

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Hearings Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 29 October 2024
Time: 1:00pm - Dog Control Bylaw Hearing Reconvened
Venue: Council Chambers, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon,
Dunedin

Sandy Graham
Chief Executive Officer

Hearings Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Cr Bill Acklin Cr Carmen Houlahan Cr Mandy Mayhem
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PART A REPORTS

HEARINGS COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS - DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND DOG CONTROL POLICY

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 The Hearings Committee – Dog Control Bylaw meet on Thursday 26 and 27 September to hear submitters who wished to speak to their submission. The meeting was adjourned and will reconvene on 29 October 2024 to consider the submissions.
- 2 To assist the Committee a consultation matrix has been prepared which covers the topics raised, what is currently in the bylaw, any new proposals, consultation information, staff comments and recommendation.
- 3 As this is an administrative report the summary of considerations is not required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee recommends that the Council:

- a) **Notes** that the Hearings Committee has heard and considered submissions on the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.
- b) **Adopts** the amended Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.
- c) **Approves** a date of effect for the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw of 5 May 2024.

Signatories

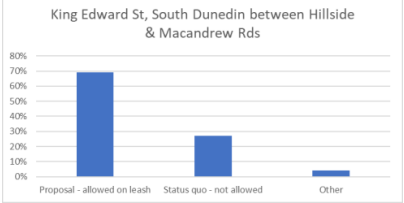
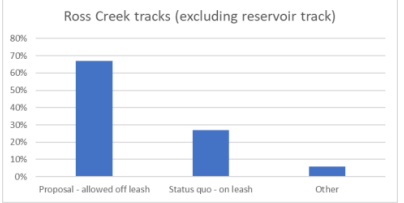
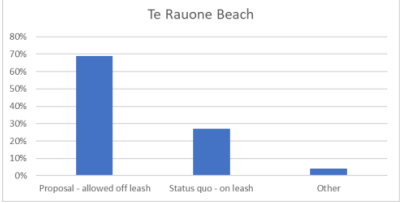
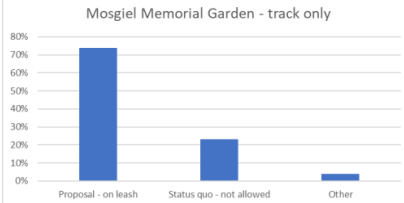
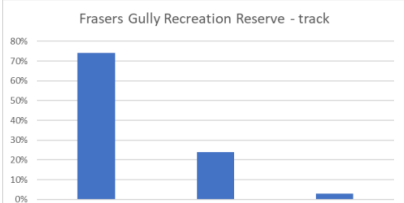
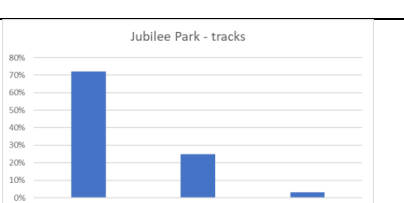
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Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review matrix – September 2024

1. There is good support (more than 66%) for proposed changes to these areas.

TOPIC	CURRENT	PROPOSAL	CONSULTATION INFORMATION	COMMENTS	STAFF RECOMMENDATION	HC DECISION
King Edward St and South Dunedin between Hillside and Macandrew Roads	Prohibited	On leash <i>Reason: address demand for increased dog access</i>		Comments – 3. Minimal issues here	Adopt proposal	
Ross Creek tracks	On leash	Off leash – excluding Reservoir track which would remain on leash <i>Reason: address demand for increased dog access</i>		Comments: 37 with mixed views. Health NZ agree with clear signage, Forest & Bird support	Adopt proposal	
Te Rauone Beach	On leash	Off leash <i>Reason: address demand for increased dog access in area with limited opportunities</i>		Comments: 8 with mixed views. DOC oppose but recognise community need, Forest & Bird, Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust oppose.	Adopt proposal	
Mosgiel Memorial Garden – track only	Prohibited	On leash <i>Reason: address demand for increased dog access, providing access through this area.</i>		Comments: 2.	Adopt proposal	
Frasers Gully Recreation Reserve - track	Track is on leash but surrounding area is off leash	Off leash track <i>Reason: align with surrounding off leash area</i>		Comments: 5. Area well used by dog owners – few issues.	Adopt proposal	
Jubilee Park - tracks	On leash	Off leash <i>Reason: aligns with surrounding area which is off leash</i>		Comments: 2. Area well used by dog owners with - issues.	Adopt proposal	

