
- Certified animal trainers and animal behaviourists
- Registered pedigree dog and cat breeders
- Animal welfare science experts
- Animal welfare advisory groups and committees (eg NAWAC)
- Local Government stakeholders (e.g. Local Authorities and animal control)
- Central Government stakeholders (e.g. Ministry for Primary Industries)
- International science-based organisations

Companion Animals NZ
A Good Life for Animals

# About the New Zealand Companion Animal Register

**In 2007, we established the NZ Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), Aotearoa's microchip database for all pets. The NZCAR has more than 1.3million animals registered and roughly 1000 Approved Users (see below) who can access the database to reunite lost pets with their registered guardian. The primary aim of the NZCAR is to quickly repatriate animals as a guardianship database.**

Who can implant microchips?
In New Zealand, anyone is legally able to implant microchips to any animals. However, without appropriate knowledge and training, Companion Animals NZ considers microchipping a risk to the human and the animal.

Therefore, NZCAR will only allow Approved Users Implanter status if they meet the following criteria:

1. A veterinary clinic or a qualified veterinarian.
2. A diploma (or higher) qualified veterinary nurse.
3. An implanter who has completed a recognised microchipping course.
4. An organisation whose member of staff meets the above criteria.

It is possible for a layperson to become a CANZ certified implanter (for cats, dogs and rabbits). However, for the safety of the animal, we require a layperson to complete online learning and demonstrate proof of proficiency to a veterinarian.

- **50% of our registrations are created by vet clinics**
- **25% from RNZSPCA**
- **10% from pet guardians registering their own pet**
- **The remaining 15% come from local councils, breeders and other Approved Users**

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER | LostPet

# Our Position - Cats

**Companion Animals New Zealand supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) for all cats by four months of age.**

Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted. CANZ supports local authority proposals regarding mandatory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR. CANZ considers desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat guardianship providing health and welfare benefits to the individual cat, and reducing unmanaged breeding.

The overpopulation of cats is a well-known and recognised issue not only in New Zealand but throughout the world. Using our own Companion Animals NZ data combined with accepted breeding science, we are able to illustrate the potential cat population growth in local areas around the country. Projections often reveal a stark reality: without prioritising desexing, many regions face exponential increases in unowned cat populations, which can strain animal welfare resources and impact local ecosystems.



## Facts and references

- **Research suggests there is no significant behavioural and physical advantages of desexing at the traditional age of 6 months.**
  - Joyce, A.; Yates, D.: Help stop teenage pregnancy! Early-age neutering in cats. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. 2011, 13(1), 3-10.
- **The New Zealand Veterinary Association supports pre-pubertal desexing of cats from 8 weeks of age and cites benefits of early age desexing including improved population control, faster surgical procedure with less trauma and stress for the individual cat, and reduced recovery times (NZVA, 2018).**
  - NZVA (The New Zealand Veterinary Association) (2018). Pre-pubertal desexing of dogs and cats. Retrieved from https://nzva.org.nz/positions-advocacy/position-statements/desexing
- **Concerns that Early Age Desexing (EAD) might increase anaesthetic risk or cause orthopaedic, behavioural and lower urinary tract diseases, have now been addressed by an evidence-base that supports that EAD is not only safe, but offers advantages over traditional age desexing, including more rapid recovery times and earlier socialisation (Mazeau et al., 2021).**
  - Mazeau, L., Wylie, C., Boland, L. et al.: A shift towards early-age desexing of cats under veterinary care in Australia. 2021, Sci Rep 11, 811.

# Why we microchip companion animals

## Microchipping

Under current legislation it is mandatory to microchip dogs. Microchipped dogs must also have their microchip number registered with their local council and on the National Dog Database (NDD). In some areas it is also mandatory to microchip cats and register them on the NZ Companion Animal Register, as part of the bylaws we discuss in this document. It is possible to microchip and register a range of companion animal species.

## The advantages of microchipping companion animals:

- Assists in repatriation of lost animals when a microchipped animal is also registered on a microchip database, such as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or the National Dog Database.
- When injured and presented to a relevant authority for care, owners of pets that are microchipped, can be promptly identified and can be consulted as to the pet's treatment.
- Pets that are straying or causing nuisance can be identified and owners can be contacted and educated about their responsibility.
- Reduces the strain on animal organisations to hold and care for animals, such as vets, animal rescues and animal control officers, as animals can be quickly identified and returned home.
- Can help decrease the number of animal thefts. If all pets are microchipped and registered, then whenever a pet is scanned it can be quickly identified and returned to the owner.
- Gives owners peace of mind knowing that when their pet goes missing, there is a proven network for getting animals home.
- Microchipping allows use of a microchip cat or dog door. This allows home access to specific pets, and keeps out unwanted visitors like strays. Some models also allow curfews to be preprogrammed.
- Some microchips can be used to non-invasively measure an animal's body temperature.
- Results in fewer animals being euthanased as pets can be identified and returned to their owner.



**Microchipping and chip registration are ONE step.**

**Microchipping without chip registration serves no purpose.**

# How much does it cost?

**The registration requires a microchip to have been implanted in an animal. This is very safe and common place when completed by a trained person. However, costs for microchipping vary between implanters.**

Animals adopted from SPCA have microchip implantation and registration built into their adoption fee. Veterinarians may charge between $30 and $80 to implant a microchip and register to the NZCAR.

The NZCAR registration incurs a fee to cover the lifetime support costs of our database and 24/7 support office.

If the registration is completed by a NZCAR Approved User, the Approved User will receive a monthly invoice from us for all the registrations they have created that month. In the case of veterinary clinics, they will have already charged the pet guardian (usually at the same time as implantation).

**If not already registered, pet guardians can register their own pet's microchip online for a $15 fee (inc. GST).**

As a not-for-profit charity, each year, revenue from the NZCAR is returned to local groups undertaking community desexing and microchipping campaigns.

**NOTE:**
**The NZCAR is not an ownership database but is the best solution while we continue to lobby central government for a national Cat Management Act. We encourage local authorities to show leadership in responsible cat management in the meantime.**

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER | LostPet

# What is recorded?

**Primary Contact details (* indicates compulsory) :**

- Name*
- Email*
- Contact Phone* (and alternative phone)
- Residential address* (google verified)
- Secondary contact name and phone number x2

**Microchip details:**

- Microchip number*
- Date of implantation*
- Implanting clinic/organisation
- Any additional microchip numbers

**Animal details**

- Name*
- Species*
- Gender
- Desex status
- Breed
- Date of birth
- Colour description
- Preferred vet clinic
- Behavioural & Medical notes
- Breeder/Rescue Notes
- Local Authority (dropdown list)

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER | LostPet

# How we support bylaws

When a new bylaw is announced, Companion Animals NZ:

1. Support local councils with communications via our social media channels, including:
- Promoting the new bylaw
- Explaining the difference between local council dog registration/National Dog Database and the NZCAR
2. Communicate with local NZCAR Approved Users
3. Collaborate with local veterinary clinics to encourage NEW clients to bring their un-microchipped cats in
4. Communicate with local pet owners to check their cats' registration status



## Summary of NZCAR

- **New Zealand's lost and found microchip database**
- **Low, one-off registration fee**
- **Registration lasts for the lifetime of the animal**
- **Registration on the NZCAR is part of responsible pet ownership**
- **All species are welcome**
- **1000+ Approved Users across New Zealand, including veterinary clinics, SPCA and other organisations**
- **Almost all councils already have existing Approved User accounts**
- **24-hour phone support**
- **Funds returned to community desexing and microchipping initiatives**
- **Marketing support available for bylaws**

# Legislation background

**Dogs**

The Dog Control (Microchip Transponder) Regulations 2005. Legislation which came into force in 2006 defines those dogs which must be microchipped by law. They are:

- All dogs first registered from 1st July, 2006 (except working farm dogs and dogs deemed unfit by a veterinarian).
- All dogs classified as dangerous or menacing since 1 December 2003.
- Unregistered dogs that are impounded then released.
- Registered dogs that are impounded for a second time and released.

**The National Dog Database (NDD)**

Owners have a legal requirement to ensure that their dog's microchip number is registered with their local council.

Once a dog's microchip number is registered with the council it will automatically be transferred onto the National Dog Database (NDD).

Until the dog's microchip number is recorded by the council, owners have not met their legal obligation.

**Legally, all dogs must have their microchip number registered with their local council**

**Cats**

Some regional councils have bylaws mandating that cats are microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. It is important that you understand what the bylaws for microchipping cats are in your region.

There is no legislative requirement to microchip cats in other locations in New Zealand at present. However, cats are commonly microchipped as this facilitates repatriation of lost cats.

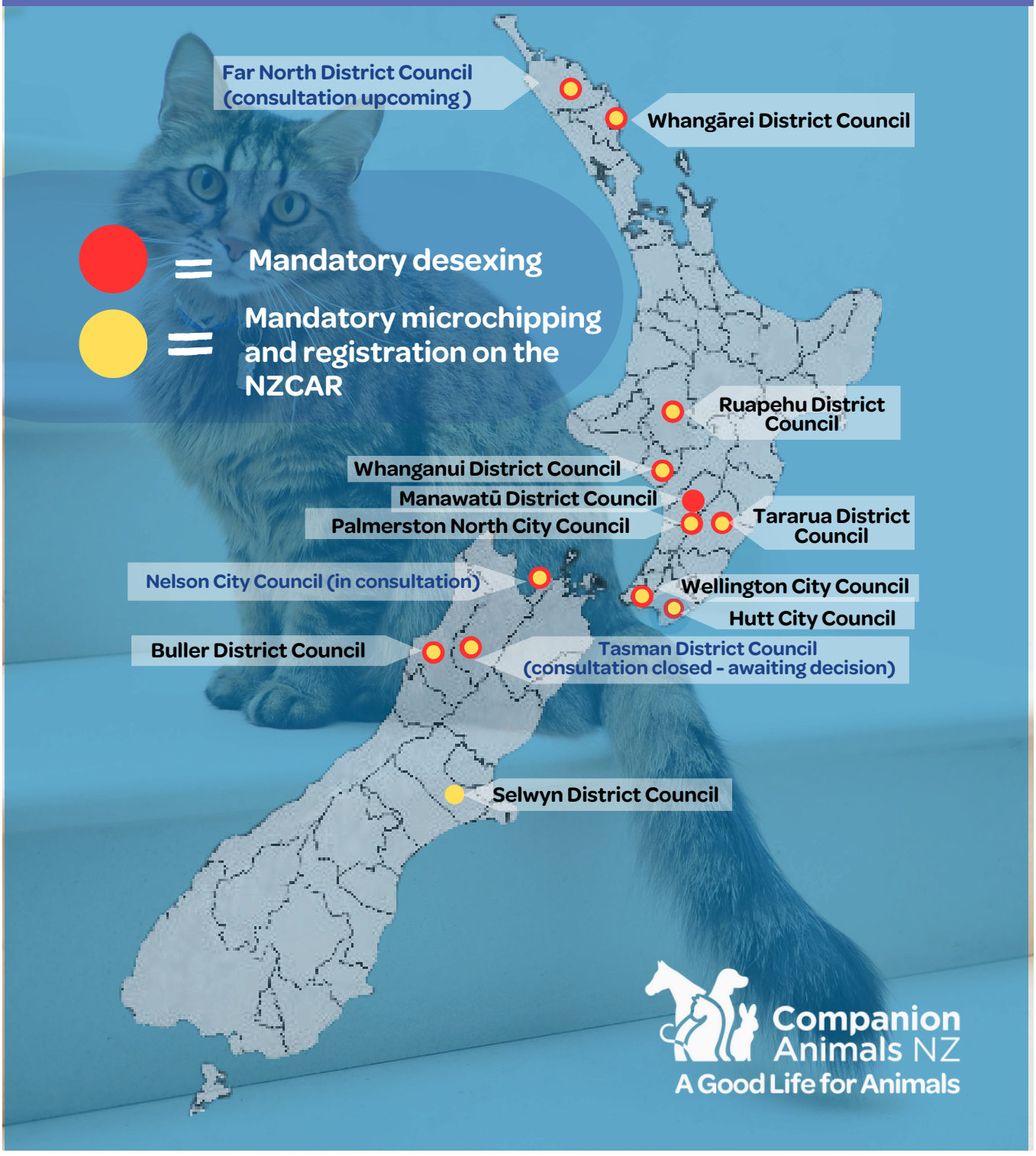
**Other companion animals**

It is optional to microchip other animals such as fish, birds, reptiles and small animals. For example, Arowana (large exotic fish) are all microchipped as they are on the CITES endangered list and may be sold for up to NZ$10,000.

Unusual or exotic animals should only be microchipped by a veterinary surgeon. The Companion Animals New Zealand 'Animal Microchip Implantation Best Practice Guide' only pertains to the microchipping of dogs, cats and rabbits.

# Cat Management Bylaws

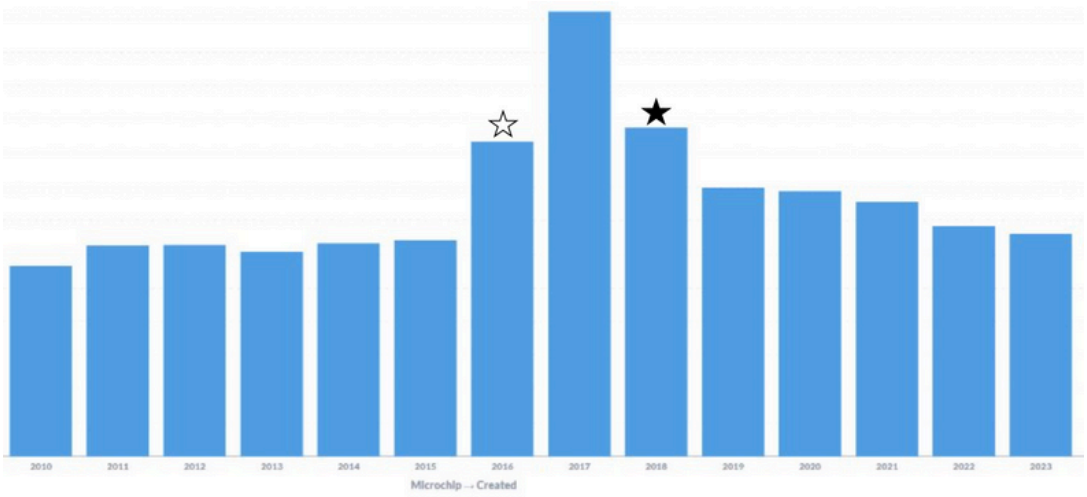
## Areas of NZ with local cat bylaws in place as at October 2024



# Wellington City

## Bylaw announced 2016, enforced 2018

**CANZ supports various NZ Local Authority's proposals regarding mandatory microchipping and registration on the NZCAR (https://www.animalregister.co.nz).**
**Engaging in this discussion enhances community awareness around responsible cat guardianship, and our evidence indicates that simply introducing a proposal can result in higher rates of cat microchipping and registration in an area, ultimately benefitting cat welfare.**

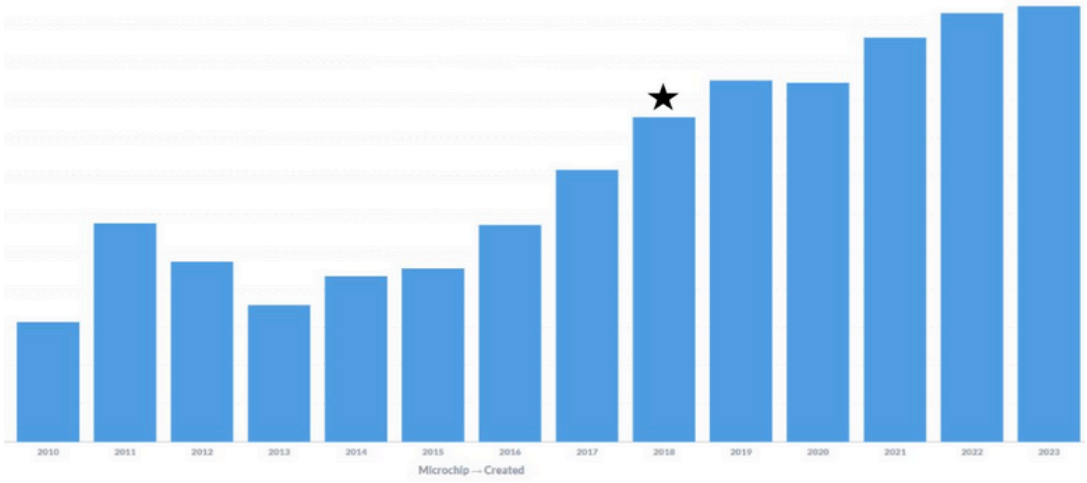



Commentary:
Wellington City was the first NZ council to enact microchipping and registration for cats. The bylaw change was highly publicised, with a long notice period (announced in 2016 and enacted in 2018) . This graph shows the immediate effect the bylaw announcement had on NZCAR cat registrations in Wellington City, indicating willingness to comply with the bylaw.
The declining registrations numbers since 2018 may reflect a declining cat population in the city, or less council promotion of the bylaw to cat owners and veterinary clinics.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Palmerston North City

**Bylaw enforced 2018**

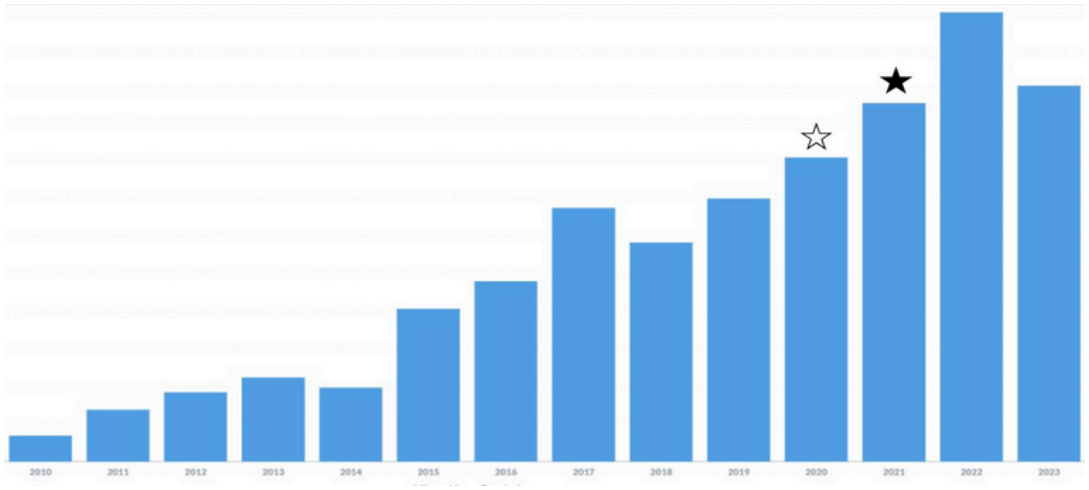



Commentary:
Palmerston North City Council enacted changes to cat management in their bylaws in 2018.
This graph shows a steady compliance with the bylaw.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Whanganui District

**Bylaw announced 2020, enforced 2021**

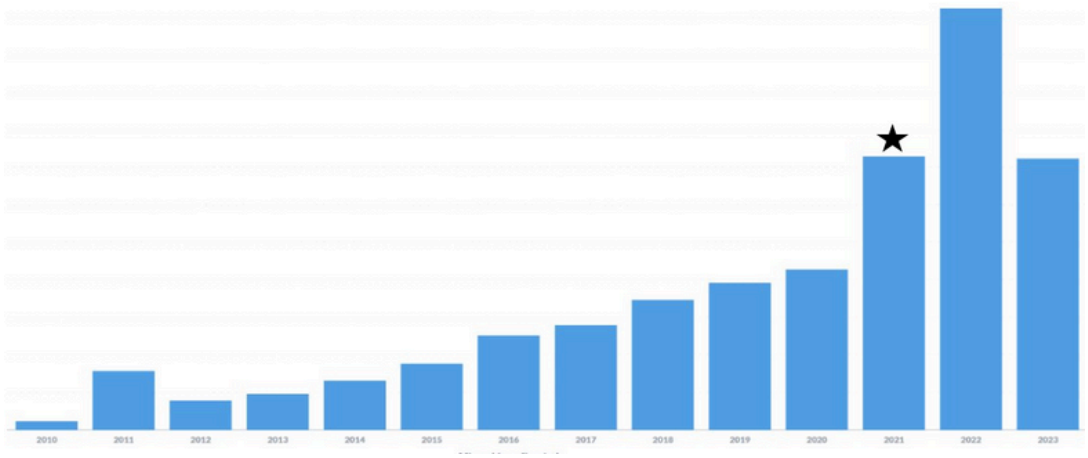



Commentary:
Whanganui District Council enacted cat management changes into their bylaws in 2021 after announcing in 2020. This graph shows a significant increase in cat NZCAR registrations in 2021 and 2022. Total population data is unavailable to analyse 2023, but it may be that registrations out paced cat population growth.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Selwyn District

**Bylaw enforced 2021**

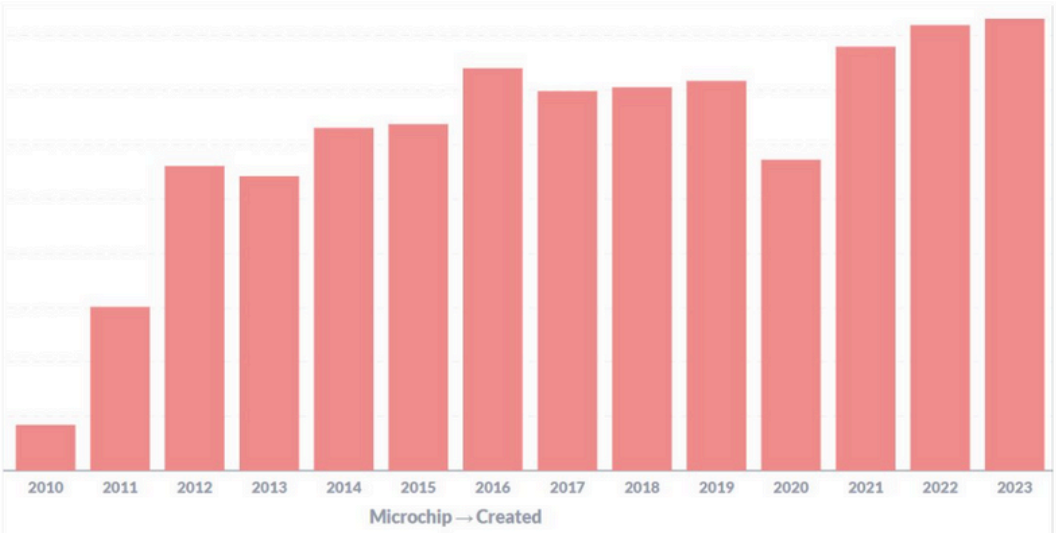



Commentary:
Similarly to Whanganui, Selwyn District Council enacted more stringent cat management in their bylaws in 2021. This resulted in a significant increase in cat NZCAR registrations in 2021 and 2022.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Dunedin City

## No cat microchipping and registration bylaws



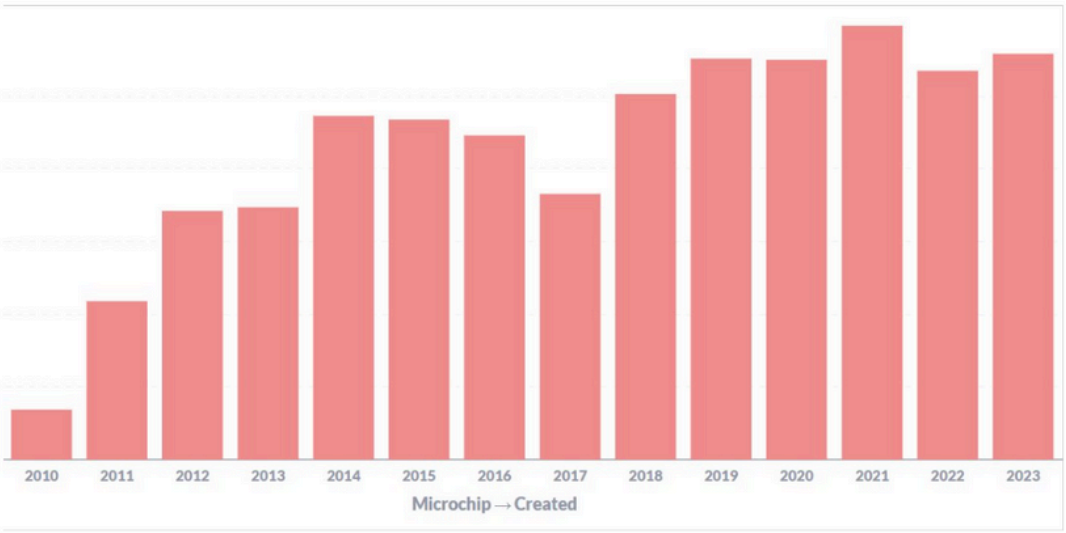

Several local authorities, without desexing or microchipping for cats in their bylaws, were selected at random to provide a baseline of cat registrations.

Commentary:
Dunedin City Council has not legislated any desexing or microchipping for their cat population. This graph shows a steady rate of cat NZCAR registrations with a post COVID increase in 2021 and 2022.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Hamilton City

## No cat microchipping and registration bylaws



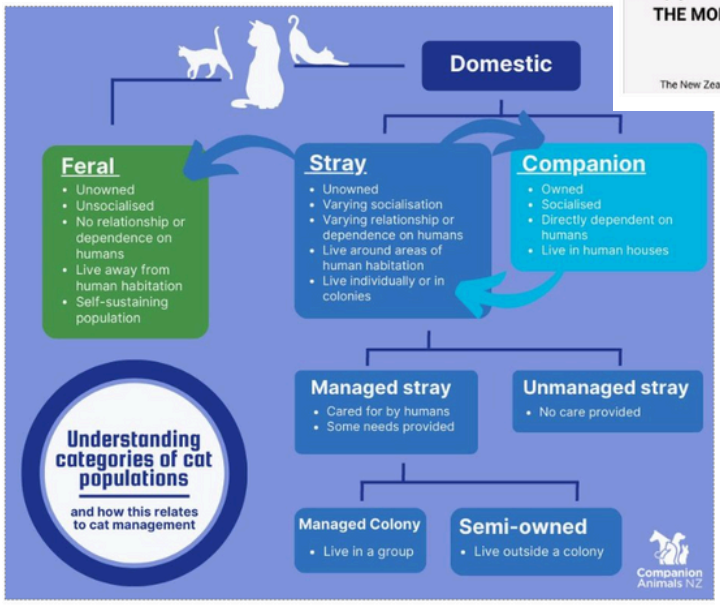

Commentary:
Like Dunedin, Hamilton City Council has not legislated any desexing or microchipping for their cat population. Growth in NZCAR cat registrations remains questionable.

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Resources

We have a range of posters, social media resources and checklists - among other material - which can be helpful to inform pet owners on a number of topics.




For enquiries about these, please contact welfare@companionanimals.nz

Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Resources

www.animalregister.co.nz/marketing-resources/




Companion Animals NZ REGISTER

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Are there any dangers to the animal in having a microchip implanted?**
   Answer: There should be no danger to the animal as long as the correct implantation technique is used.

   The electronic chip, contained inside the microchip, is passive and doesn't have a source of power. It only becomes active when the reader (scanner) is used.

2. **Is a microchip a GPS tracker?**
   Answer: No. The electronic chip, contained inside the microchip, is passive and doesn't have a source of power. It only becomes active when the reader (scanner) is used.

3. **Will the microchip migrate?**
   Answer: This was purportedly a problem in the past, but the risk of this has now decreased due to the new composition of the glass helping keep it in place.

4. **Is the same type of microchip used on all species?**
   Answer: These microchips can be used on all species and usually range in size from 8mm to 12mm long. However, there are larger ones available for livestock.

5. **Is there a minimum age when an animal can be microchipped?**
   Answer: No. Puppies and kittens are often microchipped when they receive their vaccinations.

6. **Who has access to the NZCAR database?**
   Answer: Veterinarians, SPCAs and other approved agencies using a login system.

7. **Are microchip and registration proof of ownership?**
   Answer: No, in a legal context they provide strong evidence of ownership but not sole proof.

8. **Can pet owners register themselves online?**
   Answer: Yes, they can set up their own NZCAR account and register an animal using a credit card. They can add and manage many animals from one dashboard after they have created their account.


Companion Animals NZ
A Good Life for Animals
THANK YOU
www.companionanimals.nz
Contact:
welfare@companionanimals.nz



Christchurch City Council

13 December 2024

03 941 8999
Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Beckenham
PO Box 73021
Christchurch 8154

[redacted]
Engagement Advisor
Christchurch City Council
letstalk@ccc.govt.nz

Kia ora [redacted]

# Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

The Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024 and thanks staff for the work done on this matter.

Our Community Board Plan's vision is that "Our people are actively engaged and contribute to thriving communities and environments, where they feel they belong and are safe and connected with each other." The Board's statutory role is "to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community" (Local Government Act 2002, section 52).

The Board provides this submission in its capacity as a representative of the communities in the Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote area. The Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board supports all the key proposed changes as part of the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024 consultation. In addition, the Board wishes to make the following specific points:

- The Board strongly supports the proposal for dogs to be leashed on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks.
- The Board would like the draft Bylaw and Policy to restrict dogs to be leashed in the Hoon Hay wetlands.
- The Bylaw should specify the maximum length of a leash to 1.5 metres.
- The Board supports the importance of protecting wildlife and strongly supports the specific naming of Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary in the Bylaw and policy.
- The Board is pleased with the tightening of the definition of effective control as this will support Council staff to operationalise the Bylaw and policy.
- The Board strongly supports dog parks and highlights their success in the community but feels that there is not adequate geographical spread of parks across the city.
- The Board would like to see ways to make it easier for people to take their dogs to dog parks.

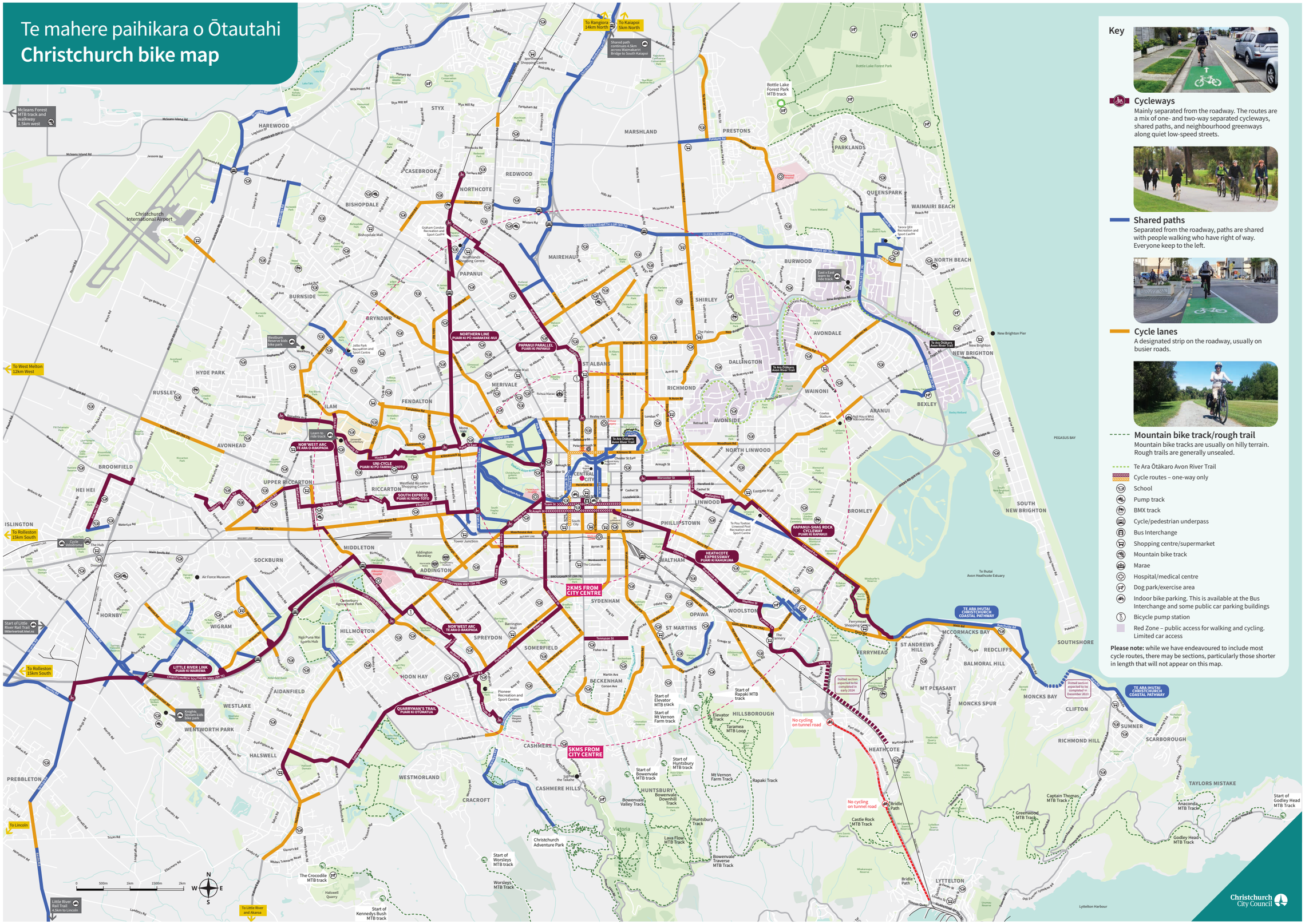
Ngā mihi

[redacted]
**Callum Ward**
Chairperson
Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board
Christchurch City Council



Christchurch City Council

# Te mahere paihikara o Ōtautahi
# Christchurch bike map



# Explore by bike

## City rides

Our network of nine major cycleways help make it easier and safer to go by bike.

With over 70km of cycleways, you can now take a cycleway to many places.



### Head to The Tannery

Ride from Ara to Woolston's boutique shopping centre, The Tannery. Puari ki Kahukura, the Heathcote Express cycleway will take you from the city to the Tannery and beyond along the river and down beside the railway line to Heathcote.



### City to Sumner

A new city to sea cycle connection is an exciting addition to our network. With Te Ara Ihutai, the Christchurch Coastal Pathway due to fully open in December 2023, you'll be able to cycle from the central city to Sumner via Puari ki Rapanui cycleway which connects to Te Ara Ihutai at the Ferrymead Bridge. Enjoy the beach, take a dip at Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool, or do some shopping – you can do it all along the route.

## Beyond the city

Go further afield and discover the stunning landscapes at the edge of the city and beyond.



### Go off road

We have more than 70km of mountain bike tracks for riders to enjoy. Try the tracks at Bottle Lake Forest, McLeans Island or at the Christchurch Adventure Park.



### Waimakariri and Selwyn cycle links

The Christchurch Northern Corridor shared path takes you across the Waimakariri Bridge to Kaiapoi and North Canterbury.

The Little River Rail Trail is a 50km recreational ride from Christchurch to Little River via Lincoln. Access the rail trail from where the Little River Link cycleway connects at Marshs Road.



## Good to go by bike

Discover Ōtautahi Christchurch on two wheels! Whether you're an avid cyclist or just starting out, our bike map will get you exploring in a whole new way.

Cycling is a great way to travel – it lowers emissions, it's convenient, affordable, good for mental and physical health, and it's fun!

Our cycleways, shared paths and tracks make it easy and safe to explore the city and beyond.

**What are you waiting for? Grab your bike and your map, and let the journey begin.**

**Want to explore more?**
Check out our Cycling webpage and view the map online.
**ccc.govt.nz/cycling**

## Got a nice bike? Lock it! Log it!



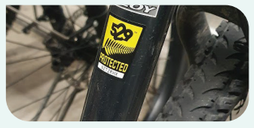
### Lock your bike securely

- Choose the right lock and use it. Avoid flexible spiral cable locks – they're easy to cut.
- We recommend D-locks as the most secure type, or hardened steel chain locks 8mm or thicker.
- Before you buy, check the independent Sold Secure rating.
- Always lock through your bike frame and wheel if you can, to a solid object.
- Try a Locky Dock. A very secure way to lock your bike – and they're free to use. **lockydocks.co.nz**

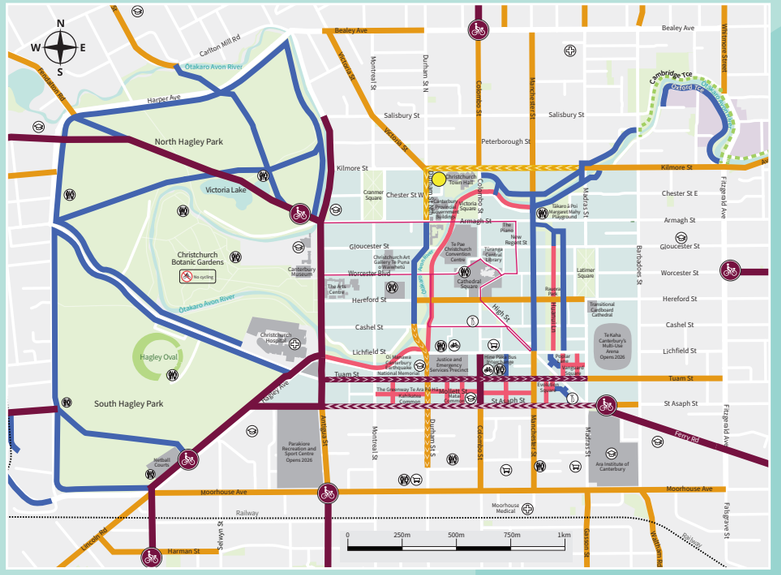
### Log your bike details with 529 Garage

- 529 Garage is a free bike registry that helps return stolen bikes to their owners.
- It's quick and easy to register your bike, including description, photos and serial number.
- You can also buy a small tamper-resistant 529 Garage sticker that shows potential thieves your bike is registered.

**ccc.govt.nz/bikesecurity**



# Central city bike map




## Key

- Cycleways – mainly separated from the roadway. The routes are a mix of one- and two-way separated cycleways, shared paths, and neighbourhood greenways along quiet low-speed streets.
- Shared paths – separated from the roadway, paths are shared with people walking who have right of way. Everyone keep to the left.
- Cycle lanes – a designated strip on the roadway, mainly on busy roads.
- Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon River Trail
- Cycle routes - one-way only
- Shared zone (10km/h) – a slow zone for walking, biking, scooting and driving
- Tram route (where possible choose routes that avoid tram tracks)
- School
- Shopping centre/supermarket
- Hospital/medical centre
- Indoor bike parking. This is available at the Bus Interchange and some public car parking buildings
- Toilet
- Bicycle pump station

**RAD Bikes** is Christchurch's community bike workshop, see **radbikes.co.nz** for details and opening hours.

# Using our cycle network – a few tips

Our cycle network makes it easy to get around by bike. There are some special features – here's how to use them.



### Shared paths

Go-slow zones. Share the path and look out for others. People walking have priority, so pass considerately. If you have a need for speed – use another route.



### Tram tracks

Take care – it's easy to get your wheel caught in a track or to slip on a rail. If you need to cross the tram tracks, try to ride straight over at a right angle, not in line with the tracks.




### Bus lanes

You can cycle in a bus lane and use the 'B' traffic signal, unless 'Bus only' markings are in place.

Key bus lane corridors include Papanui Road, south Colombo Street, Riccarton Road and Hills Road.



### Hook turns

Keep an eye out for green painted boxes on the road like the picture above. Hook turns are a safer way to turn right at a busy intersection. Ride through an intersection on the left, hook around and stop in front of the lane going straight ahead. Wait for a green light again and you're away!



### Ring your bell

In busy areas, it's good to use a bell as a friendly heads-up to people ahead of you that you're coming up behind. Ring it well before you pass to avoid startling them! Slow down, give them plenty of space and a friendly 'thanks'.



### Other cycleway markings

When you see red painted stripes, green surfacing, or judder bars across the cycleway, please slow down and check in case other road users turning across your path fail to see you.



### Roundabouts

Check for a gap when approaching a roundabout, signal, and take the lane early. Take the whole lane – you'll be seen more easily, so it's safer.



### Trigger the lights

There are sensors under the white diamonds at some traffic light intersections. The metal in your bike triggers the cycle lights when you ride over or wait on the diamonds.




### Avoid blind spots

Trucks and buses have big blind spots where the driver can't see you in their mirrors. Never ride alongside a truck or bus – either stay back so you can see them or get well out in front so they can see you. If you've pulled up to an intersection and think the driver may not have seen you, move out and make eye contact.

Ōtautahi Christchurch

# Bike map

Bike the easy way



7th edition
October 2023

Christchurch City Council



## Give biking a go

There are several places to rent a bike around Christchurch, whether it's for a few hours, a few days or longer.

Find tips on our website for ways to brush up on your bike skills and confidence.

**ccc.govt.nz/cycling**

## We're on our way to carbon zero

We've got targets to aim for, and by working together, we'll get there.

Learn more about what you can do to reduce emissions at:
**ccc.govt.nz/climateaction**

INFS152 October 2023

Christchurch City Council

25 November 2024

[redacted]
Engagement Advisor
Christchurch City Council

[redacted]

Christchurch City Council Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

I participated in your Dog Control Survey in August 2024. I am very disappointed in the outcome of this initial consultation process and the subsequent proposed policy. While I am aware that you are only recording survey results, I would suggest a great deal more work needs to be done to build a Council Bylaw and Policy here.

As I pointed out in my initial submission, the strategy on which this policy is based needs a rethink. It needs to focus on the responsibilities of those who own dogs alongside the role Council has in supporting dog owners. This means that a positive relationship must be built that benefits everyone, rather than the punitive approach taken in this proposed policy.

A policy that emphasises the responsibilities of those who own dogs to register, vaccinate, neuter, ensure their dog is well trained and provide regular and enjoyable exercise, is surely preferable.

As you will be aware, one of the core purposes of local government is the promotion of community wellbeing - a combination of social, economic, environmental and cultural conditions that are essential for individuals and communities to flourish and grow. Therefore, Council needs to provide citizens with well-maintained local services and opportunities for regular exercise in council managed recreation areas - just one of the sources of wellbeing needed for both walkers/ runners and their dogs.

Unfortunately, your policy appears to always start with the concept that all walkers and their dogs are bad and thus need increasing restraints on their activities, particularly in the interests of wildlife. Amazing, considering that ducks (in particular) are pests, do untold damage to the environment and poo all over walking tracks

Further, restrictive policies around dog walking lead to the need to police the rules around them and I would challenge the use of ratepayer funded council money being used here.

Therefore, I would urge a rethink of this proposed bylaw and policy.

Dr Jean Drage

[redacted]
**Christchurch** [redacted]

Please ensure this submission on the Council's Dog Control Bylaw and Policy is distributed to all Councillors and the Mayor

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

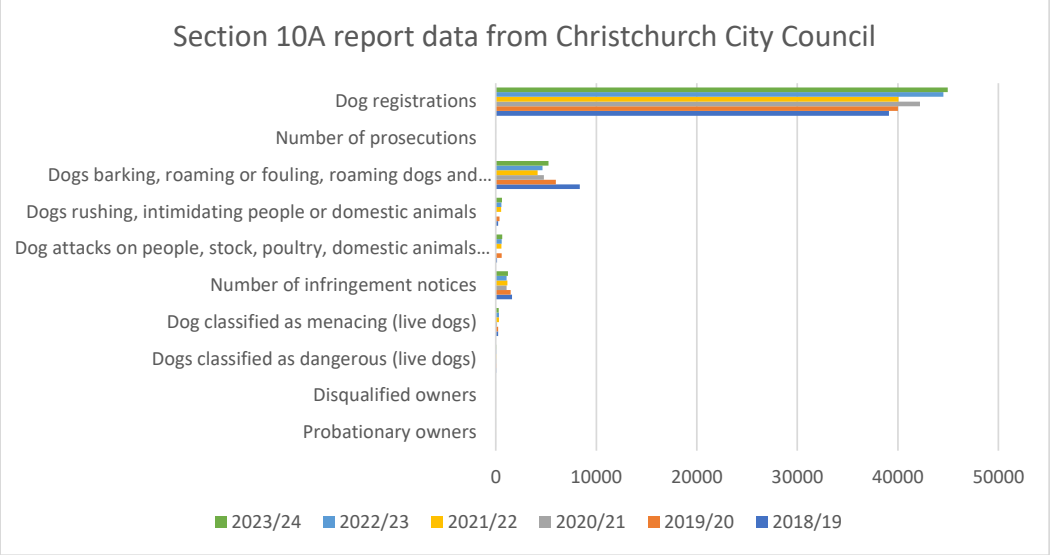
Full Name Philip Korsika

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

### 2024 CCC Dog control review

Preamble:

When we were asked for our thoughts on the best way of legally controlling our dogs in public, I commented that the owner has the responsibility for keeping their dog under control, no matter what the situation. It is up to the owner who knows their dog, and is able to control it, so as not break any by laws.
My suggestion to simplify the dog control issue, was to make it the default position "Dogs must be under control at all times in public places". After that, there are the exceptions in given areas.
I suggested that as every park had a different rule governing them and dog people were getting confused.
Responsible owners do not need the Council to tell them what method they should use to control their dog.,
The irresponsible owners, are probably the same people who will take no notice of the old or new law, they do not care. The law has been made for the minority of dog owners and the minority of the public who use parks that dogs use, and really do not like them or feel threatened by them. The majority on both sides have no issues, unless there is data to contradict this. (not a 'one-off' on-line survey)
This proposal is completely the opposite of that which I proposed and the consequences have not been fully thought through. (Looks good on paper)
The major difference with my idea is that people who feel threatened are allowed to ask for a dog to be restrained and dog owner must comply.

## Submission.

**My comments on this pathetic, unenforceable, draconian proposal is, as follows:**

This change of law will drive division within the community as more and more residents take their own action and confront the owners of 'dogs off leash'. We have PROOF of this at Te Kuru, which changed to dogs under control, now virtually everything is running smoothly
The fact is, dogs are apart of lots of people's lives, either directly or indirectly, and yet the owners have no major say in decisions made (apart from once every 10 years). I am aware there was a very badly drafted questionnaire which is being used erroneously to support the current proposals. The questions were leading and not all options supplied to allow a decision other than the one favoured by the CCC. "Would prefer dogs on long or short leash" or No 3 no leash at all, only dog under control.
Dogs are the centre of many peoples' lives and it is not simply a matter of going to the local dog park and allowing them to have a run. Socialising, running, playing rough and tumble are required to keep the dogs fit, mentally challenged and socially integrated. It is essential for a healthy, well-balanced dog to allow a range of normal behaviours such as these. The owners and children love watching dogs running around enjoying themselves, the children are learning at the same time as the dogs.
I have walked my dogs around Halswell twice a day for 20 years and talk with a lot of people, some dog owners, some not. I have spoken to many people who have taken their children to Halswell quarry to see how their children interact with dogs, before making the huge decision to own one. Older or frail people who can no longer own a dog, also come to get pleasure out of the silly antics that dogs playing provide.
Another positive aspect of dogs in the various areas is hunting and catching pests such as rabbits, hares and stoats. Despite this benefit, they get the blame for all the supposed deaths of protected birds (with no proof). Cats, hawks, eels and stoats cause far more damage to the bird population, but it is easier to blame the dogs and conclude that they require a leash on them. Some dogs will chase birds such as ducks and Pukako's but I am yet to see one actually do any harm. The other consideration is that a wildlife area is not a zoo and these birds have to learn to take care of themselves, which their parents teach them, in real time. Right now you can see the parents showing, or calling out to their offspring instructions. Some are far better than others whose family dwindle from the original hatch, that is life in the wild.
The rabbits are almost out of control in many areas and more free dogs would make a large difference. My dog has caught five this week in Te Kuru, and last year over 70 in Te Kuru and the quarry. They do far more good than

harm yet are still the bad boys in society based on the reporting by very few. I was fined $300 for Lia chasing a rabbit into a no-leash area, but not causing any problems whatsoever. That could be more prevalent with the proposed changes.
This negative reporting of dog behaviour is often in the dog exercise area, where they are allowed to run free and which is what large dogs require for exercise to keep them healthy and reduce vet bills.
I propose that there be only one dog control bylaw and that is "Dogs should be under control at all times in public places". How that control is managed, is up to the owner. If the dog misbehaves it is not 'under control' and the same penalty would apply if the dog was not on a leash. As you see there is no difference in the outcome to the dog being on or off the leash. It is up to the owner to take care of their dog as they see fit, not the council. If they fail, then the current animal welfare laws allow for that.
Nothing has been mentioned about the good effect the dogs have by killing Hares, Rabbits, Stoats plus driving away local and ferrell cats, who do far more damage to wildlife than dogs. It cost the CCC many thousands of dollars to protect new plants with stakes, card surround and felt matting solely to keep wild life away from the plants while they become established. People on a regular basis 'turn their ankle' in the holes made of Rabbits and in some areas they are out of control and is a H&S issue. If the CCC can put very expensive handrails on wetland bridges, so that cyclist do not fall over the side of the bridge !! Which is more likely to happen?

So why have "Dogs on Leashes"? I believe it comes down to visibility and people who are scared of dogs and can see the dog is under control, when of course it might not be anyway. However, if this person is scared, they should be entitled to ask the dog owner if they would put their dog on a lead until they have passed. That request should not be a problem and dog owners should not become upset if requested to do so. Small price to pay for more freedom.

I have one very recent example of 'dogs under control' being the correct thing to do.
It took quite a while to get Te Kuru sorted out as someone put up signs saying dogs should be on a leash, the picture shown was a dog with a leash between its teeth, then followed by more signs, some of which are still in place usually showing a person holding a dog on a leash, but the wording said anything other than dogs must be on leads. During this time, many locals were approached and verbally abused, as dependant on which sign you read, both were right.

The requirement for having to wear a lead was dropped, as it was never legally required and in favour of 'Dogs under effective control'. Since the original signs were removed and 'under control' took over, I have heard of very few cases of any confrontation.
If the city council erects signs saying dogs must be on leash, you can expect that all over again and a major division within the community.
Bikes are going to be a far bigger problem than dogs.

The current areas covered by "Dogs must be on leash" are not policed now as there are not enough rangers to cover Christchurch, and if a dog is walking off lead down the footpath, which happens daily and is against the law, but how many are reported?
Yet in a park or walking areas people seem to change, a bit like road rage, and start throwing abuse at other people. This will get worse as the public catches onto it, yet, is it really a problem worth creating, to fix what?

Gordon Fitzgerald

[redacted]
6th December 2024

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Peter Ross
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

My submission is as follows:

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from*

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws

*dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

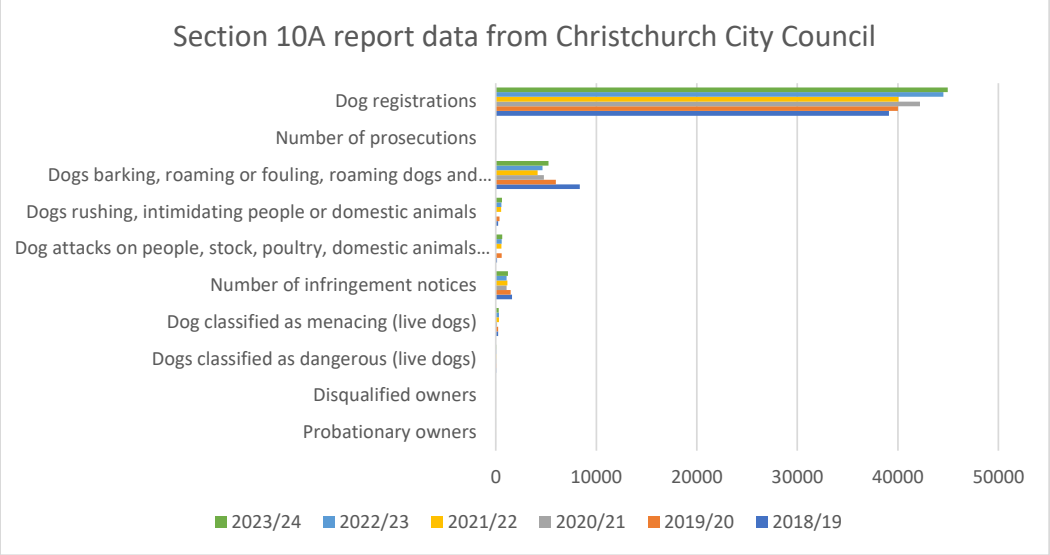
Full Name Jonathan Love

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

Tēnā koutou katoa,
.

Ko Maungatere te maunga.
Ko Rakahuri te awa.
Ko Tākitimu te waka.
Ko Ngāi Tahu te iwi.
Ko Ngāi Tūāhuriri te hapū.
Ko Rowena Watson tōku ingoa.

Kia ora, I wish to let you know how disturbed I am feeling about the proposed lack of access to dogs on leads and therefore myself to the Styx Mill conservation area.

This is my tangata whenua. I grew up on the Styx River, Pūharakekenui. It is also my safe place to walk, especially as we know that several dog walkers have been attacked around the city.

As a woman on my own this path is not only suitable for older people walking because of the packed earth but also a safe environment when I am walking on my own with my dogs.

We walk here every morning, in the summer about 7.30am after the dogs have run in the dog park and I love watching the seasons change and the small amount of wildlife, very little of it native to NZ. In the winter we walk when it gets light.

I'm sure the excess of rabbits does not need this extremely heavy-handed approach. I meet very few people on my walk but those I do meet are women like me, often walking from Styx mill Road through to the dog park and they are walking dogs alone on a leash.

I see the odd person walking without their dogs on a leash, these are the people whose dogs poo on the path because they can't see what they are up to, they are also the ones who chase the wildlife. I don't approve of them being off the lead and in the original questionnaire I wrote this. There was no place to say that we want the Styx Mill reserve to be kept as a walking track for dogs on the leash, so I feel this is dishonest.

Proposal: I would like to see the track through the Styx Mill Conservation area open for dogs on leash and their owners in Summer from 6am – 9.30am and in winter from 9am -11.30am

I had a conversation with the rangers before this was mooted by the CCC and they indicated to me that this was a done deal, they knew it was about to be proposed.

Surely not?

That would mean the proposal is a farce and our feedback counts for nothing

Proposal: That there is a 5-year trial of the limited hours and that a system is introduced where those dog owners who disobey the rules are fined a significant amount on the spot. It is evident that the CCC needs the money.