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Bethunes Gully picnic area	On leash	Off leash <i>Reason: aligns with nearby track which is off leash</i>	<p>Bethunes Gully picnic area</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Proposal - off leash</td><td>70%</td></tr> <tr><td>Status quo - on leash</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table>	Option	Percentage	Proposal - off leash	70%	Status quo - on leash	25%	Other	5%	Comments: 10. Forest & Bird support.	Adopt proposal	
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Woodside Glen	Glen is off leash but unformed legal roads within the reserve default to on leash	Off leash unformed legal roads <i>Reason: align with rest of this area as it is unclear where unformed roads are</i>	<p>Woodside Glen - unformed legal roads</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Proposal - off leash</td><td>70%</td></tr> <tr><td>Status quo - on leash</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table>	Option	Percentage	Proposal - off leash	70%	Status quo - on leash	25%	Other	5%	Comments: 20 comments. Forest & Bird, adjoining landowner oppose. Few issues over 10 years (3 complaints). Area has limited off leash opportunities for dog owners	Adopt proposal. Be clear in communications that the Woodside Glen track (mostly DOC) is still on leash, the Woodside Glen Reserve is still off leash – and that the proposal aims only to tidy up the unformed legal roads rule – as it unclear where these roads are.	
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Exempting dogs from restrictions with permission	No exemptions	Council may exempt with permission <i>Reason: allow exemptions for purposes not adequately covered e.g. dogs in training to be working dogs and pest control volunteers</i>	<p>Exempting dogs from restrictions with permission</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Proposal - exempt dogs with permission</td><td>70%</td></tr> <tr><td>Status quo - no exemptions</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table>	Option	Percentage	Proposal - exempt dogs with permission	70%	Status quo - no exemptions	25%	Other	5%	Comments: DOC asks whether this will affect wildlife areas. Halo Project supports provided exemptions support the bylaw/rules.	Adopt proposal	
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Playgrounds definition	Means any children's playground equipment provided or maintained by the Council for public use and includes Council skateparks and Council outdoor basketball areas	Amended to include 'within one metre' of playground area and equipment <i>Reason: provide a clearer definition</i>	<p>Playgrounds definition</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Proposal - clarify to 'within one metre'</td><td>70%</td></tr> <tr><td>Status quo</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table>	Option	Percentage	Proposal - clarify to 'within one metre'	70%	Status quo	25%	Other	5%	Comments: 15.	Adopt proposal	
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Right of review for dog owners	No right of review	Add right of review for dog owners – that an owner affected by a decision made under the bylaw map apply in writing to the Chief Executive for a review of the decision within 14 days after receiving notification of the decision.	<p>Right of review for dog owners</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Option</th><th>Percentage</th></tr> <tr><td>Proposal - add right of review</td><td>70%</td></tr> <tr><td>Status quo - no right of review</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table>	Option	Percentage	Proposal - add right of review	70%	Status quo - no right of review	25%	Other	5%	Adding this to bylaws as best practice.	Adopt proposal	
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Displaying dog poo bag	Required to display a dog poo bag (as well as carry it)	Remove the requirement to display a dog poo bag (must still carry one) <i>Reason: may be more convenient for some dog owners</i>	<table border="1"> <caption>Displaying dog poo bag - Survey Results</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Response</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Proposal - remove requirement to display bag</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Status quo - must display bag</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Response	Percentage	Proposal - remove requirement to display bag	70%	Status quo - must display bag	25%	Other	5%		Adopt proposal	
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