5 years of walking here and I have only ever run into a ranger twice on the track.

The hard surface of the track is always great BUT flax grows over the path and is quite dangerous and I have fallen several times and so have many others.

There was a dead cat on the side of the track going into the dog park for at least 4 days. No ranger came to clear it away.

There is also no cell phone number to text rangers when serious issues occur. Often, they don't even answer the door even if there is a car in the driveway.

I understand this is based on wildlife which is being hurt or killed. Please give me the true stats for this area and show me what has been done as a stepping stone to this heavy-handed decision.

If I am there every day and see no rangers EVER then how are you finding out these facts . Apart from the odd dead rabbit and the cat I have never seen a dead animal, actually I saw an opossum on the side of the track.

If walking on leash is dangerous to ground breeding birds, then this would also apply to people walking because dogs are on the track like people.

It is also clear to me that there is a very staunch strong minded woman dog hater who walks the track, and I would hate to think she alone has stimulated this. We greet several people every day without dogs who stop to say hi.

Please feel free to contact me on [redacted]

Rowena Watson

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

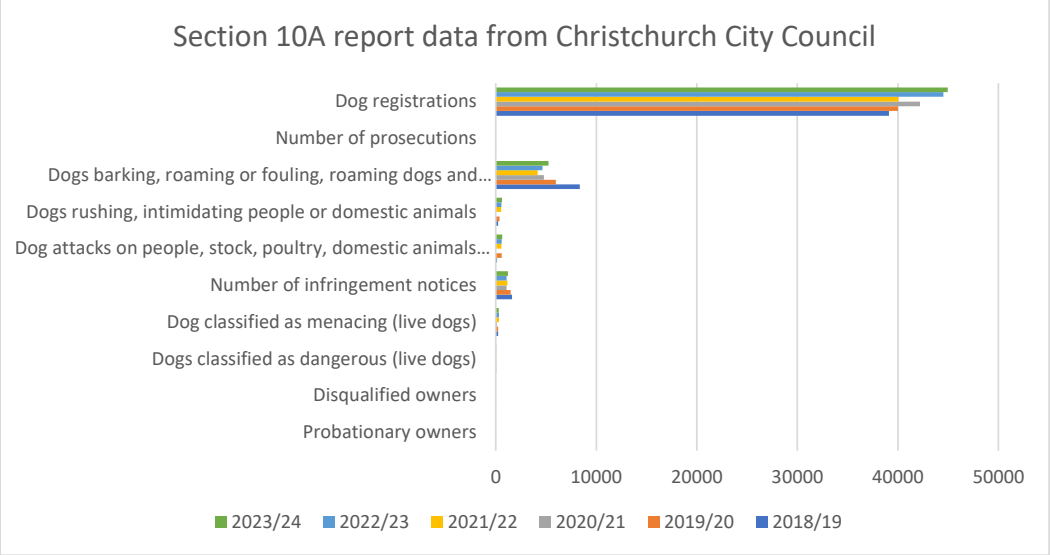
Full Name Sabine Schweitzer

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

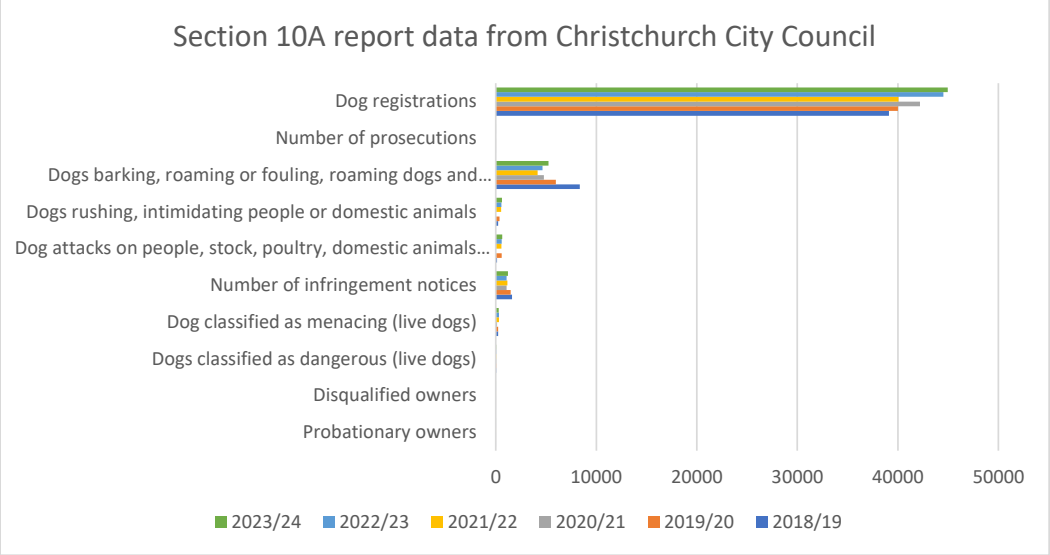
Full Name Gillian Campbell

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

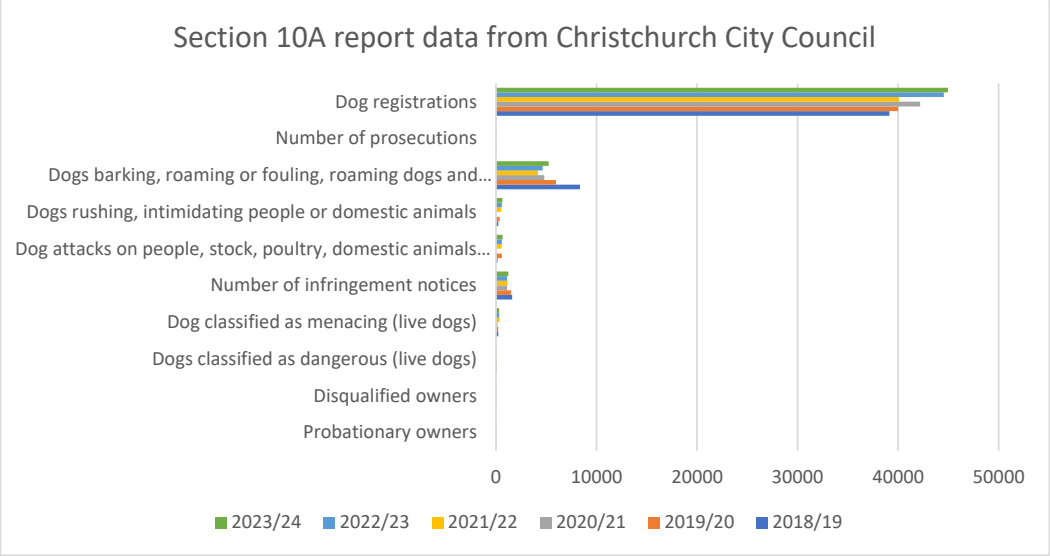
In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Marie Auckram
Address [redacted] Christchurch
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised."*[3] *In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of the Council's proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline.*

[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Dr Erin Jones, PhD, MSc, PgDip, Certified Professional Dog Trainer- Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA), Accredited Dog Trainer (ADT-IAABC), Certified Dog Behaviour Consultant (CDBC), Accredited Animal Behaviour Consultant (CANZ-ABC), author and international educator
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

I do strongly believe, as a professional in the industry, the further limitations and control will not just reduce dog's agency and affect their positive welfare outcomes, but it does nothing but perpetuate a power dynamic that is harmful to dogs more generally. People need to be educated, and dogs need to learn skills so that both species can coexist harmoniously while centring the needs of dogs more wholly.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws

minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

Please again refer to my need for education, not further restrictions and physical control.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed or validated to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

Surveys are prone to skewed results and inaccuracies, particularly when not properly validated. Research has shown that response rates to web-based surveys are typically lower than traditional methods, potentially leading to biased results (Menachemi, 2011). A study examining the validity of web-based surveys in tourism research found extremely low opening and response rates, resulting in biased samples (Illum et al., 2009). For truly robust data, a mixed methods approach may offer more informative results which are hopefully reflected in this type of correspondence and weighted accordingly.

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

References:

Menachemi, N. (2011). Assessing response bias in a web survey at a university faculty. *Evaluation & Research in Education*, *24*(1), 5–15. https://doi.org/10.1080/09500790.2010.526205

Illum, S. F., Ivanov, S. H., & Liang, Y. (2009). Using virtual communities in tourism research. *Tourism Management*, *31*(3), 335–340. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tourman.2009.03.012

[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

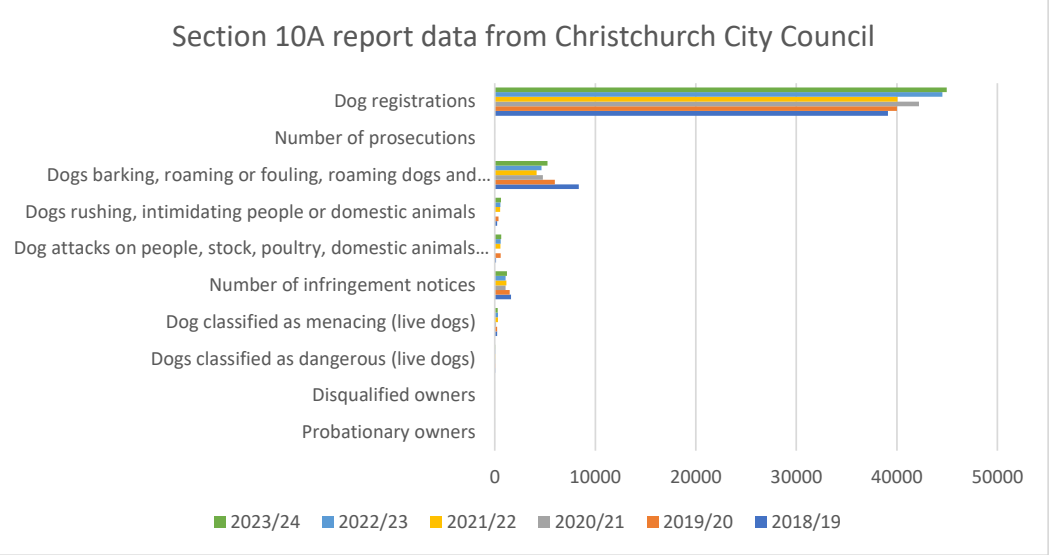
Full Name Leona Kadir

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

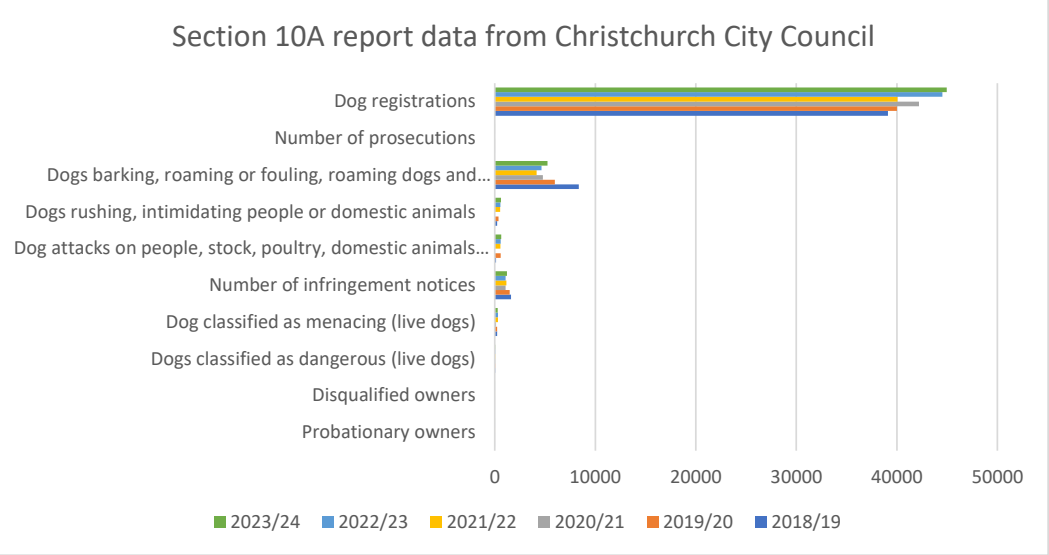
Full Name Diego Chellet

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

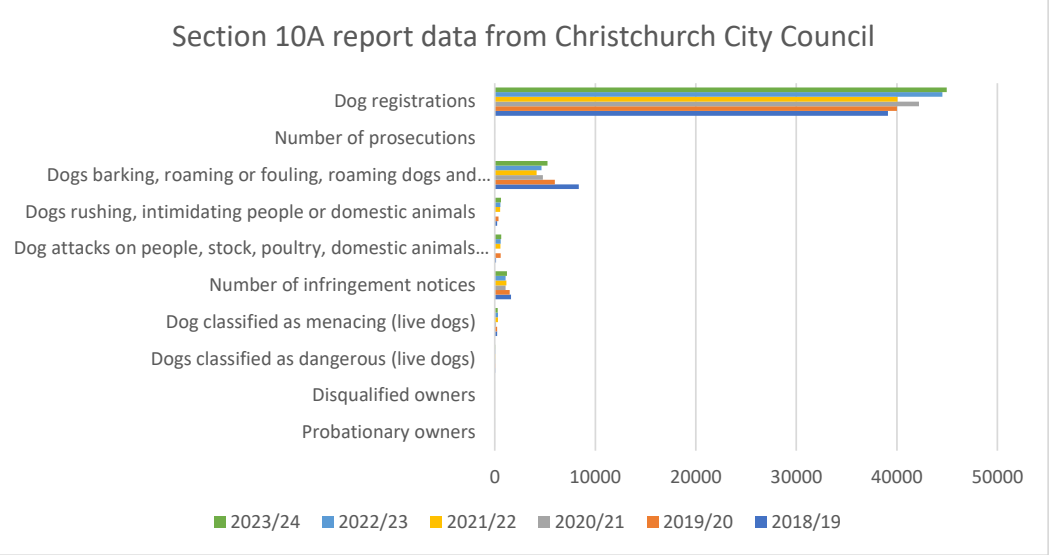
Full Name Sue Le Mesurier

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Ian McKay
[redacted]
Email [redacted]

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes
Monitoring compliance is key to the rules we have now and the changes proposed. Very few people would be able to demonstrate effective control in all situations. The fact that the one situation that they can't will be the one that causes injury to dogs or people negates whatever criteria may be in place. In which case 100 % effective control for the majority of owners can only be to have their dog on a lead.

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** Yes
Long leads and retractable leads pose a danger to other dogs where the owner can lose control and does not have close enough control when issues arise.

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Yes
All users of pathways, dog walkers or not, have a right to be there with the knowledge they will not be harassed by loose dogs.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No
The use of this are should be available to dogs but only when under effective control, preferably on lead.

**Other comments:**

Currently we have very effective dog control laws. What is lacking is the enforcement of the laws with immediate fines, especially where clearly posted signage is ignored.

Effective control needs to be enforced. Too many dogs are allowed to roam freely on pathways and parks and the owners have no immediate recall or any recall at all.
This results in situations where off lead dogs harass other dogs that are on lead. The situations I have personally been involved in are frightening and distressing. These incidents are generally not helped by the owner of the other dogs shifting blame or displaying a sense of entitlement that they are allowed to have their dog loose.
**Enforcement to verify owners can demonstrate recall is required.**

**Areas that specifically require dogs to be leashed need to be monitored.** The Bowenvale track is one area where more than 50% of dogs are loose. Again situations where loose dogs harass others is distressing. The owners often have no close supervision which allows the dogs to defecate, which is ignored, as evidenced by the amount of poo on the track. It is noted that the current law requires dogs to be on lead but with no threat of enforcement this is mostly ignored.

# Submission regarding "Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024"

A response to proposed changes and a counter proposal to address identified issues in dog control.

Jan Kees Kirpensteijn
Ailsa M. Humphries

5th December 2024

**Executive Summary**

Christchurch has a large dog population, with one of the highest rates of ownership in NZ; currently there are approximately 45,000 registered dogs, meaning there is one dog for every nine people. This growing population presents the Council with a number of potential issues. For example, a high density of dogs, especially if they are not well-socialized (an issue that has been apparent since COVID restrictions), or if there is a lack of proper training, can lead to increased aggression toward humans or other animals. This can cause disruptions in neighbourhoods and public spaces, and lead to conflicts between dog owners, non-dog owners, and local authorities. These issues can be further exacerbated by a lack the infrastructure necessary to handle a growing dog population, such as dog parks, pet waste disposal stations, and adequate space for walking dogs. Therefore, one might expect that the Council's proposal would focus on facilitating good socialisation, incentivising on-going dog training, and increasing the number of recreational spaces accessible to dogs. Unfortunately this is not the case, the council's proposal focuses on imposing additional restrictions on the recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners in a way that will continue to concentrate a growing number of dogs in a few small areas, increasing the risks of conflict between dogs that are already poorly socialised and poorly trained. We do not support these proposals and believe the Council are failing to address the underlying issue, a lack of proper training and behaviour management. As an alternative to trying to legislate the issue away, we put forward a counter-proposal focused on facilitating improved socialisation through encouraging and incentivising on-going dog training. Our vision is that, through training and education, dogs and their owners can earn the right to access unrestricted recreational freedoms in a way that ensures the safety of the whole community.

**Introduction - Background**

Christchurch city council are currently updating their Dog Control Bylaw and Policy to:

"balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential for harm, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs".

In the documentation, the council highlight the need to focus on:
a) better control of dogs in public places
b) better protection of wildlife from dogs in key areas
c) people having a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off leash,
d) Protecting areas for cultural reasons (e.g. wāhi tapu, rongoā areas); and
e) simplifying and updating the rules and future-proofing them where possible.

The purpose of this submission is to address a number of specific changes that are being proposed, and to offer a counter proposal. The counter proposal will provide alternative solutions for the concerns being addressed by the proposed changes. The counter proposal will also provide solutions to concerns that the proposed changes do not address.

Before detailing the counter proposal, we would like to identify the key changes being proposed that we would like to address.

1. The first of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" states:

   "Require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed (this includes parks, reserves and stormwater assets that function as parks) so that they are safer for everyone – dogs

would still be allowed off leash and under effective control in areas off any paths and tracks, unless otherwise specified in the policy. There is a related proposal to require leashing on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads – the current rule is leashing on roads and footpaths alongside roads, and in car parking areas"

The key issue with this proposal is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. By further restricting off-leash areas, well-trained dogs and their owners are penalised for the behaviour of only a few owners who flout the rules. A good example of the issue with this is the many trail runners and mountain bikers who take their dogs onto the single tracks in the port hills. It is unsafe for both the owner and the dog to use a leash on these single tracks. Further, even on wider tracks (i.e., Rapaki), penalising well-trained dogs and their owners by requiring leashing does not address the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

2. The second, third, and fourth points of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" state:

   "Regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (former residential red zone) by prohibiting dogs in key areas to protect wildlife (river, wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs off leash and under effective control in over 200 hectares of mowed grass (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule).";

   "Prohibit dogs from Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary to protect wildlife (including threatened and at-risk migratory birds). This would apply from the landward boundary inwards – people could continue to walk dogs on land nearby, such as along the grassed western edge of Southshore Spit, or on paths like Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway. Dogs would not be allowed along the shoreline where birds nest, or in tidal areas where they feed."; and

   "Regulate stormwater basins, such as Te Kuru Wetland, by prohibiting dogs in other areas to protect wildlife (wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs to be off leash and under effective control in mowed grass areas (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule)."

   As with point 1, the key issue with these proposals is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. Prohibiting dogs from these areas and further restricting off-leash areas, penalises well-trained dogs and their owners, while not addressing the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

3. Section 1.3 of the proposed changes document states:

   "This policy balances regulatory controls to allow for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the danger, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs."; and

   "This policy is also designed as an educational tool to help encourage and facilitate good dog behaviour and good dog ownership."

In our view, this policy does not provide for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners. By prohibiting dogs from additional areas and further restricting off-leash areas, the recreational needs of dogs and their owners are impinged upon. The "appropriate controls" seem to be restrictions that minimise opportunities for dogs, their owners, and the wider public to engage in recreation in a safe way. Limiting the areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash concentrates a growing number of dogs into small areas, increasing the risk of harm from dogs who are unsafe to be off-leash in more open areas.

This policy also fails to address the need for education, or the facilitation of good dog behaviour and responsible ownership.

4. Section 1.5 states:

   "The primary focus of the Animal Management Team is to provide a cost effective and professional animal management service through education, monitoring, compliance and enforcement activities."; and

   "The Council's approach to dog control is one of assisting owners to understand their responsibilities, rewarding those owners who exercise good control of their dogs and taking any necessary action against those who do not meet their obligations."

   This proposal falls short on addressing the issue of education and monitoring, focussing instead on compliance and enforcement. In our view, this is short-sighted and will not address the underlying issue: owners are not incentivised to provide significant initial and on-going training of their dogs. Further, we see no evidence that the proposed policies *reward owners who exercise good control*; instead, the changes *all* impose additional restrictions on *all* owners.

5. Section 1.6 states community outcomes as summarised below.

   "… improves community safety, and protects biodiversity by:
   - allowing access for dogs and their owners to a wide range of public places
   - placing obligations on dog owners to protect the public from danger of attack, intimidation or nuisance from dogs
   - requiring dogs to be leashed or prohibited in some areas to protect people, other dogs, wildlife, grazing stock, heritage plantings, habitat restoration, conservation values and culturally sensitive sites"
   - allowing children areas to play, free of dogs (such as playgrounds, swimming beaches and skate parks).

   While we agree that community safety and biodiversity protection are critical, we do not believe restricting dogs and their owners, is the best way to achieve those outcomes in the long-term. The consequence of restrictions on access is a restriction on the opportunity for learning and education, not only for dogs and their owners, but also the wider public. To achieve all of these outcomes simultaneously, the focus needs to be on the improvement of training dog-owner partnerships, and educating the non-dog owning public about dog behaviour.

6. Section 3.1.1 outlines the changes for "effective control", stating:

"If a dog is unable to consistently and quickly respond to commands, it should be leashed in public places, whether a leash is required or not."; and

"In order for a dog to be able to be off-leash in public places, the owner or person in charge of it must be confident that the dog will respond to commands. If a dog is inconsistent at responding, it should be leashed. The owner or person in charge of the dog must actively pay attention to the dog – this means knowing where it is and what it is doing, being able to see and hear the dog, being close enough to respond to any issues, and ensuring it is not creating a nuisance. Nuisance in this sense means things such as rushing at, barking at, intimidating, or otherwise bothering people or animals, including other dogs. Having a dog under effective control is as much about the safety of the dog as it is about the safety of others."

While we agree with these statements, the definition of effective control does not address the underlying issues: owners with little to no control of their dogs are not incentivised to train their dog adequately and members of the wider public will still misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as aggressive. Consequently, many member of the wider community, as well as some dog owners, will remain unsure about whether dogs who are off-leash are actually safe to be around. Further, dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. Furthermore, the proposed changes do not address the issue of continued reliance on owner compliance.

7. Section 3.1.2 outlines regulations for the number of dogs one person can be in charge of, and states:

   "A person with relevant skills and experience may apply to the Council for an increase in the number of dogs they can be in charge of in a public place, provided certain criteria are met."; and

   "Exercising a group of dogs in a public place requires special skills, and if undertaken as a commercial venture, comes with extra obligations. This includes things like the need for public liability insurance, should something go wrong."

   This goes some way towards ameliorating the restrictions being placed on dogs and their owners, but we believe there is a basic level of skill in dog management that should be exhibited by *all* dog owners.

8. Section 3.1.2.1 outlines information about dog limit exemptions, and states:
   "We understand that some people who own multiple dogs or who offer dog walking or exercising services are very experienced and good at controlling multiple dogs, but note that there is no qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places. We are proposing a limit, and a process for people to apply to the Council for an exemption to exercise an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met. This does not apply to activities on private land."

   We think the proposal fails to address the key point here*: that there is no qualification, accreditation, or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places.*

9. Section 6 outlines an expanded list of areas in which dogs are prohibited or must be leashed. For example:

   Section 6.2.2 states: "We know that footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks can be busy with people undertaking a range of recreational activities, and requiring dogs to be leashed will make these public places safer for everyone. Having one rule will make things clearer.";

   Section 6.2.3 states: "Wharves and jetties are narrow spaces and can be popular and busy. Leashing is currently required at Akaroa Main Wharf, Daly's Wharf, Diamond Harbour jetty and Governor's Bay jetty. Some wharves or jetties are used by commercial operators and can be busy, and some may have vehicles on them. Birds may use wharves and jetties as a vantage point to spy food in the water, and some nest on or under them (such as at-risk white-fronted terns / tara nesting on the Akaroa Main Wharf)"; and

   "Boardwalks often form part of tracks, so should be leashed for consistency with the proposed leashed on formed tracks rule, and the proposed leashed on wharves and jetties rule."

   Section 6.2.5 states: "Sport fields can be great wide-open spaces to exercise dogs. Most are currently under effective control areas, by default. We think it makes sense for dogs to be allowed to run around when the sports fields are not in use, but dogs running free when games or practice sessions are being held can be a problem, so we are proposing that dogs be leashed at these times.";

   Section 6.2.6 states: "Food crops are grown at community gardens, and the gardens are often used for community education. Uncontrolled dogs could cause damage to the gardens or disrupt educational activities, so should be leashed. "

   In all of these cases, the updated proposal does not address the underlying issue, many dogs are so well trained that freedom of access to these locations is not an issue, while there are some dogs who are clearly not well-trained and who should be prohibited or kept on a leash. Placing additional restrictions on *all* dogs, even those who are well-trained, with owners who exhibit exemplary dog management skills, does not address the fundamental underlying issue – a general lack of education, training, and motivation to engage in the effective management of a dog's behaviour.

**Summary**

The proposed changes to dog regulations, particularly the increased restrictions, unfairly penalise responsible owners and well-trained dog, legislating in response to the poor behaviour of a minority of irresponsible owners. The primary concern is that most dog owners who have good control of their dogs already choose to leash them in situations that require it (i.e., for the safety of the dog and wider public, and for the protection of wildlife) and those who do not have good control and allow their dog off-leash anyway are unlikely to follow the new regulations. Further limiting off-leash areas, for example: in places like single-track trails, creates safety risks for both dogs and their owners. Leashing may not be feasible in such environments, and it reduces opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in

safe, recreational activities, concentrating a greater number of dogs into smaller areas, increasing the overall risk of harm.

The proposal focuses on compliance and enforcement, through imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, and fails to address the root issue: a lack of proper training and education for dog owners. By imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, rather than rewarding responsible owners for investing time and effort into training and incentivizing more owners to invest in dog training, there will be reduced opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in safe, recreational activities. Further, changing the definition of "effective control" and requiring this for dogs to be off-leash, misses the point: dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. The Council's proposal also fails to address the need for education on dog behaviour, both for dog owners and the wider public. Many owners lack motivation to train their dogs properly, and the public may misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as threatening. There is no system in place to ensure that dog owners are adequately trained in managing their dogs, which does not help to foster responsible dog ownership or improve public safety in the long term.

**The Counter Proposal**

At the heart of a dog-friendly city or nation is the infrastructure to support it. The rapid growth of the dog population in Christchurch, and in New Zealand more generally, is not being matched by an increase in dog-friendly amenities and regulations. While New Zealand is often seen as a paradise for outdoor activities, many public spaces, parks, and trails still don't accommodate dogs, leaving owners with few options when it comes to socialising their pets or enjoying a walk without restrictions. We believe that Christchurch can lead the way with innovative regulations that enhance the well-being of dogs, their owners, and the wider community.

With the rise in dog ownership in Christchurch, it is more important than ever to promote responsible practices such as proper socialisation and training. The Council's proposed changes fail to do this, simply focussing on prohibiting access and limiting recreational freedom. To foster responsible dog ownership, we propose that the *first step* in the right direction is to expand the "Responsible Dog Owner" status, or to include an additional category (perhaps called "Responsible Dog Behaviour Manager") whereby dog owners who engage in consistent training and exhibit a high degree of control over their dog's behaviour can be exempted from some, or all, of the proposed restrictions.

Currently, the "Responsible Dog Owner" status is conditional on paying fees, microchipping, having a property that allows dog free access, and not having complaints/offences against the dog. However, in the same way that under Section 3.1.2.1, individuals will be able to apply to exercise "an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met", we propose that individuals should be able to apply to get an exemption from requiring their dog to be on-leash in various locations (including, but not limited to, single tracks in the Port Hills and shared pathways through parks). We believe that if the council can implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise additional dogs, they can also implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise dogs in areas that are being proposed as restricted or prohibited areas.

This solution incentivises dog owners to engage in regular training in order to gain access to additional freedoms, and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By encouraging ongoing training and education, this removes the tension between allowing dogs and their owners the freedom to enjoy

recreational activities, on the one hand, and ensuring responsible management that reduces potential harm, distress, or nuisance, on the other hand. In doing so, this proposal can offer less stringent restrictions and greater freedom in public spaces while ensuring a high level of safety for all.

As also noted in Section 3.1.2.1, there is currently no "qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places". This is also the case for individuals simply exercising their own dog in public spaces. We believe that part of the solution to this is to consider investigating a system of training, qualification, and accreditation. Such a system should be part of our future vision for a city (and eventually a country) in which dogs can be more comprehensively incorporated to our daily lives. This is outlined in more detail in the Supplementary Information at the end of this document.

*Summary*

Section 2.1 of the Council's Proposal states that their Dog Control Bylaw:

- promotes the responsible management of dogs in public places;
- provides for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners; and
- minimises the potential for danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community, animals and wildlife.

However, what it actually does is to place onerous restrictions on all owners and, by doing so, fails to promote the responsible management of dogs in public places. In essence, by prohibiting access and stifling the recreational freedom of dogs and their owners, the Council is simply removing any need to effectively manage dog behaviour.

We propose, instead, that the issues of dog control are managed via a system that incentivises owners to engage in on-going training and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By doing so, they then gain access to less stringent restrictions and can enjoy the recreational freedom they deserve in public spaces. This avoids unnecessary blanket restrictions while promoting responsible dog management, supporting recreational needs, and minimizing risks to the community, animals, and wildlife. We believe that focusing on *incentivizing dog training* and engaging in wider community education is a better strategy for dog control than increasing restrictions on areas dogs can access, and the manner in which they can access those areas (i.e., only on a leash) because it:

1. Encourages Responsible Ownership:
   Incentivizing training promotes responsible dog ownership by motivating owners to invest in ongoing training, ensuring dogs are well-behaved and under control, rather than relying solely on external restrictions.

2. Supports Recreational Freedom:
   Training-focused policies allow well-behaved dogs and responsible owners to enjoy public spaces freely, reducing the need for blanket restrictions on off-leash areas, which can limit the recreational opportunities of responsible owners.

3. Addresses Root Causes:

Training tackles the underlying issue of poor dog behaviour, whereas increased restrictions only address the symptoms (i.e., the behaviour of poorly trained dogs) without improving the broader problem.

4. Improves Community Safety:
   Well-trained dogs are easier to manage in public spaces, which helps minimize risks to the community, animals, and wildlife, while also fostering greater public confidence in off-leash dogs.

5. Minimizes Over-Regulation:
   Rather than imposing broad, one-size-fits-all restrictions, incentivizing training allows for targeted, less intrusive measures that balance public safety with the recreational needs of dog owners.

6. Promotes Education and Public Awareness:
   By focusing on training, the regulations could also encourage education about dog behaviour. For example, a school-based education program focused on responsible dog ownership could equip children with the knowledge and skills to be safe and empathetic around dogs. By engaging educators, professionals, parents, and the community, such a program could have a lasting impact, fostering a generation of responsible dog owners and advocates for animal welfare.

Finally, the economic benefits of making Christchurch more dog-friendly are substantial. By embracing a more dog-friendly approach, Christchurch could boost its tourism industry, particularly among pet owners who prefer to travel with their dogs. Many dog owners are keen to bring their pets along on their travels, and promoting responsible dog behaviour management in Christchurch should have the flow on effect of encouraging more businesses to become dog-friendly. This would make Christchurch an even more attractive destination, positioning ourselves as a leader in the global trend toward dog-friendly cities.

Ultimately, becoming more dog-friendly is not just about accommodating dogs; it's about fostering a more inclusive, compassionate society. Dogs play an important role in the lives of many Kiwis, providing companionship, emotional support, and even assistance for people with disabilities. The positive effects of pet ownership on mental health are well-documented, and providing an environment where dogs are welcome and celebrated can improve the quality of life for all. By embracing a dog-friendly culture, Christchurch would be sending a message that animals are valued members of society and that responsible pet ownership is a shared responsibility. With the right infrastructure, policies, and attitudes in place, Christchurch can lead the way in creating a society that works for both people and their furry companions.

*Supplementary Information*

Below is the beginning of an idea for how Christchurch could move from implementing a simple exemption based on an owners ability to manage their dog's behaviour, to a broader system that engages the council, dog owners, businesses, and the wider community.

*A Vision for the Future*

We believe that dogs and their owners benefit from continuous training, ensuring their dogs are well-behaved in a variety of public settings. This includes mastery of basic commands in a range of settings, and advanced training for handling more complex situations. Ideally, a future system would require that all owners who wish to have their dog considered as suitable for off-leash activities attend an annual assessment of their dog behaviour management skill. This assessment would then determine the status of the dog-owner partnership for the next year, and therefore the level of freedom and access able to be enjoyed. Further, we propose that owners would be able to attend accredited training programmes and have the status of their dog assessed more frequently if they wish to up-skill in order to gain more freedoms. Furthermore, we propose that dog-owner partnerships who consistently achieve the highest level of skill, would be exempted from annual assessments and move to less regular assessments, and that the level of registration fee paid to the council is set based on owner engagement and level of skill.

In addition, it is suggested that specific training such as "kiwi/weka/penguin aversion", "wetlands behaviour management", or "management of dog behaviour around stock " courses could enhance the basic programmes and extend the off-leash areas to those currently considered off-limits to all dogs.

For this system to work, and to benefit the wider public, a dog's status would need to be easily and clearly identified by people at a glance and at a reasonable distance. To enable this, we propose that a colour-coding scheme could work. Given the requirement for all dog owners to carry a leash (Section 3.1.1), it does not seem onerous that this be extended to stipulate that "in public spaces, all dogs are required to wear a coloured harness that indicates the dog's level of training". Thus, a dog's training and behavioural compliance status should be easily identifiable to all people (including park rangers and dog control officers), providing reassurance to the public that the dog is safe to be off-leash and that the owner has good control.

The details of the behavioural criteria for each level, and the colour (i.e., black, red, orange, green, gold) of the harness would need to be determined in consultation with accredited dog trainers. This consultation would also be required to determine the types of training and testing that would be required to pass each level.

We also understand that not all dogs would be suited for all environments. If a dog is still learning or has behavioural challenges that rule them out of being afforded additional freedoms, this would also be communicated via the colour of harness being worn. The dogs of owners who do not engage with this process would also be identifiable as they would not be wearing a harness that belonged to the scheme. These dogs would be required to remain on-leash in all areas that are not specific dog exercise areas.

This system would not be free to implement and we envisage that sponsorship would be sought to get it off the ground. However, we believe it could be developed to be self-funding in the future, and serve as the gold-standard across the country. It is a rare person who does

not smile when they see a dog freely enjoying public spaces and following their owner's instructions.

New Zealand is a beautiful, outdoor-loving country, and with the right investment in dog-friendly infrastructure and policies, it can become a haven for dogs and their owners with more dog-friendly parks, better access to public spaces, and a broader acceptance of dogs in social settings. This would not only enhance the lives of pet owners but also improve the social fabric of the nation, and Christchurch can lead the way.

*Key Partnerships*

To systematise dog training and implement a color-coding system that quickly and easily identifies the status of dogs, key partnerships would need to be established between the Council and the community. Each of partnership would play a crucial role in the effective design, implementation, and maintenance of the system, and are outlined below:

1. *The local council* would play a central role in overseeing the development of regulations and policies, including:
    - Develop and implement legal frameworks for accreditation and color-coding systems.
    - Approve and enforce regulations on off-leash areas and dog behaviour in public spaces.
    - Support public education and communication about the new system.
    - Collaborate with other stakeholders to ensure integration of the system into existing public spaces and infrastructure.

2. *Professional dog trainers and behaviourists* would be required to provide the expertise and training necessary for the accreditation process. Their key roles would be to:
    - Develop a standardized training program or curriculum for dog owners to follow.
    - Provide certifications or accreditation upon successful completion of training.
    - Establish a set of recognized training methods and criteria for different levels of dog behaviour (e.g., basic, intermediate, advanced).
    - Offer ongoing training or refresher courses for dog owners to maintain or upgrade their certification.

3. *Technology providers, dog gear manufacturers, and IT companies* would be needed to develop and maintain digital systems for tracking training status, accreditation, and color-coding. Their key roles would be to:
    a. Develop a database or app to track dog training statuses, certifications, and ongoing assessments.
    b. Create a secure, user-friendly platform for dog owners to register their dogs and monitor their training progress.
    c. Combine the colour-coding scheme with the manufacture of a simple dog harness that will suit a range of dogs.
    d. Implement RFID or QR codes for easy identification of dogs' training status (on the dog's harness and through digital access points at public spaces).

4. *Veterinarians, animal welfare groups, and organizations focused on animal care* would play a role in ensuring the welfare of the dogs involved in the training program

and that the system supports healthy dog behaviour. Their responsibilities would be to:

- Advocate for the well-being of dogs involved in the program and ensure training methods are humane and scientifically sound.
- Provide health assessments as part of the accreditation process, ensuring dogs are physically capable of participating in the program.
- Offer medical advice to dog owners on how training can be balanced with overall health care.

5. *Dog owners* would be the primary participants in the training program and users of the color-coding system and would be responsible for:
   - Enrolling in training programs and following up with any necessary certification processes.
   - Displaying the color-coded identification on their dogs, signifying their level of training.
   - Providing feedback on the system's effectiveness and working collaboratively with trainers, local authorities, and others to improve the program.
   - Complying with the regulations and using the system responsibly.

6. *Local enforcement officers* (including dog control officers and park rangers) would need to accommodate the new system and ensure its smooth implementation; and monitor compliance with the policies and associated color-coding system, ensuring that dogs with a visible certification (or lack thereof) adhere to the regulations. They key responsibilities would be to:
   - Incorporate color-coded signage or markers in dog-friendly public areas to indicate which dogs are properly trained for off-leash activities.
   - Collaborate with local authorities to designate spaces where well-trained dogs can safely be off-leash.
   - Support the system by providing designated areas for various levels of dog training status, ensuring dogs are safely separated based on behaviour.
   - Enforce local laws and regulations related to dogs in public spaces, including those around off-leash areas and the use of the colour-coding system.
   - Educate the public about the meaning of the colour codes and how to interpret them.
   - Address situations where dogs are off-leash or behaving aggressively, and work with owners to ensure compliance.

7. *Local media, community groups, and advocacy organizations* would help inform the wider public about the color-coding system and responsible dog ownership. Their responsibilities would include:
   a. Promote the benefits of dog training and responsible behaviour through public outreach.
   b. Create awareness campaigns about the color-coding system to ensure public understanding and compliance.
   c. Provide educational resources for both dog owners and the general public on dog behaviour and the new system's purpose.

8. *Insurance companies* may become involved by offering specialized coverage for dog owners who participate in the accreditation system For example, providing insurance discounts or incentives for dog owners who participate in approved training programs and demonstrate responsible management; assessing risk and liability associated with

dogs in public spaces, particularly in off-leash areas; and creating policies that support the system's goals.

9. *Academic or research institutions* focused on animal behaviour could provide evidence-based recommendations for designing the training programs and ensuring the system is grounded in best practices. For example, conducting research on the effectiveness of different training methods and color-coding systems; evaluating the impact of the system on public safety and dog welfare; and publishing findings and providing guidance on how to improve the system over time.

Opportunities also exist to develop *school programme*s to educate young people about responsible dog ownership, safe interactions with dogs, and engender an understanding of dog behaviour. Such programmes would help to prepare the next generation of dog owners and would need to be age-appropriate, for example:

*A Primary School programme could focus on:*

- Dog Safety Basics: Teaching children how to approach dogs safely, recognise body language, and understand when not to interact with a dog.
- Basic Care and Responsibility: Introduce concepts like feeding, grooming, and exercising dogs.
- Empathy for Animals: Promote kindness and respect for animals through stories, games, and discussions.
- Interactive Activities: Include role-playing games to practice safe interactions with dogs and creating "dog care" posters or projects.

*A Secondary School Programme could focus on:*

- Understanding Dog Behaviour: Teach how to interpret dog body language, stress signals, and signs of aggression.
- Dog Training Basics: Introduce basic concepts of dog training, including positive reinforcement and the importance of consistent training.
- Community Impact: Discuss the impact of well-trained dogs on communities, including public safety and responsible behaviour in shared spaces.
- Discussion and Problem-Solving: Use case studies or scenarios where students discuss what to do in situations involving dogs, such as encountering a loose dog or dealing with a dog that is scared or aggressive.

To maximise the effectiveness of education programmes, it is imperative to leverage community engagement, this could be achieved with:

- Dog Interaction Days: Organize field trips or "dog days" where students can interact with well-trained, friendly dogs under the supervision of professionals. These can be opportunities to practice lessons learned and build confidence.
- Parent Involvement: Engage parents by sending home materials on dog safety and responsible ownership. Organize family-oriented workshops on dog care.
- Partnerships with Local Shelters: Partner with animal shelters to bring in dogs for demonstrations or to organize "adopt-a-pet" events, where students can learn about rescue and adoption.
- Public Awareness Campaign: Involve students in community outreach, like designing posters for local parks or conducting presentations on dog safety.

By developing as many partnerships as possible with the various stakeholders during the design and development phase, the training and accreditation system could be effectively

implemented, ensuring that responsible dog ownership is incentivised and that the community benefits from safer, better behaved dogs in public spaces.

*Key Benefits*

The key benefits of this future vision are numerous but they all come back to the crux of the matter – it incentivises a higher level of dog training which has flow on effects for the whole community, as outlined below:

*Dogs and their owners:* Good dog training offers a wide range of benefits for both the dog and the owner. Some key advantages of focussing on training rather than tightening restrictions are:

1. Improved Behaviour
   - Prevents Unwanted Actions: Training teaches dogs what is acceptable behaviour and what isn't, reducing unwanted behaviours like jumping, barking excessively, or chewing on furniture.
   - Better Manners: A well-trained dog knows how to greet people politely, walk nicely on a leash, and follow basic commands like "sit," "stay," and "come."

2. Stronger Bond between Owner and Dog
   - Increased Communication: Training helps owners and their dogs understand each other better, improving communication and the overall relationship.
   - Trust and Respect: A well-trained dog is more likely to listen to and trust their owner, creating a deeper emotional bond.

3. Better Socialization
   - Confidence in New Environments: Dogs that are properly socialized through training are more confident in unfamiliar environments, which makes outings like visits to the park or vet less stressful.
   - Better with Other Pets and People: Training exposes dogs to different experiences, people, and animals, making them more comfortable and well-behaved around others.

4. Safety
   - Recall Command: A dog that reliably comes when called can be safer off-leash in public spaces, preventing them from running into traffic or getting into dangerous situations.
   - Obedience in Emergencies: Training helps ensure dogs will follow commands in critical moments, whether it's staying still during a medical emergency or avoiding dangerous situations.

5. Mental Stimulation
   - Engages Their Mind: Training provides mental challenges that keeps dog's brains active. Mental stimulation can help reduce behavioural problems caused by boredom or frustration.
   - Tire Them Out: Training sessions can tire out a dog mentally, which can be just as effective as physical exercise for high-energy dogs.

6. Improved Confidence and Emotional Health
   - Reduces Anxiety: A dog that understands what's expected of them is less likely to experience anxiety and fear because they have clear structure and routine.

- Increased Confidence: Positive reinforcement during training boosts dog's confidence, helping them feel more secure in their environment.

7. Better Control and Management
- Easier Handling: Well-trained dogs are generally easier to manage in public or at home, reducing stress for both owner and dog.
- Fewer Behavioural Issues: Proper training helps address issues early, before they become ingrained, making it easier to manage problem behaviours.

8. Improved Quality of Life
- More Freedom: A well-trained dog is able to have more freedom, whether that means being off-leash or being allowed in more places.
- Enhanced Interaction: Training helps dogs become more enjoyable companions by making them easier to interact with in different contexts—whether it's during play, walks, or family time.

9. Long-Term Benefits
- Prevents Future Problems: Early training sets a foundation that can prevent behavioural issues from developing as the dog matures.
- Helps with Aging Dogs: Training can also help older dogs maintain mental acuity and physical coordination.

Importantly, the benefits extend far beyond just the owner and the dog itself. Many others in the dog's wider environment also experience positive effects, including:

1. Family Members
- Children: A well-trained dog is safer and more comfortable around children. It can be more patient and gentle, and children can learn how to interact respectfully with animals. This reduces the risk of bites, fear, or misunderstandings between dogs and young ones.
- Elderly or Vulnerable Family Members: Older adults or those with mobility issues can feel more confident around a trained dog, especially if the dog is well-behaved and responds to commands like "stay" or "sit" to avoid accidental knocks or jumps.

2. Neighbours
- Less Disruption: A dog that has been trained not to bark excessively, dig in yards, or run away will be less likely to cause disruptions to neighbours, resulting in a more peaceful neighbourhood.
- Better Social Interactions: When dogs behaves well in public spaces and on walks, it improves interactions with neighbours, passersby, and their pets, fostering a sense of community and respect.

3. Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters
- Easier to Manage: Well-trained dogs are easier for dog walkers, sitters, or trainers to handle, making their jobs less stressful and more enjoyable. This also means fewer behavioural issues during walks or when owners are away.
- Safer Environment: Professional dog handlers benefit from a dog that is familiar with basic commands, which helps ensure the safety of the dog, the handler, and others around them.

4. Vets and Veterinary Staff

- Less Stressful Visits: A dog that is trained to stay calm during a vet visit (e.g., being able to sit still, tolerate being examined, or stay on the scale) will have a smoother experience, reducing stress for both the dog and the veterinary team.
- Reduced Risk of Injury: Well-trained dogs are less likely to become fearful or aggressive during exams, which lowers the risk of accidental bites or other injuries to staff members.

5. Other Dogs
- Improved Socialization: Well-trained dogs are often better behaved in social situations, making it easier for them to get along with other dogs. They're less likely to exhibit overly dominant, fearful, or aggressive behaviours, which can reduce stress in multi-dog environments.
- Positive Role Model: Well-behaved dogs can act as role models for other dogs, especially in environments like dog parks or doggy daycares, teaching them calm and appropriate behaviour.

6. Public and Community Spaces
- Safer Interactions: In public spaces such as parks, pet-friendly stores, or sidewalks, well-trained dogs help ensure safer interactions with people, other animals, and the environment. A dog that responds to commands like "leave it" or "sit" in potentially hazardous situations is a safer presence.
- More Access to Places: Well-behaved dogs are more likely to be welcome in various places, from pet-friendly cafes to hotels and rental properties, expanding the opportunities for both owners and their dogs to enjoy new experiences.

7. Dog Trainers
- More Rewarding Work: For dog trainers, working with a dog that is already well-trained or at least responsive to basic cues makes their job easier and more productive. It's more satisfying to help further refine a dog's skills or to tackle minor issues rather than dealing with significant behavioural problems.

8. Service and Therapy Roles
- Service Dogs: Well-trained dogs can take on essential roles as service animals, helping individuals with disabilities by providing assistance with mobility, opening doors, or alerting to medical conditions. A well-trained dog can be a lifeline in these roles.
- Therapy Dogs: A trained therapy dog can offer emotional support in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and other settings. Their calm and controlled behaviour is crucial for providing comfort to those in need.

9. The Environment (Community Benefits)
- Cleaner Public Spaces: Well-trained dogs are less likely to leave a mess in public areas, such as by not digging or eliminating in inappropriate places. This helps keep shared spaces cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone.
- More Responsible Dog Ownership: A community of well-trained dogs can contribute to a culture of responsible pet ownership, leading to fewer dogs in shelters, less behavioural-related abandonment, and better overall care for animals.

10. Other Pets
- Reduced Stress: If you have other pets, a well-trained dog is less likely to act aggressively or in a disruptive way toward them, creating a more harmonious home for all animals involved.

- Positive Influence: A well-behaved dog can set a good example for other animals in the household, encouraging calm, positive behaviour, especially if you have multiple dogs or even cats.

11. Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations
- Adoptability: Dogs that have received basic training are more likely to be adopted from shelters, as potential owners are often more interested in adopting a dog that has some level of obedience and socialization. A well-trained dog is also less likely to end up in a shelter due to behavioural issues.
- Fewer Returns: Dogs with behavioural problems are often returned to shelters after adoption, but well-trained dogs have a much better chance of staying in their new homes long-term.

12. Pet Stores and Businesses
- Positive Experience for Customers: Well-behaved dogs contribute to a positive experience at pet stores or dog-friendly businesses. Stores may also find that dogs that follow basic commands (e.g., "sit" or "stay") are easier for their staff to handle.
- Fewer Complaints: In public places like cafes, retail stores, or dog parks, well-trained dogs create fewer complaints from customers or patrons, contributing to a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

---

In short, good dog training results in a happier, healthier, and more harmonious life for both the dog and their owner. It sets the stage for a positive relationship based on trust, respect, and mutual understanding. Further, the benefits of good dog training extend to family members, neighbours, professionals, other animals, and even the broader community. A well-trained dog fosters a safer, more enjoyable environment and enhances the lives of everyone they interact with.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

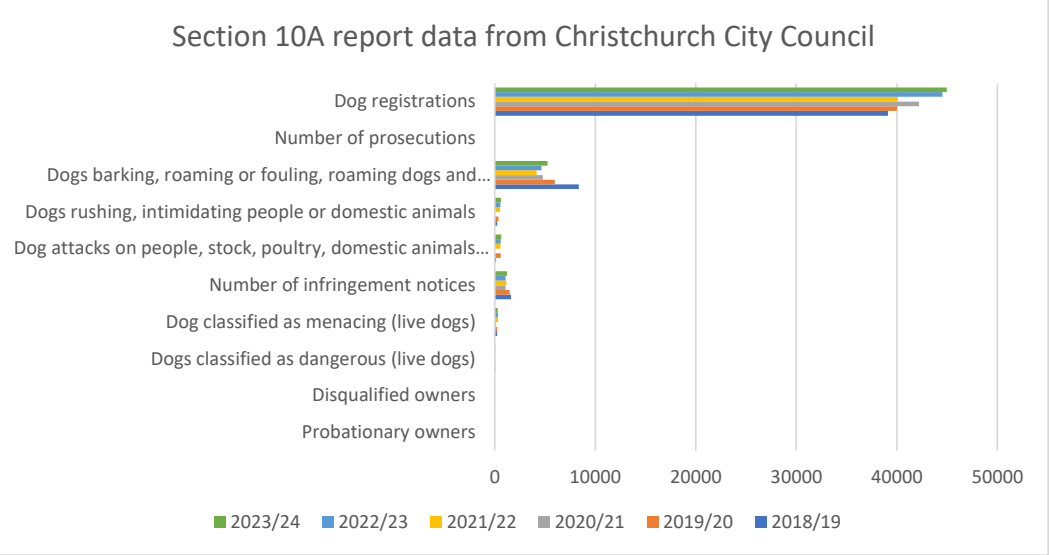
Full Name Colette Brick

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

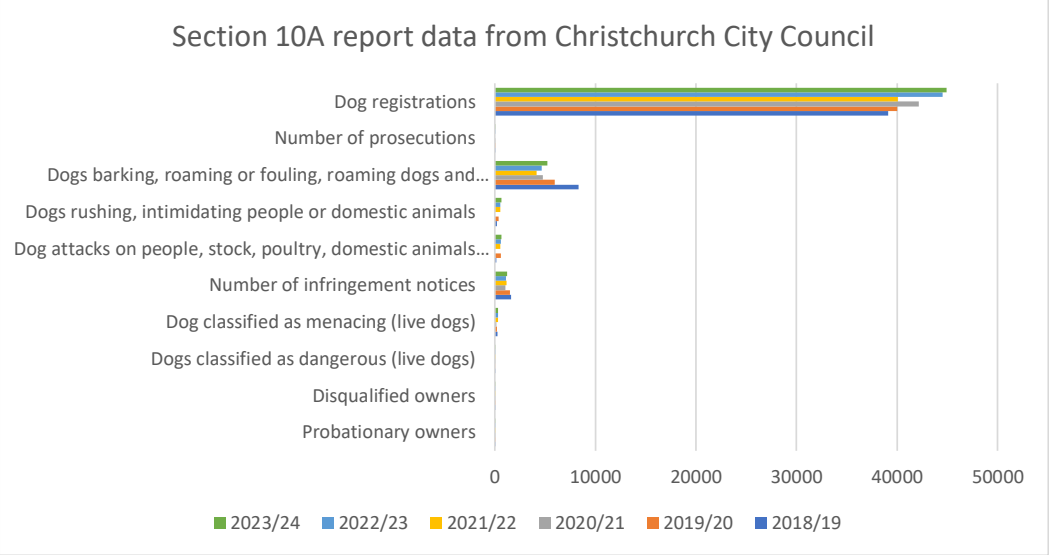
[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Grant Arnold
[redacted]

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

> The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

Helen Greaves

To the Christchurch City Council,

I am submitting feedback on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024. While I appreciate the Council's efforts to review and improve dog control regulations, I believe that dog owners in Christchurch are being let down by just a few bad apples that the council needs to address through more education and better enforcement—not more restrictive laws that unfairly impact law-abiding dog owners.

I have several concerns that I believe need further consideration regarding Proposed Changes:

**Leash Length and Dog Welfare**

The 1.5m leash restriction, while not new, and its expansion to more areas remains concerning. As outlined by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ), leashes of this length restrict natural behaviours and can cause stress, frustration and behavioural issues like leash pulling, barking and aggression. I recommend that the definition of "short leashes" be adjusted to reflect the negative impacts of this restriction on dog welfare. Longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines offer more space for dogs to engage in natural behaviours, explore and interact with their environment, which is vital for their physical and mental health.

**Increased Leash Laws on Shared Paths and Tracks**

I understand the intent to enhance public safety, but blanket leash requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Off-leash areas, where dogs are under effective control, are important for their well-being and mental stimulation. A more balanced approach, promoting responsible off-leash control, would better serve both dogs and the public.

**Impact of Regulations on the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor**

The proposed restrictions in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, which limit dog access to mowed grass areas, will unnecessarily restrict responsible dog exercise and cramp those abiding by the rules into essentially a third of the space they can currently use. There has been no clear evidence provided by the Council that dogs are harming wildlife in this area. I suggest a more flexible approach that allows owners to exercise their dogs without negatively impacting the environment, such as the "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control) which was suggested by many.

**Lack of Consultation with Experts**

I strongly urge the Council to consider the letter from the APDTNZ (found here: https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/CCC-letter-references) and consult with dog welfare experts like the APDTNZ and Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) before finalising these changes. Their expertise in dog welfare and training is crucial to ensuring the regulations are both effective and in the best interests of dogs and the public.

Additional Concerns:

**Lifetime Tag Issues**

While lifetime dog tags are intended to be a long-term solution, I recommend returning to the old plastic strip tags, which were more durable, cost-effective, and practical and also don't need to be replaced yearly – which is what I have had do as the bar code wears off after a couple of months.

Conclusion:

I encourage the Christchurch City Council to take a more balanced approach to dog control, considering both dog welfare and the needs of responsible owners. Specifically, I recommend:

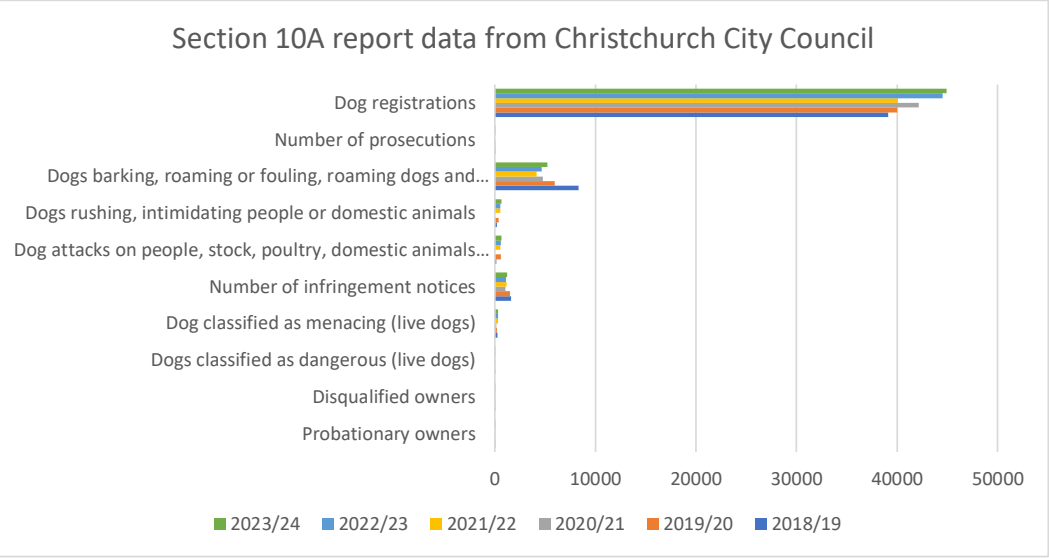
- Reassessing leash length requirements to balance safety and welfare.
- Maintaining off-leash areas for responsible dog exercise.
- Focusing on education and enforcement of existing regulations.
- Consulting with dog welfare experts to ensure the policy is informed by best practices.
- Re-evaluating lifetime dog tags to find more practical alternatives.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to seeing a more flexible, thoughtful approach to dog control in our community.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name: Craig Latimer
Address: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

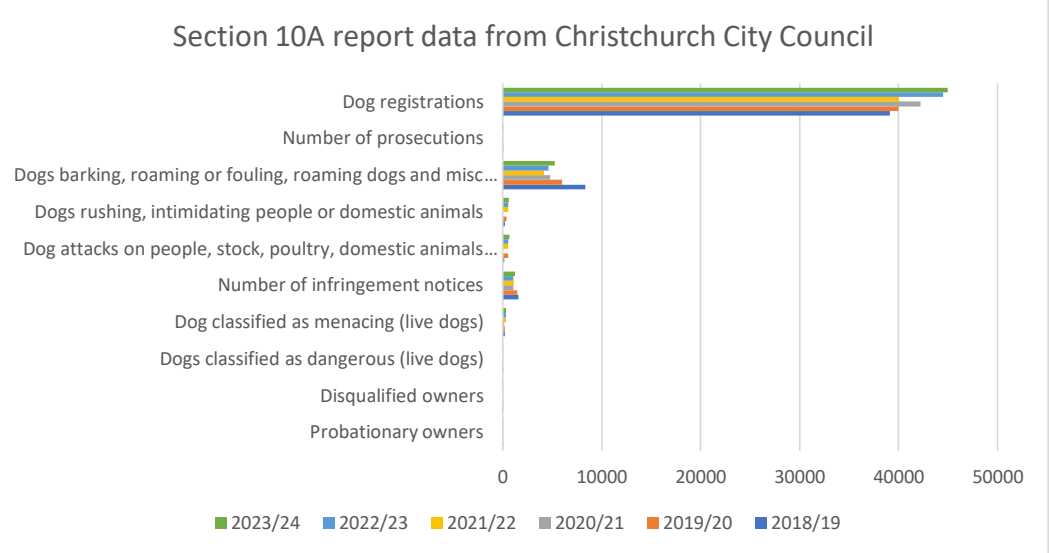
In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised."*[3] *In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of the Council's proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline.*

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Vanessa Elizabeth Smith
[redacted] Christchurch
[redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024** **11 December 2024**

Full Name. PAMELA IRENE **ANDREW**

Address with postcode [redacted] Christchurch [redacted]

Email [redacted]

I would **NOT** like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is **N / A.**

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place? YES**

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control? POSSIBLY**

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed? NO**

Often owners need more "education" or training to ensure their dogs are under appropriate control. Commonsense is often missing!

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads.
**NO** – sensible owners walk their dogs appropriately.
Alas, "rules" are never seen as applicable to those who believe they know best!

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor? NO**

Again, the lack of commonsense needs to be overcome and "natural responsibility" needs to be encouraged.
"Rules" rarely produce the outcomes sought by the survey designers or administrators!

**Other comments:**

It seems the survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure a "level playing field" (confirmed by [redacted] Manager, Official Information & Privacy Officer, August 2024).

A map would have been fundamental / essential to a clear understanding of the "proposals".

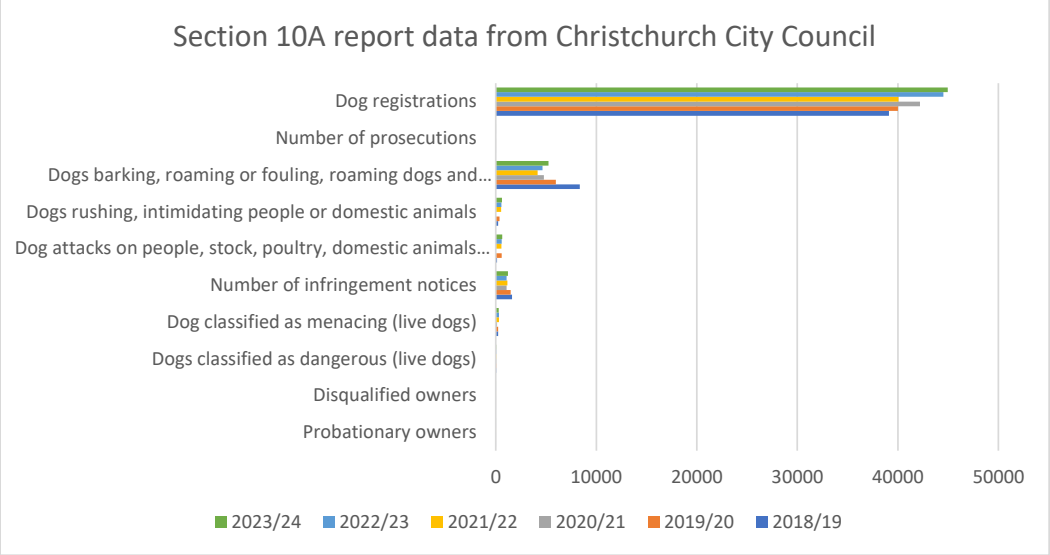
Surely the survey designers would WANT responders to CLEARLY understand their statements so they could respond appropriately / more accurately? Apparently not!

PA.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Helen Greenep
Address [redacted]
Postcode [redacted]
Email [redacted]

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

As a bike rider I have found the real issue to be dogs on long retractable leads. If dogs are under effective control a short leash should not be required. Ban the use of long leads on paths, unleashed dogs under effective control do not need leashing in this setting.

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

- I would like to see levels of dog ownership such that those owners who can demonstrate certain levels or control/training, can take their dogs in more places.

- There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted], "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some*

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

*particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy."* (emphasis added)

- In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

[redacted]

From: Julie Best <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 9:54 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024
Julie Best
Address: [redacted]
Email address: [redacted]

1. Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can control in a public place?
Yes
2. Do you support the revised definition of effective control? Yes
3. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5m) on footpaths, shared paths, and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed? No
There is no compelling data to justify blanket leash restrictions in these areas. The updated definition of effective control should be enough to guide enforcement. Short leashes (1.5m) limit dogs' natural behaviours, potentially causing stress and frustration. I recommend considering longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines to give dogs more space while still being under control.
4. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads? No
The Council's own data shows a decrease in dog-related infringements, suggesting that further restrictions are unnecessary. A more balanced approach, prioritising vulnerable users (such as pedestrians), would be more effective. Dog owners already follow current rules responsibly, and blanket leash requirements could create conflict between owners trying to share tight spaces.
5. Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?
No
Restricting dogs to only a third of the red zone area would limit off-leash exercise, which is crucial for dogs' physical and mental well-being. Dogs also need access to water for their health, especially in warmer weather. The proposed restrictions are not supported by adequate evidence, particularly regarding the impact of dogs on wildlife. I support ecological initiatives, but they must be a balanced approach, with more transparent areas and reasoning.
6. Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?
Yes
7. Other Comments I am concerned about the Dog Control Survey from July 2024, which was not peer-reviewed for bias. While useful for gathering general public opinions, the survey shouldn't be the sole basis for these policy changes. Additionally, the lack of an updated map outlining proposed changes makes it difficult for dog owners and the public to fully understand the impact of these rules. As someone who doesn't own dogs, but cares for their welfare, I believe that more education and better enforcement—not stricter regulations—are key to addressing issues with irresponsible dog ownership. Over the years, I've seen improved dog behaviour, thanks to efforts from local trainers and organisations like APDTNZ and CANZ. Instead of restricting space, we need to support responsible dog ownership through education. I urge the Council to consult with dog welfare experts to ensure a balanced approach that benefits both the dogs, the wider community, the wildlife and environment.

Thank you
Julie Best
Best for Pets
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Lavinia Tan <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 10:41 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Lavinia Tan
[redacted]
Christchurch [redacted]

1. Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can control in a public place?
Yes

This proposal primarily targets commercial dog walkers, an industry that remains largely unregulated. While this initiative addresses a portion of the problem, its success will rely heavily on the Council's ability to enforce these rules, particularly through regular spot checks in parks, beaches, and other public spaces where these services operate.

If individuals are granted permission to have more than two dogs on their property, they should be allowed to exercise the same number of dogs off-leash in public areas.

2. Do you support the revised definition of effective control?
Yes

I welcome the revised definition, as it provides clearer guidelines for both dog owners and authorities. This clarity will help in both enforcement and education, ensuring that the rules are understood and adhered to effectively.

3. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5m) on footpaths, shared paths, and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?
No

There is insufficient evidence to justify imposing additional leash restrictions in these areas, especially when the updated definition of "effective control" already offers more clarity for enforcement. Blanket leash requirements on shared paths and tracks do not account for the natural behaviours of dogs or the fact that many responsible owners are already keeping their dogs under control.

The intention to improve safety is understood, but these restrictions ignore the fact that dogs benefit from off-leash exercise, and many areas currently allow off-leash play safely. I recommend a more balanced approach, one that allows for dogs to engage in natural behaviours while still maintaining safety.

Furthermore, the 1.5m leash rule, though not new, is concerning as it restricts natural behaviours, potentially causing stress and frustration in dogs. This could result in issues like leash-pulling, barking, and aggression. A better solution would be to allow longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines that would provide dogs with more space to engage in natural behaviours without compromising safety.

4. Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?
No

There is no compelling evidence to justify this additional restriction, especially when Council data shows a decline in dog-related infringements despite an increase in the registered dog population. A more measured approach, based on the "speed yields to vulnerability" principle, would be a better fit for shared paths. This approach prioritizes the safety of vulnerable users, whether they are pedestrians, cyclists, or dog walkers.

Most dog owners already follow the current rules responsibly. The problem lies with a small minority of non-compliant individuals, and further restrictions could lead to unnecessary conflict between responsible owners trying to share the space.

5. Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?
No

The proposed restrictions on the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (red zone) would limit the opportunities for dogs to enjoy off-leash training, exercise, and natural exploration. Restricting dogs to only a third of the area, mostly mown grass, undermines their well-being, particularly by reducing access to water—vital for dog health in hot weather.

This will disproportionately affect elderly or physically disabled dog owners, as well as families with young children, who often rely on these spaces. Limiting dogs to smaller areas will likely increase conflicts between owners trying to share limited space.

The proposed limitations are not supported by sufficient evidence, especially given the lack of data on how dogs impact wildlife in the area. I acknowledge the Council's goal to create an ecological corridor, but a more balanced approach is necessary to meet the needs of both the environment and the community.

6. Other Comments
I am concerned about the Council's reliance on the Dog Control Survey conducted in July 2024. This survey's methodology has not been peer-reviewed for bias, as confirmed by [redacted], Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer. The survey was intended to gauge general public

opinion on select issues, but it should not be the sole foundation for these policy changes.

In addition, the absence of a detailed map outlining the proposed changes makes it difficult for dog owners to assess the full impact of these proposals. Without this key information, it is impossible for dog guardians to make fully informed submissions, and the Council's refusal to provide the map suggests a lack of transparency.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and follow existing rules, but they are being unfairly penalised by the actions of a small minority who don't comply. Over the past several years, I've witnessed significant improvements in dog behaviour in Christchurch, thanks to the efforts of local trainers from APDTNZ and CANZ. I personally encounter fewer incidents now than in the past, even as the dog population grows.

Reducing space for dogs will likely create more conflict between dog owners, as they try to share already limited areas. As someone who walks along the Ōtākaro Avon River frequently, I often see dog owners showing great respect for each other, using long lines for dogs in training, and leashing their dogs when required. The proposed rules fail to acknowledge this growing culture of respect and responsible dog ownership.

I urge the Council to reconsider this Bylaw, consult with experts in dog welfare and behaviour, such as APDTNZ and CANZ, and take a more informed and balanced approach to these regulations.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to seeing a more balanced approach to dog control that better serves both the community and the well-being of our dogs.

Lavinia Tan, PhD CDBC CANZ-ABC
www.adaptivebehaviour.co.nz

[redacted]

From: Peter Glassenbury <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2024 12:25 am
To: Lets Talk
Cc: Peter Glassenbury
Subject: Feedback: Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024
Peter and Wilma Glassenbury
[redacted]
Ph [redacted]

Background: We are owners of 2 small dogs and take our daughters puppy for walks with ours as well.
We mainly use our local Avonhead and Burnside parks daily but use others all over Christchurch.
This is relevant for the part of the feedback to the proposed rule changes.

1. The defining of what effective control is a good thing. There are a lot of variations of what people think is control and having no definition is not helpful for enforcement

   or even for other dog walkers to be able to say control your animal.

2. Parks like Avonhead with a ring path around the outside, are used heavily, daily by dog owners with a high majority off the leash.

   It works well with minimal problems.

   I would guess that dog owners would be high users on weekdays and share well with the sports teams on

   the weekend. This and other parks like this have a shared pathway around the outside, where there is an

   occasional cyclist and a number of runners. This By-law as written seems to either block the owners and dogs enjoyment by restricting them to a leash or more worryingly force them off the pathway and out to run around in the centre of the parks where the sports fields are. Elmwood and Avonhead and to a lesser extent Ferrier and Ray Blank are examples of these types of park. . I also wonder if the shared pathway change iis specifically for parks like Hagley where there are effectively cycle transport lanes shared with other users.

3. The prohibiting of dogs in key areas to protect wildlife also sounds good. Thise areas

   also provide a lot of stimulus (smells, movement and various landscape) for the dogs

   so having extra facilities in the "200 hectares of mowed grass" when shifting dogs to that area would be nice.

4. I surveyed about 20 or so dog owners on two days walking with my dogs at Avonhead park and **none** had heard about the

   proposed bylaw changes. I head because I was subscribed to the Council feedback list. I would have thought a notice to all the email addresses associated with dog ownership would have been a good way of publicising it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment
If anything is unclear or more information needed, Please reply
Regards
Peter and Wilma Glassenbury
This email may be confidential and subject to legal privilege, it may not reflect the views of the University of Canterbury, and it is not guaranteed to be virus free. If you are not an intended recipient, please notify the sender immediately and erase all copies of the message and any attachments.

Classification: In-Confidence

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

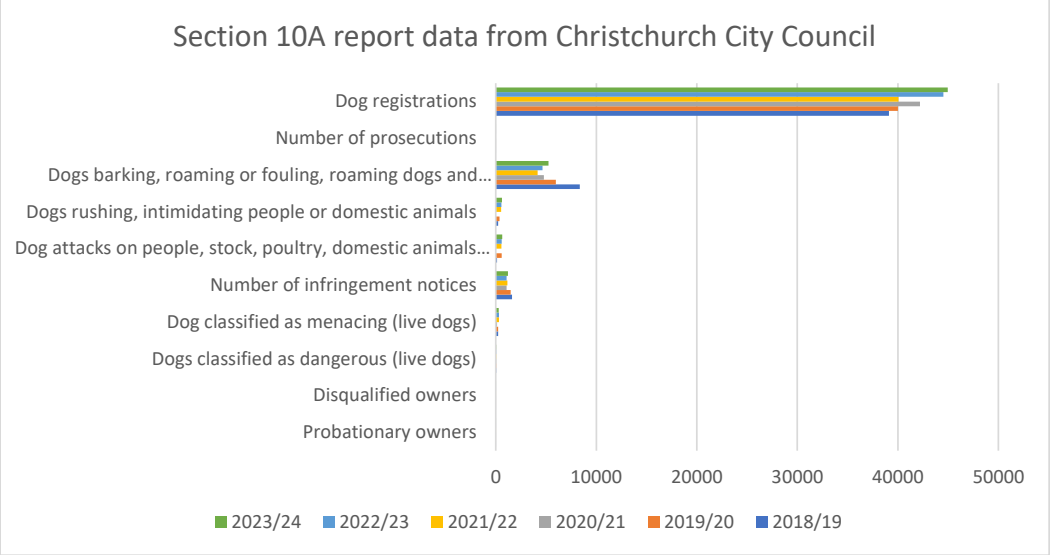
Full Name Carl Webster

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

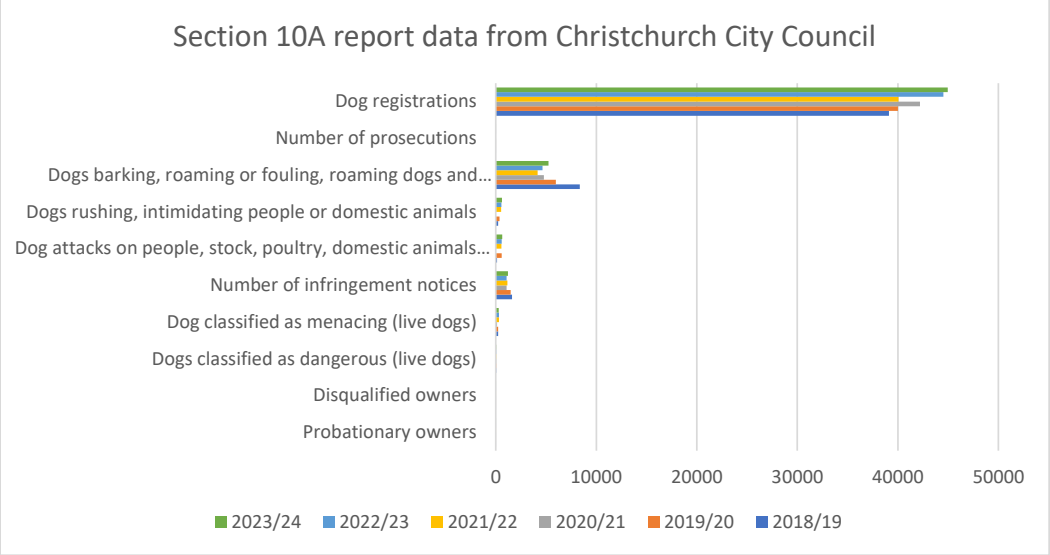
Full Name Tori Ball

Address with postcode [redacted]

Email [redacted]

☐ I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

[redacted]

From: Pam Richardson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2024 11:51 am
To: Lets Talk
Cc: Richardson, Pam (Private)
Subject: Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024 Statement of Proposal.

Good morning

Re - the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024 Statement of proposal. Schedule 1. Prohibited and leashed dog control areas - P 30 Pigeon Bay Camping Ground prohibited .

A number of years ago September 2020 the Pigeon Bay Reserve Committee received this information. I have included the email that we received from [redacted] re the importance of this estuary at the southern end of the Pigeon Bay Camping Ground . At the time I was a member of the Pigeon Bay Reserve Committee and we were looking at planting up the landward side of the estuary of which we have since done working with [redacted].

I have contacted the Reserve Committee informing them that I was going to submit - I would like to propose that this area is included as a prohibited dog area in recognition of the significant ecological values of the area.

I look foward to seeing the final document.

Kind regards Pam

**From:** [redacted]@ccc.govt.nz>
**Subject: RE: Camp Site plantings at Pigeon Bay**
**Date:** 22 September 2020 at 11:10:06 AM NZST
**To:** [redacted] "Richardson, Pam (Private)" [redacted]

Hi [redacted] and Pam,

The zone around the edge of the camp ground indicated by Pam's photo (below) is fine for shoreline planting from a wildlife perspective.

The planting would need to stop though at the edge of the pines at the line across the base of the stony spit shown in yellow below: This is because the spit is used by a pair of Variable Oystercatchers for nesting and they need bare open habitat – either just stones and unvegetated or with very low turf vegetation – preferably comprising indigenous plant species like Sarcocornia or Cotua.



The stony spit is also used as a high tide roosting site for Variable Oystercatchers, South Island Pied Oystercatchers and sometimes additional shorebird species. Again – completely open and bare is the key habitat. These birds also roost and /or feed on the mudfkat embayment (a rare habitat type on Banks Peninsula – as well as fly to other shoreline habitats around Pigeon Bay – esp cobble areas at creek mouths.

The shoreline vegetation gives a good steer on what indigenous tree species seem to be able to survive at the water's edge in this locality, although note that there are some "planted species" such as taupata present. Ngaio does seem to do well and I agree that it seems like a sensible choice. I know of a number of locations in CHCH/BP where Ngaio grows virtually in the tide, almost like a mangrove.



Although there's a lot of weedy vege in the area, plese be mindful that oif there is ever a habitat restoration or enhancement project here that the existing shoreline should be left as bare mud. Although planting it up with rushes is an attractive proposition (and something I think we should be doing at certain locations on BP like some of the bays within Akaroa Harbour), any planting of rushland at this specific site (except on the landward edge of the mudflat) would displace the birds from a very scarce habitat type within the bay.



[redacted]
Ecologist
Biodiversity

[redacted]
[redacted]@ccc.govt.nz
Te Hononga Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
PO Box 73011, Christchurch 8154
ccc.govt.nz

Sent from my iPad

[redacted]

From: Katy Hediger <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 10:38 am
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

To the people making the decisions,

When I heard about the proposed new dog control by-laws, I was shocked, frustrated and saddened. My dog and I found the red zone as an area for our morning walks, when we were checking out that area one Saturday morning. She had an absolute blast, as she is able to run and play off lead and get the perfect amount of exercise that she needs.
I have an ex-pig dog, who is physically very fit and active and living in the centre of town, I struggle to find places to exercise her off lead before work in the morning. The red zone is the one area in Christchurch, other than the beach which I can't get to in the mornings before work, where people can safely exercise their dogs off lead in a large area and due to the size and nature of the area, you can easily off-lead exercise your dog without coming across anyone else. Many parks across Chch are either dogs on-lead, or so close to the road that I don't feel comfortable letting her off that close to traffic.

The proposed new by-laws will greatly affect my current daily routine of exercising my dog. If access to this is taken away, that greatly reduces the number of areas within a short distance of my house, that I can adequately exercise my dog off leash, before spending the day at work. This will be the same for many, many others who walk their dogs there daily, so you will be depriving people of giving adequate exercise and mental stimulation to their beloved pets.

I walk in the Dallington area of the red zone every morning with a group of people and our dogs. I've been doing this for about 6 months now, but some of these people have been walking their dogs here for years. All the dogs play together, they run around chasing each other and having a wonderful play time. Most of our encounters in the mornings are with other people with dogs too, most of which are off lead but under effective control. If we see any dogs coming towards us that are on-lead, we all have our dogs under control to bring them back to us and put them on lead, however some dogs are often more reactive on-lead and we have less issues when they are free to run and sniff each other and greet in their natural way. By forcing our dogs to be on-lead, I suspect there will be an increase in the number of issues between dogs on-lead, as speaking from my experience as a Vet Nurse, as that seems to be a problem for a great many dogs.

There is no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed? No

Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads? Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads: No

Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place? Yes - this I definitely agree with, because I believe you cannot be completely in charge and fully in control of multiple dogs all at once. I think limiting the number to 2 or 3 is a great idea.

Do you support the revised definition of effective control? Yes

Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor? No - not entirely.

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

I suggest allowing dogs to have access to the river in a specific, set area of the river, so that access to water on a hot day is granted to them, without risk of affecting the wildlife. This would keep both dog owners and council happy. Personally, my dog gets very hot when exercising, even on cooler days and needs to find somewhere to cool off and will often just go and lay down in the shallows to wet her belly. She has never chased or done any harm to any birds or wildlife along the river and I believe she should still be able to access what she needs to cool off. If she can't, the ramifications could be severe.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children. This also means that during the winter months when it is dark earlier, it forces people to walk in the areas that are not lit by street lights and it becomes incredibly unsafe for people walking their dogs outside of work hours. I have come across a naked man in the grass areas of the red zone when I was walking my dog, something I didn't expect and wish never to see again, so if people with dogs are forces to walk on only grassy areas, this sort of thing could happen more frequently and that makes me feel very uneasy and unsafe.

If these proposed changes are coming from the people that feel unsafe around dogs and want somewhere to walk where they don't come across dogs off-lead because they don't feel comfortable, then I urge you to think of it from the other side as well, from the side of the people WITH the dogs that have never caused any issues. There is a small minority of dogs that are aggressive or have issues when out walking off-lead (see previous note) and it isn't fair to take away one of the only large areas for off-leash exercise, when there are MANY parks and areas across Christchurch that dogs aren't allowed, that people can go if they feel unsafe around dogs.

I suggest you look at providing a section of the red zone, (even the Dallington loop for example because I very rarely see people there without dogs), that is exempt from some of these by-laws, that remains dogs off-leash, under effective control, so that people like myself and the others I walk with, can continue to exercise our dogs safely and adequately, without posing any issues to anyone else. Or furthermore, introducing a time limit (such as the time periods at parts of New Brighton/Waimari beaches) where dogs are allowed off-lead under effective control before 8am and after 6pm daily. This would allow for both parties to have what they desire.

We are a city that is becoming more and more accepting of dogs in general - allowing them in to many bars and restaurants and workplaces. They are part of the family and it feels like a backwards step to put through some of these proposed changes. I urge you to reconsider and I asj you to think about the points I have made in this submission before you make these changes.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Kind regards,
Katy Hediger

# Submission regarding "Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024"

A response to proposed changes and a counter proposal to address identified issues in dog control.

Jan Kees Kirpensteijn
Ailsa M. Humphries

11th December 2024

**Executive Summary**

Christchurch has a large dog population, with one of the highest rates of ownership in NZ; currently there are approximately 45,000 registered dogs, meaning there is one dog for every nine people. This growing population presents the Council with a number of potential issues. For example, a high density of dogs, especially if they are not well-socialized (an issue that has been apparent since COVID restrictions), or if there is a lack of proper training, can lead to increased aggression toward humans or other animals. This can cause disruptions in neighbourhoods and public spaces, and lead to conflicts between dog owners, non-dog owners, and local authorities. These issues can be further exacerbated by a lack the infrastructure necessary to handle a growing dog population, such as dog parks, pet waste disposal stations, and adequate space for walking dogs. Therefore, one might expect that the Council's proposal would focus on facilitating good socialisation, incentivising on-going dog training, and increasing the number of recreational spaces accessible to dogs. Unfortunately this is not the case, the council's proposal focuses on imposing additional restrictions on the recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners in a way that will continue to concentrate a growing number of dogs in a few small areas, increasing the risks of conflict between dogs that are already poorly socialised and poorly trained. We do not support these proposals and believe the Council are failing to address the underlying issue, a lack of proper training and behaviour management. As an alternative to trying to legislate the issue away, we put forward a counter-proposal focused on facilitating improved socialisation through encouraging and incentivising on-going dog training. Our vision is that, through training and education, dogs and their owners can earn the right to access unrestricted recreational freedoms in a way that ensures the safety of the whole community.

**Introduction - Background**

Christchurch city council are currently updating their Dog Control Bylaw and Policy to:

"balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential for harm, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs".

In the documentation, the council highlight the need to focus on:
a) better control of dogs in public places
b) better protection of wildlife from dogs in key areas
c) people having a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off leash,
d) Protecting areas for cultural reasons (e.g. wāhi tapu, rongoā areas); and
e) simplifying and updating the rules and future-proofing them where possible.

The purpose of this submission is to address a number of specific changes that are being proposed, and to offer a counter proposal. The counter proposal will provide alternative solutions for the concerns being addressed by the proposed changes. The counter proposal will also provide solutions to concerns that the proposed changes do not address.

Before detailing the counter proposal, we would like to identify the key changes being proposed that we would like to address.

1. The first of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" states:

   "Require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed (this includes parks, reserves and stormwater assets that function as parks) so that they are safer for everyone – dogs

would still be allowed off leash and under effective control in areas off any paths and tracks, unless otherwise specified in the policy. There is a related proposal to require leashing on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads – the current rule is leashing on roads and footpaths alongside roads, and in car parking areas"

The key issue with this proposal is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. By further restricting off-leash areas, well-trained dogs and their owners are penalised for the behaviour of only a few owners who flout the rules. A good example of the issue with this is the many trail runners and mountain bikers who take their dogs onto the single tracks in the port hills. It is unsafe for both the owner and the dog to use a leash on these single tracks. Further, even on wider tracks (i.e., Rapaki), penalising well-trained dogs and their owners by requiring leashing does not address the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

2. The second, third, and fourth points of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" state:

   "Regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (former residential red zone) by prohibiting dogs in key areas to protect wildlife (river, wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs off leash and under effective control in over 200 hectares of mowed grass (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule).";

   "Prohibit dogs from Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary to protect wildlife (including threatened and at-risk migratory birds). This would apply from the landward boundary inwards – people could continue to walk dogs on land nearby, such as along the grassed western edge of Southshore Spit, or on paths like Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway. Dogs would not be allowed along the shoreline where birds nest, or in tidal areas where they feed."; and

   "Regulate stormwater basins, such as Te Kuru Wetland, by prohibiting dogs in other areas to protect wildlife (wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs to be off leash and under effective control in mowed grass areas (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule)."

   As with point 1, the key issue with these proposals is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. Prohibiting dogs from these areas and further restricting off-leash areas, penalises well-trained dogs and their owners, while not addressing the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

3. Section 1.3 of the proposed changes document states:

   "This policy balances regulatory controls to allow for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the danger, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs."; and

   "This policy is also designed as an educational tool to help encourage and facilitate good dog behaviour and good dog ownership."

In our view, this policy does not provide for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners. By prohibiting dogs from additional areas and further restricting off-leash areas, the recreational needs of dogs and their owners are impinged upon. The "appropriate controls" seem to be restrictions that minimise opportunities for dogs, their owners, and the wider public to engage in recreation in a safe way. Limiting the areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash concentrates a growing number of dogs into small areas, increasing the risk of harm from dogs who are unsafe to be off-leash in more open areas.

This policy also fails to address the need for education, or the facilitation of good dog behaviour and responsible ownership.

4. Section 1.5 states:

   "The primary focus of the Animal Management Team is to provide a cost effective and professional animal management service through education, monitoring, compliance and enforcement activities."; and

   "The Council's approach to dog control is one of assisting owners to understand their responsibilities, rewarding those owners who exercise good control of their dogs and taking any necessary action against those who do not meet their obligations."

   This proposal falls short on addressing the issue of education and monitoring, focussing instead on compliance and enforcement. In our view, this is short-sighted and will not address the underlying issue: owners are not incentivised to provide significant initial and on-going training of their dogs. Further, we see no evidence that the proposed policies *reward owners who exercise good control*; instead, the changes *all* impose additional restrictions on *all* owners.

5. Section 1.6 states community outcomes as summarised below.

   "… improves community safety, and protects biodiversity by:
   - allowing access for dogs and their owners to a wide range of public places
   - placing obligations on dog owners to protect the public from danger of attack, intimidation or nuisance from dogs
   - requiring dogs to be leashed or prohibited in some areas to protect people, other dogs, wildlife, grazing stock, heritage plantings, habitat restoration, conservation values and culturally sensitive sites"
   - allowing children areas to play, free of dogs (such as playgrounds, swimming beaches and skate parks).

   While we agree that community safety and biodiversity protection are critical, we do not believe restricting dogs and their owners, is the best way to achieve those outcomes in the long-term. The consequence of restrictions on access is a restriction on the opportunity for learning and education, not only for dogs and their owners, but also the wider public. To achieve all of these outcomes simultaneously, the focus needs to be on the improvement of training dog-owner partnerships, and educating the non-dog owning public about dog behaviour.

6. Section 3.1.1 outlines the changes for "effective control", stating:

"If a dog is unable to consistently and quickly respond to commands, it should be leashed in public places, whether a leash is required or not."; and

"In order for a dog to be able to be off-leash in public places, the owner or person in charge of it must be confident that the dog will respond to commands. If a dog is inconsistent at responding, it should be leashed. The owner or person in charge of the dog must actively pay attention to the dog – this means knowing where it is and what it is doing, being able to see and hear the dog, being close enough to respond to any issues, and ensuring it is not creating a nuisance. Nuisance in this sense means things such as rushing at, barking at, intimidating, or otherwise bothering people or animals, including other dogs. Having a dog under effective control is as much about the safety of the dog as it is about the safety of others."

While we agree with these statements, the definition of effective control does not address the underlying issues: owners with little to no control of their dogs are not incentivised to train their dog adequately and members of the wider public will still misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as aggressive. Consequently, many member of the wider community, as well as some dog owners, will remain unsure about whether dogs who are off-leash are actually safe to be around. Further, dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. Furthermore, the proposed changes do not address the issue of continued reliance on owner compliance.

7. Section 3.1.2 outlines regulations for the number of dogs one person can be in charge of, and states:

   "A person with relevant skills and experience may apply to the Council for an increase in the number of dogs they can be in charge of in a public place, provided certain criteria are met."; and

   "Exercising a group of dogs in a public place requires special skills, and if undertaken as a commercial venture, comes with extra obligations. This includes things like the need for public liability insurance, should something go wrong."

   This goes some way towards ameliorating the restrictions being placed on dogs and their owners, but we believe there is a basic level of skill in dog management that should be exhibited by *all* dog owners.

8. Section 3.1.2.1 outlines information about dog limit exemptions, and states:
   "We understand that some people who own multiple dogs or who offer dog walking or exercising services are very experienced and good at controlling multiple dogs, but note that there is no qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places. We are proposing a limit, and a process for people to apply to the Council for an exemption to exercise an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met. This does not apply to activities on private land."

   We think the proposal fails to address the key point here*: that there is no qualification, accreditation, or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places.*

9. Section 6 outlines an expanded list of areas in which dogs are prohibited or must be leashed. For example:

   Section 6.2.2 states: "We know that footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks can be busy with people undertaking a range of recreational activities, and requiring dogs to be leashed will make these public places safer for everyone. Having one rule will make things clearer.";

   Section 6.2.3 states: "Wharves and jetties are narrow spaces and can be popular and busy. Leashing is currently required at Akaroa Main Wharf, Daly's Wharf, Diamond Harbour jetty and Governor's Bay jetty. Some wharves or jetties are used by commercial operators and can be busy, and some may have vehicles on them. Birds may use wharves and jetties as a vantage point to spy food in the water, and some nest on or under them (such as at-risk white-fronted terns / tara nesting on the Akaroa Main Wharf)"; and

   "Boardwalks often form part of tracks, so should be leashed for consistency with the proposed leashed on formed tracks rule, and the proposed leashed on wharves and jetties rule."

   Section 6.2.5 states: "Sport fields can be great wide-open spaces to exercise dogs. Most are currently under effective control areas, by default. We think it makes sense for dogs to be allowed to run around when the sports fields are not in use, but dogs running free when games or practice sessions are being held can be a problem, so we are proposing that dogs be leashed at these times.";

   Section 6.2.6 states: "Food crops are grown at community gardens, and the gardens are often used for community education. Uncontrolled dogs could cause damage to the gardens or disrupt educational activities, so should be leashed. "

   In all of these cases, the updated proposal does not address the underlying issue, many dogs are so well trained that freedom of access to these locations is not an issue, while there are some dogs who are clearly not well-trained and who should be prohibited or kept on a leash. Placing additional restrictions on *all* dogs, even those who are well-trained, with owners who exhibit exemplary dog management skills, does not address the fundamental underlying issue – a general lack of education, training, and motivation to engage in the effective management of a dog's behaviour.

**Summary**

The proposed changes to dog regulations, particularly the increased restrictions, unfairly penalise responsible owners and well-trained dog, legislating in response to the poor behaviour of a minority of irresponsible owners. The primary concern is that most dog owners who have good control of their dogs already choose to leash them in situations that require it (i.e., for the safety of the dog and wider public, and for the protection of wildlife) and those who do not have good control and allow their dog off-leash anyway are unlikely to follow the new regulations. Further limiting off-leash areas, for example: in places like single-track trails, creates safety risks for both dogs and their owners. Leashing may not be feasible in such environments, and it reduces opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in

safe, recreational activities, concentrating a greater number of dogs into smaller areas, increasing the overall risk of harm.

The proposal focuses on compliance and enforcement, through imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, and fails to address the root issue: a lack of proper training and education for dog owners. By imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, rather than rewarding responsible owners for investing time and effort into training and incentivizing more owners to invest in dog training, there will be reduced opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in safe, recreational activities. Further, changing the definition of "effective control" and requiring this for dogs to be off-leash, misses the point: dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. The Council's proposal also fails to address the need for education on dog behaviour, both for dog owners and the wider public. Many owners lack motivation to train their dogs properly, and the public may misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as threatening. There is no system in place to ensure that dog owners are adequately trained in managing their dogs, which does not help to foster responsible dog ownership or improve public safety in the long term.

**The Counter Proposal**

At the heart of a dog-friendly city or nation is the infrastructure to support it. The rapid growth of the dog population in Christchurch, and in New Zealand more generally, is not being matched by an increase in dog-friendly amenities and regulations. While New Zealand is often seen as a paradise for outdoor activities, many public spaces, parks, and trails still don't accommodate dogs, leaving owners with few options when it comes to socialising their pets or enjoying a walk without restrictions. We believe that Christchurch can lead the way with innovative regulations that enhance the well-being of dogs, their owners, and the wider community.

With the rise in dog ownership in Christchurch, it is more important than ever to promote responsible practices such as proper socialisation and training. The Council's proposed changes fail to do this, simply focussing on prohibiting access and limiting recreational freedom. To foster responsible dog ownership, we propose that the *first step* in the right direction is to expand the "Responsible Dog Owner" status, or to include an additional category (perhaps called "Responsible Dog Behaviour Manager") whereby dog owners who engage in consistent training and exhibit a high degree of control over their dog's behaviour can be exempted from some, or all, of the proposed restrictions.

Currently, the "Responsible Dog Owner" status is conditional on paying fees, microchipping, having a property that allows dog free access, and not having complaints/offences against the dog. However, in the same way that under Section 3.1.2.1, individuals will be able to apply to exercise "an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met", we propose that individuals should be able to apply to get an exemption from requiring their dog to be on-leash in various locations (including, but not limited to, single tracks in the Port Hills and shared pathways through parks). We believe that if the council can implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise additional dogs, they can also implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise dogs in areas that are being proposed as restricted or prohibited areas.

This solution incentivises dog owners to engage in regular training in order to gain access to additional freedoms, and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By encouraging ongoing training and education, this removes the tension between allowing dogs and their owners the freedom to enjoy

recreational activities, on the one hand, and ensuring responsible management that reduces potential harm, distress, or nuisance, on the other hand. In doing so, this proposal can offer less stringent restrictions and greater freedom in public spaces while ensuring a high level of safety for all.

As also noted in Section 3.1.2.1, there is currently no "qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places". This is also the case for individuals simply exercising their own dog in public spaces. We believe that part of the solution to this is to consider investigating a system of training, qualification, and accreditation. Such a system should be part of our future vision for a city (and eventually a country) in which dogs can be more comprehensively incorporated to our daily lives. This is outlined in more detail in the Supplementary Information at the end of this document.

*Summary*

Section 2.1 of the Council's Proposal states that their Dog Control Bylaw:

- promotes the responsible management of dogs in public places;
- provides for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners; and
- minimises the potential for danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community, animals and wildlife.

However, what it actually does is to place onerous restrictions on all owners and, by doing so, fails to promote the responsible management of dogs in public places. In essence, by prohibiting access and stifling the recreational freedom of dogs and their owners, the Council is simply removing any need to effectively manage dog behaviour.

We propose, instead, that the issues of dog control are managed via a system that incentivises owners to engage in on-going training and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By doing so, they then gain access to less stringent restrictions and can enjoy the recreational freedom they deserve in public spaces. This avoids unnecessary blanket restrictions while promoting responsible dog management, supporting recreational needs, and minimizing risks to the community, animals, and wildlife. We believe that focusing on *incentivizing dog training* and engaging in wider community education is a better strategy for dog control than increasing restrictions on areas dogs can access, and the manner in which they can access those areas (i.e., only on a leash) because it:

1. Encourages Responsible Ownership:
   Incentivizing training promotes responsible dog ownership by motivating owners to invest in ongoing training, ensuring dogs are well-behaved and under control, rather than relying solely on external restrictions.

2. Supports Recreational Freedom:
   Training-focused policies allow well-behaved dogs and responsible owners to enjoy public spaces freely, reducing the need for blanket restrictions on off-leash areas, which can limit the recreational opportunities of responsible owners.

3. Addresses Root Causes:

Training tackles the underlying issue of poor dog behaviour, whereas increased restrictions only address the symptoms (i.e., the behaviour of poorly trained dogs) without improving the broader problem.

4. Improves Community Safety:
   Well-trained dogs are easier to manage in public spaces, which helps minimize risks to the community, animals, and wildlife, while also fostering greater public confidence in off-leash dogs.

5. Minimizes Over-Regulation:
   Rather than imposing broad, one-size-fits-all restrictions, incentivizing training allows for targeted, less intrusive measures that balance public safety with the recreational needs of dog owners.

6. Promotes Education and Public Awareness:
   By focusing on training, the regulations could also encourage education about dog behaviour. For example, a school-based education program focused on responsible dog ownership could equip children with the knowledge and skills to be safe and empathetic around dogs. By engaging educators, professionals, parents, and the community, such a program could have a lasting impact, fostering a generation of responsible dog owners and advocates for animal welfare.

Finally, the economic benefits of making Christchurch more dog-friendly are substantial. By embracing a more dog-friendly approach, Christchurch could boost its tourism industry, particularly among pet owners who prefer to travel with their dogs. Many dog owners are keen to bring their pets along on their travels, and promoting responsible dog behaviour management in Christchurch should have the flow on effect of encouraging more businesses to become dog-friendly. This would make Christchurch an even more attractive destination, positioning ourselves as a leader in the global trend toward dog-friendly cities.

Ultimately, becoming more dog-friendly is not just about accommodating dogs; it's about fostering a more inclusive, compassionate society. Dogs play an important role in the lives of many Kiwis, providing companionship, emotional support, and even assistance for people with disabilities. The positive effects of pet ownership on mental health are well-documented, and providing an environment where dogs are welcome and celebrated can improve the quality of life for all. By embracing a dog-friendly culture, Christchurch would be sending a message that animals are valued members of society and that responsible pet ownership is a shared responsibility. With the right infrastructure, policies, and attitudes in place, Christchurch can lead the way in creating a society that works for both people and their furry companions.

**Supplementary Information**

Below is the beginning of an idea for how Christchurch could move from implementing a simple exemption based on an owners ability to manage their dog's behaviour, to a broader system that engages the council, dog owners, businesses, and the wider community.

*A Vision for the Future*

We believe that dogs and their owners benefit from continuous training, ensuring their dogs are well-behaved in a variety of public settings. This includes mastery of basic commands in a range of settings, and advanced training for handling more complex situations. Ideally, a future system would require that all owners who wish to have their dog considered as suitable for off-leash activities attend an annual assessment of their dog behaviour management skill. This assessment would then determine the status of the dog-owner partnership for the next year, and therefore the level of freedom and access able to be enjoyed. Further, we propose that owners would be able to attend accredited training programmes and have the status of their dog assessed more frequently if they wish to up-skill in order to gain more freedoms. Furthermore, we propose that dog-owner partnerships who consistently achieve the highest level of skill, would be exempted from annual assessments and move to less regular assessments, and that the level of registration fee paid to the council is set based on owner engagement and level of skill.

In addition, it is suggested that specific training such as "kiwi/weka/penguin aversion", "wetlands behaviour management", or "management of dog behaviour around stock " courses could enhance the basic programmes and extend the off-leash areas to those currently considered off-limits to all dogs.

For this system to work, and to benefit the wider public, a dog's status would need to be easily and clearly identified by people at a glance and at a reasonable distance. To enable this, we propose that a colour-coding scheme could work. Given the requirement for all dog owners to carry a leash (Section 3.1.1), it does not seem onerous that this be extended to stipulate that "in public spaces, all dogs are required to wear a coloured harness that indicates the dog's level of training". Thus, a dog's training and behavioural compliance status should be easily identifiable to all people (including park rangers and dog control officers), providing reassurance to the public that the dog is safe to be off-leash and that the owner has good control.

The details of the behavioural criteria for each level, and the colour (i.e., black, red, orange, green, gold) of the harness would need to be determined in consultation with accredited dog trainers. This consultation would also be required to determine the types of training and testing that would be required to pass each level.

We also understand that not all dogs would be suited for all environments. If a dog is still learning or has behavioural challenges that rule them out of being afforded additional freedoms, this would also be communicated via the colour of harness being worn. The dogs of owners who do not engage with this process would also be identifiable as they would not be wearing a harness that belonged to the scheme. These dogs would be required to remain on-leash in all areas that are not specific dog exercise areas.

This system would not be free to implement and we envisage that sponsorship would be sought to get it off the ground. However, we believe it could be developed to be self-funding in the future, and serve as the gold-standard across the country. It is a rare person who does

not smile when they see a dog freely enjoying public spaces and following their owner's instructions.

New Zealand is a beautiful, outdoor-loving country, and with the right investment in dog-friendly infrastructure and policies, it can become a haven for dogs and their owners with more dog-friendly parks, better access to public spaces, and a broader acceptance of dogs in social settings. This would not only enhance the lives of pet owners but also improve the social fabric of the nation, and Christchurch can lead the way.

*Key Partnerships*

To systematise dog training and implement a color-coding system that quickly and easily identifies the status of dogs, key partnerships would need to be established between the Council and the community. Each of partnership would play a crucial role in the effective design, implementation, and maintenance of the system, and are outlined below:

1. *The local council* would play a central role in overseeing the development of regulations and policies, including:
    - Develop and implement legal frameworks for accreditation and color-coding systems.
    - Approve and enforce regulations on off-leash areas and dog behaviour in public spaces.
    - Support public education and communication about the new system.
    - Collaborate with other stakeholders to ensure integration of the system into existing public spaces and infrastructure.

2. *Professional dog trainers and behaviourists* would be required to provide the expertise and training necessary for the accreditation process. Their key roles would be to:
    - Develop a standardized training program or curriculum for dog owners to follow.
    - Provide certifications or accreditation upon successful completion of training.
    - Establish a set of recognized training methods and criteria for different levels of dog behaviour (e.g., basic, intermediate, advanced).
    - Offer ongoing training or refresher courses for dog owners to maintain or upgrade their certification.

3. *Technology providers, dog gear manufacturers, and IT companies* would be needed to develop and maintain digital systems for tracking training status, accreditation, and color-coding. Their key roles would be to:
    a. Develop a database or app to track dog training statuses, certifications, and ongoing assessments.
    b. Create a secure, user-friendly platform for dog owners to register their dogs and monitor their training progress.
    c. Combine the colour-coding scheme with the manufacture of a simple dog harness that will suit a range of dogs.
    d. Implement RFID or QR codes for easy identification of dogs' training status (on the dog's harness and through digital access points at public spaces).

4. *Veterinarians, animal welfare groups, and organizations focused on animal care* would play a role in ensuring the welfare of the dogs involved in the training program

and that the system supports healthy dog behaviour. Their responsibilities would be to:

- Advocate for the well-being of dogs involved in the program and ensure training methods are humane and scientifically sound.
- Provide health assessments as part of the accreditation process, ensuring dogs are physically capable of participating in the program.
- Offer medical advice to dog owners on how training can be balanced with overall health care.

5. *Dog owners* would be the primary participants in the training program and users of the color-coding system and would be responsible for:
   - Enrolling in training programs and following up with any necessary certification processes.
   - Displaying the color-coded identification on their dogs, signifying their level of training.
   - Providing feedback on the system's effectiveness and working collaboratively with trainers, local authorities, and others to improve the program.
   - Complying with the regulations and using the system responsibly.

6. *Local enforcement officers* (including dog control officers and park rangers) would need to accommodate the new system and ensure its smooth implementation; and monitor compliance with the policies and associated color-coding system, ensuring that dogs with a visible certification (or lack thereof) adhere to the regulations. They key responsibilities would be to:
   - Incorporate color-coded signage or markers in dog-friendly public areas to indicate which dogs are properly trained for off-leash activities.
   - Collaborate with local authorities to designate spaces where well-trained dogs can safely be off-leash.
   - Support the system by providing designated areas for various levels of dog training status, ensuring dogs are safely separated based on behaviour.
   - Enforce local laws and regulations related to dogs in public spaces, including those around off-leash areas and the use of the colour-coding system.
   - Educate the public about the meaning of the colour codes and how to interpret them.
   - Address situations where dogs are off-leash or behaving aggressively, and work with owners to ensure compliance.

7. *Local media, community groups, and advocacy organizations* would help inform the wider public about the color-coding system and responsible dog ownership. Their responsibilities would include:
   a. Promote the benefits of dog training and responsible behaviour through public outreach.
   b. Create awareness campaigns about the color-coding system to ensure public understanding and compliance.
   c. Provide educational resources for both dog owners and the general public on dog behaviour and the new system's purpose.

8. *Insurance companies* may become involved by offering specialized coverage for dog owners who participate in the accreditation system For example, providing insurance discounts or incentives for dog owners who participate in approved training programs and demonstrate responsible management; assessing risk and liability associated with

dogs in public spaces, particularly in off-leash areas; and creating policies that support the system's goals.

9. *Academic or research institutions* focused on animal behaviour could provide evidence-based recommendations for designing the training programs and ensuring the system is grounded in best practices. For example, conducting research on the effectiveness of different training methods and color-coding systems; evaluating the impact of the system on public safety and dog welfare; and publishing findings and providing guidance on how to improve the system over time.

Opportunities also exist to develop *school programme*s to educate young people about responsible dog ownership, safe interactions with dogs, and engender an understanding of dog behaviour. Such programmes would help to prepare the next generation of dog owners and would need to be age-appropriate, for example:

*A Primary School programme could focus on:*

- Dog Safety Basics: Teaching children how to approach dogs safely, recognise body language, and understand when not to interact with a dog.
- Basic Care and Responsibility: Introduce concepts like feeding, grooming, and exercising dogs.
- Empathy for Animals: Promote kindness and respect for animals through stories, games, and discussions.
- Interactive Activities: Include role-playing games to practice safe interactions with dogs and creating "dog care" posters or projects.

*A Secondary School Programme could focus on:*

- Understanding Dog Behaviour: Teach how to interpret dog body language, stress signals, and signs of aggression.
- Dog Training Basics: Introduce basic concepts of dog training, including positive reinforcement and the importance of consistent training.
- Community Impact: Discuss the impact of well-trained dogs on communities, including public safety and responsible behaviour in shared spaces.
- Discussion and Problem-Solving: Use case studies or scenarios where students discuss what to do in situations involving dogs, such as encountering a loose dog or dealing with a dog that is scared or aggressive.

To maximise the effectiveness of education programmes, it is imperative to leverage community engagement, this could be achieved with:

- Dog Interaction Days: Organize field trips or "dog days" where students can interact with well-trained, friendly dogs under the supervision of professionals. These can be opportunities to practice lessons learned and build confidence.
- Parent Involvement: Engage parents by sending home materials on dog safety and responsible ownership. Organize family-oriented workshops on dog care.
- Partnerships with Local Shelters: Partner with animal shelters to bring in dogs for demonstrations or to organize "adopt-a-pet" events, where students can learn about rescue and adoption.
- Public Awareness Campaign: Involve students in community outreach, like designing posters for local parks or conducting presentations on dog safety.

By developing as many partnerships as possible with the various stakeholders during the design and development phase, the training and accreditation system could be effectively

implemented, ensuring that responsible dog ownership is incentivised and that the community benefits from safer, better behaved dogs in public spaces.

*Key Benefits*

The key benefits of this future vision are numerous but they all come back to the crux of the matter – it incentivises a higher level of dog training which has flow on effects for the whole community, as outlined below:

*Dogs and their owners:* Good dog training offers a wide range of benefits for both the dog and the owner. Some key advantages of focussing on training rather than tightening restrictions are:

1. Improved Behaviour
   - Prevents Unwanted Actions: Training teaches dogs what is acceptable behaviour and what isn't, reducing unwanted behaviours like jumping, barking excessively, or chewing on furniture.
   - Better Manners: A well-trained dog knows how to greet people politely, walk nicely on a leash, and follow basic commands like "sit," "stay," and "come."

2. Stronger Bond between Owner and Dog
   - Increased Communication: Training helps owners and their dogs understand each other better, improving communication and the overall relationship.
   - Trust and Respect: A well-trained dog is more likely to listen to and trust their owner, creating a deeper emotional bond.

3. Better Socialization
   - Confidence in New Environments: Dogs that are properly socialized through training are more confident in unfamiliar environments, which makes outings like visits to the park or vet less stressful.
   - Better with Other Pets and People: Training exposes dogs to different experiences, people, and animals, making them more comfortable and well-behaved around others.

4. Safety
   - Recall Command: A dog that reliably comes when called can be safer off-leash in public spaces, preventing them from running into traffic or getting into dangerous situations.
   - Obedience in Emergencies: Training helps ensure dogs will follow commands in critical moments, whether it's staying still during a medical emergency or avoiding dangerous situations.

5. Mental Stimulation
   - Engages Their Mind: Training provides mental challenges that keeps dog's brains active. Mental stimulation can help reduce behavioural problems caused by boredom or frustration.
   - Tire Them Out: Training sessions can tire out a dog mentally, which can be just as effective as physical exercise for high-energy dogs.

6. Improved Confidence and Emotional Health
   - Reduces Anxiety: A dog that understands what's expected of them is less likely to experience anxiety and fear because they have clear structure and routine.

- Increased Confidence: Positive reinforcement during training boosts dog's confidence, helping them feel more secure in their environment.

7. Better Control and Management
- Easier Handling: Well-trained dogs are generally easier to manage in public or at home, reducing stress for both owner and dog.
- Fewer Behavioural Issues: Proper training helps address issues early, before they become ingrained, making it easier to manage problem behaviours.

8. Improved Quality of Life
- More Freedom: A well-trained dog is able to have more freedom, whether that means being off-leash or being allowed in more places.
- Enhanced Interaction: Training helps dogs become more enjoyable companions by making them easier to interact with in different contexts—whether it's during play, walks, or family time.

9. Long-Term Benefits
- Prevents Future Problems: Early training sets a foundation that can prevent behavioural issues from developing as the dog matures.
- Helps with Aging Dogs: Training can also help older dogs maintain mental acuity and physical coordination.

Importantly, the benefits extend far beyond just the owner and the dog itself. Many others in the dog's wider environment also experience positive effects, including:

1. Family Members
- Children: A well-trained dog is safer and more comfortable around children. It can be more patient and gentle, and children can learn how to interact respectfully with animals. This reduces the risk of bites, fear, or misunderstandings between dogs and young ones.
- Elderly or Vulnerable Family Members: Older adults or those with mobility issues can feel more confident around a trained dog, especially if the dog is well-behaved and responds to commands like "stay" or "sit" to avoid accidental knocks or jumps.

2. Neighbours
- Less Disruption: A dog that has been trained not to bark excessively, dig in yards, or run away will be less likely to cause disruptions to neighbours, resulting in a more peaceful neighbourhood.
- Better Social Interactions: When dogs behaves well in public spaces and on walks, it improves interactions with neighbours, passersby, and their pets, fostering a sense of community and respect.

3. Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters
- Easier to Manage: Well-trained dogs are easier for dog walkers, sitters, or trainers to handle, making their jobs less stressful and more enjoyable. This also means fewer behavioural issues during walks or when owners are away.
- Safer Environment: Professional dog handlers benefit from a dog that is familiar with basic commands, which helps ensure the safety of the dog, the handler, and others around them.

4. Vets and Veterinary Staff

- Less Stressful Visits: A dog that is trained to stay calm during a vet visit (e.g., being able to sit still, tolerate being examined, or stay on the scale) will have a smoother experience, reducing stress for both the dog and the veterinary team.
- Reduced Risk of Injury: Well-trained dogs are less likely to become fearful or aggressive during exams, which lowers the risk of accidental bites or other injuries to staff members.

5. Other Dogs
- Improved Socialization: Well-trained dogs are often better behaved in social situations, making it easier for them to get along with other dogs. They're less likely to exhibit overly dominant, fearful, or aggressive behaviours, which can reduce stress in multi-dog environments.
- Positive Role Model: Well-behaved dogs can act as role models for other dogs, especially in environments like dog parks or doggy daycares, teaching them calm and appropriate behaviour.

6. Public and Community Spaces
- Safer Interactions: In public spaces such as parks, pet-friendly stores, or sidewalks, well-trained dogs help ensure safer interactions with people, other animals, and the environment. A dog that responds to commands like "leave it" or "sit" in potentially hazardous situations is a safer presence.
- More Access to Places: Well-behaved dogs are more likely to be welcome in various places, from pet-friendly cafes to hotels and rental properties, expanding the opportunities for both owners and their dogs to enjoy new experiences.

7. Dog Trainers
- More Rewarding Work: For dog trainers, working with a dog that is already well-trained or at least responsive to basic cues makes their job easier and more productive. It's more satisfying to help further refine a dog's skills or to tackle minor issues rather than dealing with significant behavioural problems.

8. Service and Therapy Roles
- Service Dogs: Well-trained dogs can take on essential roles as service animals, helping individuals with disabilities by providing assistance with mobility, opening doors, or alerting to medical conditions. A well-trained dog can be a lifeline in these roles.
- Therapy Dogs: A trained therapy dog can offer emotional support in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and other settings. Their calm and controlled behaviour is crucial for providing comfort to those in need.

9. The Environment (Community Benefits)
- Cleaner Public Spaces: Well-trained dogs are less likely to leave a mess in public areas, such as by not digging or eliminating in inappropriate places. This helps keep shared spaces cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone.
- More Responsible Dog Ownership: A community of well-trained dogs can contribute to a culture of responsible pet ownership, leading to fewer dogs in shelters, less behavioural-related abandonment, and better overall care for animals.

10. Other Pets
- Reduced Stress: If you have other pets, a well-trained dog is less likely to act aggressively or in a disruptive way toward them, creating a more harmonious home for all animals involved.

- Positive Influence: A well-behaved dog can set a good example for other animals in the household, encouraging calm, positive behaviour, especially if you have multiple dogs or even cats.

11. Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations
- Adoptability: Dogs that have received basic training are more likely to be adopted from shelters, as potential owners are often more interested in adopting a dog that has some level of obedience and socialization. A well-trained dog is also less likely to end up in a shelter due to behavioural issues.
- Fewer Returns: Dogs with behavioural problems are often returned to shelters after adoption, but well-trained dogs have a much better chance of staying in their new homes long-term.

12. Pet Stores and Businesses
- Positive Experience for Customers: Well-behaved dogs contribute to a positive experience at pet stores or dog-friendly businesses. Stores may also find that dogs that follow basic commands (e.g., "sit" or "stay") are easier for their staff to handle.
- Fewer Complaints: In public places like cafes, retail stores, or dog parks, well-trained dogs create fewer complaints from customers or patrons, contributing to a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

---

In short, good dog training results in a happier, healthier, and more harmonious life for both the dog and their owner. It sets the stage for a positive relationship based on trust, respect, and mutual understanding. Further, the benefits of good dog training extend to family members, neighbours, professionals, other animals, and even the broader community. A well-trained dog fosters a safer, more enjoyable environment and enhances the lives of everyone they interact with.

# Submission regarding "Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024"

A response to proposed changes and a counter proposal to address identified issues in dog control.

Jan Kees Kirpensteijn
Ailsa M. Humphries

11th December 2024

**Executive Summary**

Christchurch has a large dog population, with one of the highest rates of ownership in NZ; currently there are approximately 45,000 registered dogs, meaning there is one dog for every nine people. This growing population presents the Council with a number of potential issues. For example, a high density of dogs, especially if they are not well-socialized (an issue that has been apparent since COVID restrictions), or if there is a lack of proper training, can lead to increased aggression toward humans or other animals. This can cause disruptions in neighbourhoods and public spaces, and lead to conflicts between dog owners, non-dog owners, and local authorities. These issues can be further exacerbated by a lack the infrastructure necessary to handle a growing dog population, such as dog parks, pet waste disposal stations, and adequate space for walking dogs. Therefore, one might expect that the Council's proposal would focus on facilitating good socialisation, incentivising on-going dog training, and increasing the number of recreational spaces accessible to dogs. Unfortunately this is not the case, the council's proposal focuses on imposing additional restrictions on the recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners in a way that will continue to concentrate a growing number of dogs in a few small areas, increasing the risks of conflict between dogs that are already poorly socialised and poorly trained. We do not support these proposals and believe the Council are failing to address the underlying issue, a lack of proper training and behaviour management. As an alternative to trying to legislate the issue away, we put forward a counter-proposal focused on facilitating improved socialisation through encouraging and incentivising on-going dog training. Our vision is that, through training and education, dogs and their owners can earn the right to access unrestricted recreational freedoms in a way that ensures the safety of the whole community.

**Introduction - Background**

Christchurch city council are currently updating their Dog Control Bylaw and Policy to:

"balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential for harm, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs".

In the documentation, the council highlight the need to focus on:
a) better control of dogs in public places
b) better protection of wildlife from dogs in key areas
c) people having a wide range of opportunities to exercise their dogs on and off leash,
d) Protecting areas for cultural reasons (e.g. wāhi tapu, rongoā areas); and
e) simplifying and updating the rules and future-proofing them where possible.

The purpose of this submission is to address a number of specific changes that are being proposed, and to offer a counter proposal. The counter proposal will provide alternative solutions for the concerns being addressed by the proposed changes. The counter proposal will also provide solutions to concerns that the proposed changes do not address.

Before detailing the counter proposal, we would like to identify the key changes being proposed that we would like to address.

1. The first of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" states:

   "Require dogs to be on a short leash on footpaths, shared paths and tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed (this includes parks, reserves and stormwater assets that function as parks) so that they are safer for everyone – dogs

would still be allowed off leash and under effective control in areas off any paths and tracks, unless otherwise specified in the policy. There is a related proposal to require leashing on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads – the current rule is leashing on roads and footpaths alongside roads, and in car parking areas"

The key issue with this proposal is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. By further restricting off-leash areas, well-trained dogs and their owners are penalised for the behaviour of only a few owners who flout the rules. A good example of the issue with this is the many trail runners and mountain bikers who take their dogs onto the single tracks in the port hills. It is unsafe for both the owner and the dog to use a leash on these single tracks. Further, even on wider tracks (i.e., Rapaki), penalising well-trained dogs and their owners by requiring leashing does not address the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

2. The second, third, and fourth points of the "top five changes likely to be of highest public interest" state:

   "Regulate the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (former residential red zone) by prohibiting dogs in key areas to protect wildlife (river, wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs off leash and under effective control in over 200 hectares of mowed grass (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule).";

   "Prohibit dogs from Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary to protect wildlife (including threatened and at-risk migratory birds). This would apply from the landward boundary inwards – people could continue to walk dogs on land nearby, such as along the grassed western edge of Southshore Spit, or on paths like Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway. Dogs would not be allowed along the shoreline where birds nest, or in tidal areas where they feed."; and

   "Regulate stormwater basins, such as Te Kuru Wetland, by prohibiting dogs in other areas to protect wildlife (wetland and planted areas), while continuing to allow dogs to be off leash and under effective control in mowed grass areas (noting that pathways would come under the general leashed rule)."

   As with point 1, the key issue with these proposals is that the majority of dog owners *do* have good control of their dog(s), and most owners who *do not* have good control already choose to leash their dog regardless of the regulations. Prohibiting dogs from these areas and further restricting off-leash areas, penalises well-trained dogs and their owners, while not addressing the underlying issue of ensuring owners are responsible and dogs are well trained.

3. Section 1.3 of the proposed changes document states:

   "This policy balances regulatory controls to allow for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the danger, distress or nuisance that may be caused by dogs."; and

   "This policy is also designed as an educational tool to help encourage and facilitate good dog behaviour and good dog ownership."

In our view, this policy does not provide for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners. By prohibiting dogs from additional areas and further restricting off-leash areas, the recreational needs of dogs and their owners are impinged upon. The "appropriate controls" seem to be restrictions that minimise opportunities for dogs, their owners, and the wider public to engage in recreation in a safe way. Limiting the areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash concentrates a growing number of dogs into small areas, increasing the risk of harm from dogs who are unsafe to be off-leash in more open areas.

This policy also fails to address the need for education, or the facilitation of good dog behaviour and responsible ownership.

4. Section 1.5 states:

   "The primary focus of the Animal Management Team is to provide a cost effective and professional animal management service through education, monitoring, compliance and enforcement activities."; and

   "The Council's approach to dog control is one of assisting owners to understand their responsibilities, rewarding those owners who exercise good control of their dogs and taking any necessary action against those who do not meet their obligations."

   This proposal falls short on addressing the issue of education and monitoring, focussing instead on compliance and enforcement. In our view, this is short-sighted and will not address the underlying issue: owners are not incentivised to provide significant initial and on-going training of their dogs. Further, we see no evidence that the proposed policies *reward owners who exercise good control*; instead, the changes *all* impose additional restrictions on *all* owners.

5. Section 1.6 states community outcomes as summarised below.

   "… improves community safety, and protects biodiversity by:
   - allowing access for dogs and their owners to a wide range of public places
   - placing obligations on dog owners to protect the public from danger of attack, intimidation or nuisance from dogs
   - requiring dogs to be leashed or prohibited in some areas to protect people, other dogs, wildlife, grazing stock, heritage plantings, habitat restoration, conservation values and culturally sensitive sites"
   - allowing children areas to play, free of dogs (such as playgrounds, swimming beaches and skate parks).

   While we agree that community safety and biodiversity protection are critical, we do not believe restricting dogs and their owners, is the best way to achieve those outcomes in the long-term. The consequence of restrictions on access is a restriction on the opportunity for learning and education, not only for dogs and their owners, but also the wider public. To achieve all of these outcomes simultaneously, the focus needs to be on the improvement of training dog-owner partnerships, and educating the non-dog owning public about dog behaviour.

6. Section 3.1.1 outlines the changes for "effective control", stating:

"If a dog is unable to consistently and quickly respond to commands, it should be leashed in public places, whether a leash is required or not."; and

"In order for a dog to be able to be off-leash in public places, the owner or person in charge of it must be confident that the dog will respond to commands. If a dog is inconsistent at responding, it should be leashed. The owner or person in charge of the dog must actively pay attention to the dog – this means knowing where it is and what it is doing, being able to see and hear the dog, being close enough to respond to any issues, and ensuring it is not creating a nuisance. Nuisance in this sense means things such as rushing at, barking at, intimidating, or otherwise bothering people or animals, including other dogs. Having a dog under effective control is as much about the safety of the dog as it is about the safety of others."

While we agree with these statements, the definition of effective control does not address the underlying issues: owners with little to no control of their dogs are not incentivised to train their dog adequately and members of the wider public will still misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as aggressive. Consequently, many member of the wider community, as well as some dog owners, will remain unsure about whether dogs who are off-leash are actually safe to be around. Further, dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. Furthermore, the proposed changes do not address the issue of continued reliance on owner compliance.

7. Section 3.1.2 outlines regulations for the number of dogs one person can be in charge of, and states:

   "A person with relevant skills and experience may apply to the Council for an increase in the number of dogs they can be in charge of in a public place, provided certain criteria are met."; and

   "Exercising a group of dogs in a public place requires special skills, and if undertaken as a commercial venture, comes with extra obligations. This includes things like the need for public liability insurance, should something go wrong."

   This goes some way towards ameliorating the restrictions being placed on dogs and their owners, but we believe there is a basic level of skill in dog management that should be exhibited by *all* dog owners.

8. Section 3.1.2.1 outlines information about dog limit exemptions, and states:
   "We understand that some people who own multiple dogs or who offer dog walking or exercising services are very experienced and good at controlling multiple dogs, but note that there is no qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places. We are proposing a limit, and a process for people to apply to the Council for an exemption to exercise an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met. This does not apply to activities on private land."

   We think the proposal fails to address the key point here*: that there is no qualification, accreditation, or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places.*

9. Section 6 outlines an expanded list of areas in which dogs are prohibited or must be leashed. For example:

   Section 6.2.2 states: "We know that footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks can be busy with people undertaking a range of recreational activities, and requiring dogs to be leashed will make these public places safer for everyone. Having one rule will make things clearer.";

   Section 6.2.3 states: "Wharves and jetties are narrow spaces and can be popular and busy. Leashing is currently required at Akaroa Main Wharf, Daly's Wharf, Diamond Harbour jetty and Governor's Bay jetty. Some wharves or jetties are used by commercial operators and can be busy, and some may have vehicles on them. Birds may use wharves and jetties as a vantage point to spy food in the water, and some nest on or under them (such as at-risk white-fronted terns / tara nesting on the Akaroa Main Wharf)"; and

   "Boardwalks often form part of tracks, so should be leashed for consistency with the proposed leashed on formed tracks rule, and the proposed leashed on wharves and jetties rule."

   Section 6.2.5 states: "Sport fields can be great wide-open spaces to exercise dogs. Most are currently under effective control areas, by default. We think it makes sense for dogs to be allowed to run around when the sports fields are not in use, but dogs running free when games or practice sessions are being held can be a problem, so we are proposing that dogs be leashed at these times.";

   Section 6.2.6 states: "Food crops are grown at community gardens, and the gardens are often used for community education. Uncontrolled dogs could cause damage to the gardens or disrupt educational activities, so should be leashed. "

   In all of these cases, the updated proposal does not address the underlying issue, many dogs are so well trained that freedom of access to these locations is not an issue, while there are some dogs who are clearly not well-trained and who should be prohibited or kept on a leash. Placing additional restrictions on *all* dogs, even those who are well-trained, with owners who exhibit exemplary dog management skills, does not address the fundamental underlying issue – a general lack of education, training, and motivation to engage in the effective management of a dog's behaviour.

**Summary**

The proposed changes to dog regulations, particularly the increased restrictions, unfairly penalise responsible owners and well-trained dog, legislating in response to the poor behaviour of a minority of irresponsible owners. The primary concern is that most dog owners who have good control of their dogs already choose to leash them in situations that require it (i.e., for the safety of the dog and wider public, and for the protection of wildlife) and those who do not have good control and allow their dog off-leash anyway are unlikely to follow the new regulations. Further limiting off-leash areas, for example: in places like single-track trails, creates safety risks for both dogs and their owners. Leashing may not be feasible in such environments, and it reduces opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in

safe, recreational activities, concentrating a greater number of dogs into smaller areas, increasing the overall risk of harm.

The proposal focuses on compliance and enforcement, through imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, and fails to address the root issue: a lack of proper training and education for dog owners. By imposing additional restrictions on all dog owners, rather than rewarding responsible owners for investing time and effort into training and incentivizing more owners to invest in dog training, there will be reduced opportunities for dogs and owners to engage in safe, recreational activities. Further, changing the definition of "effective control" and requiring this for dogs to be off-leash, misses the point: dogs should always be under effective control. Whether off-leash or on-leash, a dog should respond reliably to commands and be able to be redirected if necessary to prevent unwanted behaviour. The Council's proposal also fails to address the need for education on dog behaviour, both for dog owners and the wider public. Many owners lack motivation to train their dogs properly, and the public may misinterpret non-aggressive dog behaviours as threatening. There is no system in place to ensure that dog owners are adequately trained in managing their dogs, which does not help to foster responsible dog ownership or improve public safety in the long term.

**The Counter Proposal**

At the heart of a dog-friendly city or nation is the infrastructure to support it. The rapid growth of the dog population in Christchurch, and in New Zealand more generally, is not being matched by an increase in dog-friendly amenities and regulations. While New Zealand is often seen as a paradise for outdoor activities, many public spaces, parks, and trails still don't accommodate dogs, leaving owners with few options when it comes to socialising their pets or enjoying a walk without restrictions. We believe that Christchurch can lead the way with innovative regulations that enhance the well-being of dogs, their owners, and the wider community.

With the rise in dog ownership in Christchurch, it is more important than ever to promote responsible practices such as proper socialisation and training. The Council's proposed changes fail to do this, simply focussing on prohibiting access and limiting recreational freedom. To foster responsible dog ownership, we propose that the *first step* in the right direction is to expand the "Responsible Dog Owner" status, or to include an additional category (perhaps called "Responsible Dog Behaviour Manager") whereby dog owners who engage in consistent training and exhibit a high degree of control over their dog's behaviour can be exempted from some, or all, of the proposed restrictions.

Currently, the "Responsible Dog Owner" status is conditional on paying fees, microchipping, having a property that allows dog free access, and not having complaints/offences against the dog. However, in the same way that under Section 3.1.2.1, individuals will be able to apply to exercise "an increased number of dogs in public places, provided certain criteria are met", we propose that individuals should be able to apply to get an exemption from requiring their dog to be on-leash in various locations (including, but not limited to, single tracks in the Port Hills and shared pathways through parks). We believe that if the council can implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise additional dogs, they can also implement exemption criteria for the right to exercise dogs in areas that are being proposed as restricted or prohibited areas.

This solution incentivises dog owners to engage in regular training in order to gain access to additional freedoms, and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By encouraging ongoing training and education, this removes the tension between allowing dogs and their owners the freedom to enjoy

recreational activities, on the one hand, and ensuring responsible management that reduces potential harm, distress, or nuisance, on the other hand. In doing so, this proposal can offer less stringent restrictions and greater freedom in public spaces while ensuring a high level of safety for all.

As also noted in Section 3.1.2.1, there is currently no "qualification, accreditation or way of ensuring that people are appropriately experienced to control multiple dogs before they are allowed to operate in public places". This is also the case for individuals simply exercising their own dog in public spaces. We believe that part of the solution to this is to consider investigating a system of training, qualification, and accreditation. Such a system should be part of our future vision for a city (and eventually a country) in which dogs can be more comprehensively incorporated to our daily lives. This is outlined in more detail in the Supplementary Information at the end of this document.

*Summary*

Section 2.1 of the Council's Proposal states that their Dog Control Bylaw:

- promotes the responsible management of dogs in public places;
- provides for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners; and
- minimises the potential for danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community, animals and wildlife.

However, what it actually does is to place onerous restrictions on all owners and, by doing so, fails to promote the responsible management of dogs in public places. In essence, by prohibiting access and stifling the recreational freedom of dogs and their owners, the Council is simply removing any need to effectively manage dog behaviour.

We propose, instead, that the issues of dog control are managed via a system that incentivises owners to engage in on-going training and rewards owners who display a high level of skill and responsibility in managing their dog's behaviour. By doing so, they then gain access to less stringent restrictions and can enjoy the recreational freedom they deserve in public spaces. This avoids unnecessary blanket restrictions while promoting responsible dog management, supporting recreational needs, and minimizing risks to the community, animals, and wildlife. We believe that focusing on *incentivizing dog training* and engaging in wider community education is a better strategy for dog control than increasing restrictions on areas dogs can access, and the manner in which they can access those areas (i.e., only on a leash) because it:

1. Encourages Responsible Ownership:
   Incentivizing training promotes responsible dog ownership by motivating owners to invest in ongoing training, ensuring dogs are well-behaved and under control, rather than relying solely on external restrictions.

2. Supports Recreational Freedom:
   Training-focused policies allow well-behaved dogs and responsible owners to enjoy public spaces freely, reducing the need for blanket restrictions on off-leash areas, which can limit the recreational opportunities of responsible owners.

3. Addresses Root Causes:

Training tackles the underlying issue of poor dog behaviour, whereas increased restrictions only address the symptoms (i.e., the behaviour of poorly trained dogs) without improving the broader problem.

4. Improves Community Safety:
   Well-trained dogs are easier to manage in public spaces, which helps minimize risks to the community, animals, and wildlife, while also fostering greater public confidence in off-leash dogs.

5. Minimizes Over-Regulation:
   Rather than imposing broad, one-size-fits-all restrictions, incentivizing training allows for targeted, less intrusive measures that balance public safety with the recreational needs of dog owners.

6. Promotes Education and Public Awareness:
   By focusing on training, the regulations could also encourage education about dog behaviour. For example, a school-based education program focused on responsible dog ownership could equip children with the knowledge and skills to be safe and empathetic around dogs. By engaging educators, professionals, parents, and the community, such a program could have a lasting impact, fostering a generation of responsible dog owners and advocates for animal welfare.

Finally, the economic benefits of making Christchurch more dog-friendly are substantial. By embracing a more dog-friendly approach, Christchurch could boost its tourism industry, particularly among pet owners who prefer to travel with their dogs. Many dog owners are keen to bring their pets along on their travels, and promoting responsible dog behaviour management in Christchurch should have the flow on effect of encouraging more businesses to become dog-friendly. This would make Christchurch an even more attractive destination, positioning ourselves as a leader in the global trend toward dog-friendly cities.

Ultimately, becoming more dog-friendly is not just about accommodating dogs; it's about fostering a more inclusive, compassionate society. Dogs play an important role in the lives of many Kiwis, providing companionship, emotional support, and even assistance for people with disabilities. The positive effects of pet ownership on mental health are well-documented, and providing an environment where dogs are welcome and celebrated can improve the quality of life for all. By embracing a dog-friendly culture, Christchurch would be sending a message that animals are valued members of society and that responsible pet ownership is a shared responsibility. With the right infrastructure, policies, and attitudes in place, Christchurch can lead the way in creating a society that works for both people and their furry companions.

**Supplementary Information**

Below is the beginning of an idea for how Christchurch could move from implementing a simple exemption based on an owners ability to manage their dog's behaviour, to a broader system that engages the council, dog owners, businesses, and the wider community.

*A Vision for the Future*

We believe that dogs and their owners benefit from continuous training, ensuring their dogs are well-behaved in a variety of public settings. This includes mastery of basic commands in a range of settings, and advanced training for handling more complex situations. Ideally, a future system would require that all owners who wish to have their dog considered as suitable for off-leash activities attend an annual assessment of their dog behaviour management skill. This assessment would then determine the status of the dog-owner partnership for the next year, and therefore the level of freedom and access able to be enjoyed. Further, we propose that owners would be able to attend accredited training programmes and have the status of their dog assessed more frequently if they wish to up-skill in order to gain more freedoms. Furthermore, we propose that dog-owner partnerships who consistently achieve the highest level of skill, would be exempted from annual assessments and move to less regular assessments, and that the level of registration fee paid to the council is set based on owner engagement and level of skill.

In addition, it is suggested that specific training such as "kiwi/weka/penguin aversion", "wetlands behaviour management", or "management of dog behaviour around stock " courses could enhance the basic programmes and extend the off-leash areas to those currently considered off-limits to all dogs.

For this system to work, and to benefit the wider public, a dog's status would need to be easily and clearly identified by people at a glance and at a reasonable distance. To enable this, we propose that a colour-coding scheme could work. Given the requirement for all dog owners to carry a leash (Section 3.1.1), it does not seem onerous that this be extended to stipulate that "in public spaces, all dogs are required to wear a coloured harness that indicates the dog's level of training". Thus, a dog's training and behavioural compliance status should be easily identifiable to all people (including park rangers and dog control officers), providing reassurance to the public that the dog is safe to be off-leash and that the owner has good control.

The details of the behavioural criteria for each level, and the colour (i.e., black, red, orange, green, gold) of the harness would need to be determined in consultation with accredited dog trainers. This consultation would also be required to determine the types of training and testing that would be required to pass each level.

We also understand that not all dogs would be suited for all environments. If a dog is still learning or has behavioural challenges that rule them out of being afforded additional freedoms, this would also be communicated via the colour of harness being worn. The dogs of owners who do not engage with this process would also be identifiable as they would not be wearing a harness that belonged to the scheme. These dogs would be required to remain on-leash in all areas that are not specific dog exercise areas.

This system would not be free to implement and we envisage that sponsorship would be sought to get it off the ground. However, we believe it could be developed to be self-funding in the future, and serve as the gold-standard across the country. It is a rare person who does

not smile when they see a dog freely enjoying public spaces and following their owner's instructions.

New Zealand is a beautiful, outdoor-loving country, and with the right investment in dog-friendly infrastructure and policies, it can become a haven for dogs and their owners with more dog-friendly parks, better access to public spaces, and a broader acceptance of dogs in social settings. This would not only enhance the lives of pet owners but also improve the social fabric of the nation, and Christchurch can lead the way.

*Key Partnerships*

To systematise dog training and implement a color-coding system that quickly and easily identifies the status of dogs, key partnerships would need to be established between the Council and the community. Each of partnership would play a crucial role in the effective design, implementation, and maintenance of the system, and are outlined below:

1. *The local council* would play a central role in overseeing the development of regulations and policies, including:
    - Develop and implement legal frameworks for accreditation and color-coding systems.
    - Approve and enforce regulations on off-leash areas and dog behaviour in public spaces.
    - Support public education and communication about the new system.
    - Collaborate with other stakeholders to ensure integration of the system into existing public spaces and infrastructure.

2. *Professional dog trainers and behaviourists* would be required to provide the expertise and training necessary for the accreditation process. Their key roles would be to:
    - Develop a standardized training program or curriculum for dog owners to follow.
    - Provide certifications or accreditation upon successful completion of training.
    - Establish a set of recognized training methods and criteria for different levels of dog behaviour (e.g., basic, intermediate, advanced).
    - Offer ongoing training or refresher courses for dog owners to maintain or upgrade their certification.

3. *Technology providers, dog gear manufacturers, and IT companies* would be needed to develop and maintain digital systems for tracking training status, accreditation, and color-coding. Their key roles would be to:
    a. Develop a database or app to track dog training statuses, certifications, and ongoing assessments.
    b. Create a secure, user-friendly platform for dog owners to register their dogs and monitor their training progress.
    c. Combine the colour-coding scheme with the manufacture of a simple dog harness that will suit a range of dogs.
    d. Implement RFID or QR codes for easy identification of dogs' training status (on the dog's harness and through digital access points at public spaces).

4. *Veterinarians, animal welfare groups, and organizations focused on animal care* would play a role in ensuring the welfare of the dogs involved in the training program

and that the system supports healthy dog behaviour. Their responsibilities would be to:

- Advocate for the well-being of dogs involved in the program and ensure training methods are humane and scientifically sound.
- Provide health assessments as part of the accreditation process, ensuring dogs are physically capable of participating in the program.
- Offer medical advice to dog owners on how training can be balanced with overall health care.

5. *Dog owners* would be the primary participants in the training program and users of the color-coding system and would be responsible for:
   - Enrolling in training programs and following up with any necessary certification processes.
   - Displaying the color-coded identification on their dogs, signifying their level of training.
   - Providing feedback on the system's effectiveness and working collaboratively with trainers, local authorities, and others to improve the program.
   - Complying with the regulations and using the system responsibly.

6. *Local enforcement officers* (including dog control officers and park rangers) would need to accommodate the new system and ensure its smooth implementation; and monitor compliance with the policies and associated color-coding system, ensuring that dogs with a visible certification (or lack thereof) adhere to the regulations. They key responsibilities would be to:
   - Incorporate color-coded signage or markers in dog-friendly public areas to indicate which dogs are properly trained for off-leash activities.
   - Collaborate with local authorities to designate spaces where well-trained dogs can safely be off-leash.
   - Support the system by providing designated areas for various levels of dog training status, ensuring dogs are safely separated based on behaviour.
   - Enforce local laws and regulations related to dogs in public spaces, including those around off-leash areas and the use of the colour-coding system.
   - Educate the public about the meaning of the colour codes and how to interpret them.
   - Address situations where dogs are off-leash or behaving aggressively, and work with owners to ensure compliance.

7. *Local media, community groups, and advocacy organizations* would help inform the wider public about the color-coding system and responsible dog ownership. Their responsibilities would include:
   a. Promote the benefits of dog training and responsible behaviour through public outreach.
   b. Create awareness campaigns about the color-coding system to ensure public understanding and compliance.
   c. Provide educational resources for both dog owners and the general public on dog behaviour and the new system's purpose.

8. *Insurance companies* may become involved by offering specialized coverage for dog owners who participate in the accreditation system For example, providing insurance discounts or incentives for dog owners who participate in approved training programs and demonstrate responsible management; assessing risk and liability associated with

dogs in public spaces, particularly in off-leash areas; and creating policies that support the system's goals.

9. *Academic or research institutions* focused on animal behaviour could provide evidence-based recommendations for designing the training programs and ensuring the system is grounded in best practices. For example, conducting research on the effectiveness of different training methods and color-coding systems; evaluating the impact of the system on public safety and dog welfare; and publishing findings and providing guidance on how to improve the system over time.

Opportunities also exist to develop *school programme*s to educate young people about responsible dog ownership, safe interactions with dogs, and engender an understanding of dog behaviour. Such programmes would help to prepare the next generation of dog owners and would need to be age-appropriate, for example:

*A Primary School programme could focus on:*

- Dog Safety Basics: Teaching children how to approach dogs safely, recognise body language, and understand when not to interact with a dog.
- Basic Care and Responsibility: Introduce concepts like feeding, grooming, and exercising dogs.
- Empathy for Animals: Promote kindness and respect for animals through stories, games, and discussions.
- Interactive Activities: Include role-playing games to practice safe interactions with dogs and creating "dog care" posters or projects.

*A Secondary School Programme could focus on:*

- Understanding Dog Behaviour: Teach how to interpret dog body language, stress signals, and signs of aggression.
- Dog Training Basics: Introduce basic concepts of dog training, including positive reinforcement and the importance of consistent training.
- Community Impact: Discuss the impact of well-trained dogs on communities, including public safety and responsible behaviour in shared spaces.
- Discussion and Problem-Solving: Use case studies or scenarios where students discuss what to do in situations involving dogs, such as encountering a loose dog or dealing with a dog that is scared or aggressive.

To maximise the effectiveness of education programmes, it is imperative to leverage community engagement, this could be achieved with:

- Dog Interaction Days: Organize field trips or "dog days" where students can interact with well-trained, friendly dogs under the supervision of professionals. These can be opportunities to practice lessons learned and build confidence.
- Parent Involvement: Engage parents by sending home materials on dog safety and responsible ownership. Organize family-oriented workshops on dog care.
- Partnerships with Local Shelters: Partner with animal shelters to bring in dogs for demonstrations or to organize "adopt-a-pet" events, where students can learn about rescue and adoption.
- Public Awareness Campaign: Involve students in community outreach, like designing posters for local parks or conducting presentations on dog safety.

By developing as many partnerships as possible with the various stakeholders during the design and development phase, the training and accreditation system could be effectively

implemented, ensuring that responsible dog ownership is incentivised and that the community benefits from safer, better behaved dogs in public spaces.

*Key Benefits*

The key benefits of this future vision are numerous but they all come back to the crux of the matter – it incentivises a higher level of dog training which has flow on effects for the whole community, as outlined below:

*Dogs and their owners:* Good dog training offers a wide range of benefits for both the dog and the owner. Some key advantages of focussing on training rather than tightening restrictions are:

1. Improved Behaviour
   - Prevents Unwanted Actions: Training teaches dogs what is acceptable behaviour and what isn't, reducing unwanted behaviours like jumping, barking excessively, or chewing on furniture.
   - Better Manners: A well-trained dog knows how to greet people politely, walk nicely on a leash, and follow basic commands like "sit," "stay," and "come."

2. Stronger Bond between Owner and Dog
   - Increased Communication: Training helps owners and their dogs understand each other better, improving communication and the overall relationship.
   - Trust and Respect: A well-trained dog is more likely to listen to and trust their owner, creating a deeper emotional bond.

3. Better Socialization
   - Confidence in New Environments: Dogs that are properly socialized through training are more confident in unfamiliar environments, which makes outings like visits to the park or vet less stressful.
   - Better with Other Pets and People: Training exposes dogs to different experiences, people, and animals, making them more comfortable and well-behaved around others.

4. Safety
   - Recall Command: A dog that reliably comes when called can be safer off-leash in public spaces, preventing them from running into traffic or getting into dangerous situations.
   - Obedience in Emergencies: Training helps ensure dogs will follow commands in critical moments, whether it's staying still during a medical emergency or avoiding dangerous situations.

5. Mental Stimulation
   - Engages Their Mind: Training provides mental challenges that keeps dog's brains active. Mental stimulation can help reduce behavioural problems caused by boredom or frustration.
   - Tire Them Out: Training sessions can tire out a dog mentally, which can be just as effective as physical exercise for high-energy dogs.

6. Improved Confidence and Emotional Health
   - Reduces Anxiety: A dog that understands what's expected of them is less likely to experience anxiety and fear because they have clear structure and routine.

- Increased Confidence: Positive reinforcement during training boosts dog's confidence, helping them feel more secure in their environment.

7. Better Control and Management
- Easier Handling: Well-trained dogs are generally easier to manage in public or at home, reducing stress for both owner and dog.
- Fewer Behavioural Issues: Proper training helps address issues early, before they become ingrained, making it easier to manage problem behaviours.

8. Improved Quality of Life
- More Freedom: A well-trained dog is able to have more freedom, whether that means being off-leash or being allowed in more places.
- Enhanced Interaction: Training helps dogs become more enjoyable companions by making them easier to interact with in different contexts—whether it's during play, walks, or family time.

9. Long-Term Benefits
- Prevents Future Problems: Early training sets a foundation that can prevent behavioural issues from developing as the dog matures.
- Helps with Aging Dogs: Training can also help older dogs maintain mental acuity and physical coordination.

Importantly, the benefits extend far beyond just the owner and the dog itself. Many others in the dog's wider environment also experience positive effects, including:

1. Family Members
- Children: A well-trained dog is safer and more comfortable around children. It can be more patient and gentle, and children can learn how to interact respectfully with animals. This reduces the risk of bites, fear, or misunderstandings between dogs and young ones.
- Elderly or Vulnerable Family Members: Older adults or those with mobility issues can feel more confident around a trained dog, especially if the dog is well-behaved and responds to commands like "stay" or "sit" to avoid accidental knocks or jumps.

2. Neighbours
- Less Disruption: A dog that has been trained not to bark excessively, dig in yards, or run away will be less likely to cause disruptions to neighbours, resulting in a more peaceful neighbourhood.
- Better Social Interactions: When dogs behaves well in public spaces and on walks, it improves interactions with neighbours, passersby, and their pets, fostering a sense of community and respect.

3. Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters
- Easier to Manage: Well-trained dogs are easier for dog walkers, sitters, or trainers to handle, making their jobs less stressful and more enjoyable. This also means fewer behavioural issues during walks or when owners are away.
- Safer Environment: Professional dog handlers benefit from a dog that is familiar with basic commands, which helps ensure the safety of the dog, the handler, and others around them.

4. Vets and Veterinary Staff

- Less Stressful Visits: A dog that is trained to stay calm during a vet visit (e.g., being able to sit still, tolerate being examined, or stay on the scale) will have a smoother experience, reducing stress for both the dog and the veterinary team.
- Reduced Risk of Injury: Well-trained dogs are less likely to become fearful or aggressive during exams, which lowers the risk of accidental bites or other injuries to staff members.

5. Other Dogs
- Improved Socialization: Well-trained dogs are often better behaved in social situations, making it easier for them to get along with other dogs. They're less likely to exhibit overly dominant, fearful, or aggressive behaviours, which can reduce stress in multi-dog environments.
- Positive Role Model: Well-behaved dogs can act as role models for other dogs, especially in environments like dog parks or doggy daycares, teaching them calm and appropriate behaviour.

6. Public and Community Spaces
- Safer Interactions: In public spaces such as parks, pet-friendly stores, or sidewalks, well-trained dogs help ensure safer interactions with people, other animals, and the environment. A dog that responds to commands like "leave it" or "sit" in potentially hazardous situations is a safer presence.
- More Access to Places: Well-behaved dogs are more likely to be welcome in various places, from pet-friendly cafes to hotels and rental properties, expanding the opportunities for both owners and their dogs to enjoy new experiences.

7. Dog Trainers
- More Rewarding Work: For dog trainers, working with a dog that is already well-trained or at least responsive to basic cues makes their job easier and more productive. It's more satisfying to help further refine a dog's skills or to tackle minor issues rather than dealing with significant behavioural problems.

8. Service and Therapy Roles
- Service Dogs: Well-trained dogs can take on essential roles as service animals, helping individuals with disabilities by providing assistance with mobility, opening doors, or alerting to medical conditions. A well-trained dog can be a lifeline in these roles.
- Therapy Dogs: A trained therapy dog can offer emotional support in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and other settings. Their calm and controlled behaviour is crucial for providing comfort to those in need.

9. The Environment (Community Benefits)
- Cleaner Public Spaces: Well-trained dogs are less likely to leave a mess in public areas, such as by not digging or eliminating in inappropriate places. This helps keep shared spaces cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone.
- More Responsible Dog Ownership: A community of well-trained dogs can contribute to a culture of responsible pet ownership, leading to fewer dogs in shelters, less behavioural-related abandonment, and better overall care for animals.

10. Other Pets
- Reduced Stress: If you have other pets, a well-trained dog is less likely to act aggressively or in a disruptive way toward them, creating a more harmonious home for all animals involved.

- Positive Influence: A well-behaved dog can set a good example for other animals in the household, encouraging calm, positive behaviour, especially if you have multiple dogs or even cats.

11. Animal Shelters and Rescue Organizations
- Adoptability: Dogs that have received basic training are more likely to be adopted from shelters, as potential owners are often more interested in adopting a dog that has some level of obedience and socialization. A well-trained dog is also less likely to end up in a shelter due to behavioural issues.
- Fewer Returns: Dogs with behavioural problems are often returned to shelters after adoption, but well-trained dogs have a much better chance of staying in their new homes long-term.

12. Pet Stores and Businesses
- Positive Experience for Customers: Well-behaved dogs contribute to a positive experience at pet stores or dog-friendly businesses. Stores may also find that dogs that follow basic commands (e.g., "sit" or "stay") are easier for their staff to handle.
- Fewer Complaints: In public places like cafes, retail stores, or dog parks, well-trained dogs create fewer complaints from customers or patrons, contributing to a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

---

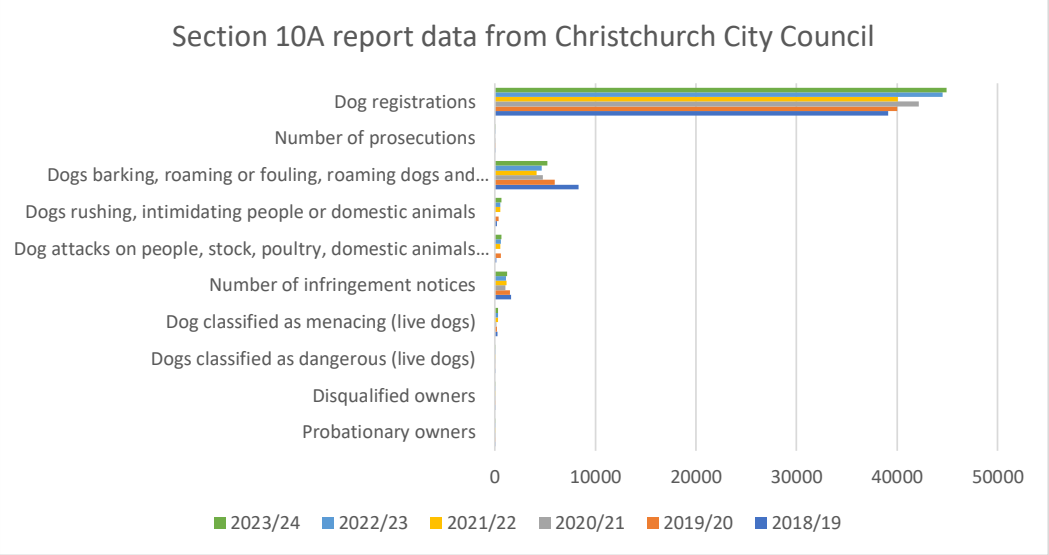
In short, good dog training results in a happier, healthier, and more harmonious life for both the dog and their owner. It sets the stage for a positive relationship based on trust, respect, and mutual understanding. Further, the benefits of good dog training extend to family members, neighbours, professionals, other animals, and even the broader community. A well-trained dog fosters a safer, more enjoyable environment and enhances the lives of everyone they interact with.

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name Karen McKee
Address
Postcode
Email

I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission. My phone number is

The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs.




*In 2020/21, data on dog attacks and dogs rushing were not reported in the same format as other years and have been excluded from the analysis

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

This requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, an unregulated industry. The rule will not fully address the problem, however, unless the Council enforces the rule with spot-checks at parks, beaches and reserves that are used by these operations.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?** No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering a new definition of effective control which should help create more certainty for education and enforcement actions.

There are legitimate concerns about public safety, however blanket ('lowest common denominator') requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Owners will want to use pathways whereas their

dogs will want to express natural agency. I refer to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ position statement on this matter.[1]

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

There are no reliable data to show that further restrictions on dogs in these settings is justified, particularly considering the Council's own enforcement data. (There are 23.7% less infringement notices being issued in 2023/24 than there were in 2018/19, despite an increase in the registered dog population of 13.8%).

I favour a more balanced approach to managing shared pathways in Christchurch involving the concept of "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control). The needs of the most vulnerable user at any given time must be considered. We need a greater sense of community on our shared paths. The majority of dog owners obey the current rules and are considerate, but are being let down by the Council through lack of targeted and effective enforcement.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[2]*.* I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Other comments:**

There has been an over reliance on a Dog Control Survey issued by the Council in July 2024 in developing these proposals. The survey methodology was not peer reviewed to ensure against survey bias, which was confirmed by [redacted] the Manager of Official Information and Privacy Officer on 20 August 2024. [redacted] said, "*the survey was to understand some of the public's thoughts on some particular concepts or issues to help us shape the review of our Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.*" (emphasis added)

In addition, the implications of all proposals cannot fully be understood without a map. The Council has refused to provide a map, despite requests, stating that *"We have a map that shows the current rules. The map will be updated when all the changes have been finalised*."[3] In my opinion, the lack of a map has created an unfair burden on dog handlers to fully understand the impacts of these proposals in sufficient time to submit by the Council's deadline and shows that the Council is predisposed to implement all proposals regardless of feedback.

[1] https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws
[2] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024
[3] https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/dogs#dogqa

**Submission on Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024**

Full Name
Katherine Jane Paulin
Address
[redacted]
Postcode
[redacted]
Email
[redacted]

"The purpose of the combined policy and bylaw are to balance the recreational needs of dogs and their owners with appropriate controls to minimise the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs." [1](preamble of STR7533_Draft_Dog_Control_bylaw_SoP_document_WEB.pdf)

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash (defined as 1.5 m) on footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in greenspace areas where dogs are allowed?**
No

STR7533_Draft_Dog_Control_bylaw_SoP_document_WEB.pdf states that the reason for the change is "Currently, the rules for leashing vary, depending on the park or reserve. With a range of rules, it is not always clear which rules apply to any given footpath, shared path or formed track. We are proposing to make this **simpler** [my emphasis] by applying a general rule: that all dogs must be leashed on all footpaths, shared paths and formed tracks in parks and reserves where dogs are allowed. We have a lot of new stormwater basin areas that look and function like parks. The same rules for paths and tracks will apply in these areas."

I understand that a blanket rule does simplify administration of bylaws, but I believe a more nuanced approach is needed.

I agree with leashing dogs on footpaths and shared paths, which is the current bylaw. I do not agree with the change to a short leash.

1. The evidence from animal behavourists and welfare groups[2] is a short leash will reduce dogs' physical activity, thus increasing the risk of obesity. It also prevents the opportunity for mental stimulation which is essential for reducing dog stress and anxiety. Snuffle walks are so good for dogs and a long lead (5 to 10 m) enables dogs to have agency and control and allows the dog

[1] preamble of STR7533_Draft_Dog_Control_bylaw_SoP_document_WEB.pdf https://hdp-au-prod-app-ccc-letstalk-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/6517/3094/2473/STR7533_Draft_Dog_Control_bylaw_SoP_document_WEB.pdf#page=20

[2] Position Statement: Dog Control Policies and Leash Laws — APDTNZ https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/position-statement-dog-control-policies-and-leash-laws

walker to still have appropriate control. This is the correct balance between the recreational needs of dogs and owners while preventing potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs (as per the preamble statement above).

2. Unless enforced strongly, the proposed change will not be complied with. We will see the same lack of compliance we see currently with the bylaw to pick up dog droppings and have your dog under effective control.

I also do not support the blanket requirement for dogs to be on 1.5 m leashes on all formed paths.

Again, while simpler to administer, this requirement does not meet the need for balance described above.
A more balanced approach would be to focus on popular greenspaces, greenspaces with high ecological values and the greenspaces with cultural values. In these spaces dogs should be required to be on lead (not short lead). On formed paths in less popular greenspaces dogs can be off leash but under effective control (using the new definition of effective control).

**Do you support the proposal to require dogs to be on a short leash on shared paths and pedestrian areas on or near roads?** Note: dogs are currently required to be leashed on roads and footpaths alongside roads. No

See above comments on not supporting the use of a short leash.

**Do you support the proposal for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor?** No

The proposal for this area, commonly referred to as the red zone, will severely limit the ability to use the area for enjoyment, enrichment, exercise and off-leash training. The inability to access riverbanks means that dogs will not be allowed access to enjoy the water which is essential to animal welfare in hot weather; there are already limited areas where dogs have safe water access.

If allowed to proceed in its current form, this rule will limit dogs to 1/3 of the red zone area, and only on mown grass areas. Practically speaking, it will also limit access of most dog owners to mown grass areas only. At a minimum, this creates inequities for elderly dog owners, those with physical disabilities, and families with small children.

The proposed limitations have not been justified by the Council's own data with a particular emphasis that there are no data to show that dogs are negatively impacting wildlife "*impacts on wildlife (and especially birds) from dogs cannot accurately be quantified in many situations, as data is not available*[3]. I accept that the Council is developing this area, in part, as an ecological corridor but this development must proceed with a more balanced approach to other users.

**Do you support the proposal for Te Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary?**
**Yes**

**Do you support the proposal to regulate stormwater basins?**
**No**

[3] Review of the Dog Control Policy 2016 and Dog Control Bylaw 2016, paper to Christchurch City Council dated 16 October 2024

**Again, I do not support blanket rule requiring dogs on short leash in stormwater basins for the reasons stated above.**

**Do you support the proposal to limit the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public place?** Yes

In principle I support the limiting of the number of dogs one person can be in control of in a public space. I do not support this being limited to 2 dogs when unleashed and 4 if leashed. While this requirement is primarily aimed at dog walkers who are acting in one form or another as commercial services, the low numbers allowed in the proposal may mean dog owners of 3 or more dogs may be impacted.
As with all the proposed changes to the dog control bylaws effective compliance by the Council officers is required.

**Do you support the revised definition of effective control?** Yes
I think the revised definition is excellent and, if enforced, will reduce the "the potential harm, distress and nuisance caused by dogs"." (preamble of
STR7533_Draft_Dog_Control_bylaw_SoP_document_WEB.pdf)
I would like to see sufficient resources made available for compliance actions. None of the changes to the bylaws will be effective if dog owners believe there are no consequences for not complying.

**Other comments:**

- I do support the leashing of dogs all sports fields during games and practice sessions
- I do not support the leashing of dogs in all community garden areas. This should be up to the managers of community gardens to set the rules
- I do support the proposal to have dogs leashed at The Groynes outside of the dog parks Owners can exercise their dogs off leash in the dog parks so having dogs leashed (not short leash only) in the rest of the park, which is heavily used by non-dog walkers, is a fair proposal
- I do support the proposal that dogs must be on a leash on all wharves, jetties and boardwalks

[redacted]

From: Hannah Wilson <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, 9 December 2024 2:43 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Changes to Dog Control Bylaws

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

To the Christchurch City Council,

I am submitting feedback on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2024. While I appreciate the Council's efforts to review and improve dog control regulations, I have several concerns that I believe need further consideration.

Concerns Regarding Proposed Changes:

Leash Length and Dog Welfare

The 1.5m leash restriction, while not new, and its expansion to more areas remains concerning. As outlined by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand (APDTNZ), leashes of this length restrict natural behaviours and can cause stress, frustration and behavioural issues like leash pulling, barking and aggression. I recommend that the definition of "short leashes" be adjusted to reflect the negative impacts of this restriction on dog welfare. Longer leashes (3m or more) or long lines offer more space for dogs to engage in natural behaviours, explore and interact with their environment, which is vital for their physical and mental health.

Increased Leash Laws on Shared Paths and Tracks

I understand the intent to enhance public safety, but blanket leash requirements on shared paths and tracks are overly restrictive. Off-leash areas, where dogs are under effective control, are important for their well-being and mental stimulation. A more balanced approach, promoting responsible off-leash control, would better serve both dogs and the public.

Impact of Regulations on the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor

The proposed restrictions in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, which limit dog access to mowed grass areas, will unnecessarily restrict responsible dog exercise and cramp those abiding by the rules into essentially a third of the space they can currently use. There has been no clear evidence provided by the Council that dogs are harming wildlife in this area. I suggest a more flexible approach that allows owners to exercise their dogs without negatively impacting the environment, such as the "speed yields to vulnerability" (in conjunction with the definition of effective control) which was suggested by many.

Lack of Consultation with Experts

I strongly urge the Council to consider the letter from the APDTNZ (found here: https://www.apdtnz.org.nz/CCC-letter-references) and consult with dog welfare experts like the APDTNZ and Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) before finalising these changes. Their expertise in dog welfare and training is crucial to ensuring the regulations are both effective and in the best interests of dogs and the public.

I encourage the Christchurch City Council to take a more balanced approach to dog control, considering both dog welfare and the needs of responsible owners. Specifically, I recommend:

- Reassessing leash length requirements to balance safety and welfare.
- Maintaining off-leash areas for responsible dog exercise.
- Focusing on education and enforcement of existing regulations.
- Consulting with dog welfare experts to ensure the policy is informed by best practices.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to seeing a more flexible, thoughtful approach to dog control in our community.

Kind regards,

Hannah Wilson