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### **Purpose of Local Government**

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option outlined in each report meets the purpose of local government and:

- Promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

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## OPENING KARAKIA

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kia uruuru mai         | I draw in (to my being)   |
| Ā hauora               | The reviving essence      |
| Ā haukaha              | The strengthening essence |
| Ā haumāia              | The essence of courage    |
| Ki runga, ki raro      | Above, below              |
| Ki roto, ki waho       | Within, without           |
| Rirerire hau paimarire | Let there be peace        |





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## **APOLOGIES**

None advised

**Elected Members Declaration of Interests** (ECMB481389)  
**as at 28 February 2022**  
 (please advise the Governance Team of any amendments)

**Mayor and Councillors**

| <b>Name of Member</b> | <b>Interest Being Declared</b>             | <b>Nature of Interest/Transaction (includes positional or transactional interests eg funding agreements, proposals and other relationships)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Tony Bedford          | Taranaki Electricity Trust                 | Trustee   |
|                       | Waitara Services and Citizens Club         | Member  |
|                       | Hurricanes Schools Council                 | Life Member   |
|                       | Residential Property Owner<br>Family Trust |   |
| Sam Bennett           | Taranaki Electricity Trust                 | Member  |
|                       | Hurricanes Alumni                          | Council appointee   |
|                       | Taranaki Elite Athletes Foundation         | Ownership of company and contract with NPDC   |
|                       | Speaking Made Easy                         |   |
|                       | Full Circle Bespoke Life Events            |   |
|                       | Heart of Brooklands                        | Sponsorship Manager   |
|                       | New Plymouth Operatic Society              |   |
|                       | Celebrants Association of New Zealand      |   |
|                       | Residential Property Owner                 | Family Trust  |
|                       | APJ and DM Bennett and PJ Bennett          | Member  |
|                       | Institute of Directors                     | Council representative  |
|                       | Star Gym                                   |   |

| Name of Member        | Interest Being Declared   | Nature of Interest/Transaction (includes positional or transactional interests eg funding agreements, proposals and other relationships) |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Gordon Brown          | Taranaki Chamber of Commerce<br>New Plymouth Bowls Club<br>Writing Services Ltd<br>Sport Taranaki (Chair)<br>Friends of Pukekura Park   | Contracting work<br>Member<br>Director<br>Council appointee<br>Council appointee   |
| David Bublitz         | New Plymouth Boys' High School<br>New Plymouth Golf Club<br>Residential Property owner<br>Bublitz Family Trust<br>YMCA Taranaki<br>Taranaki Elite Athletes Foundation<br>Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee | Employee<br>Member<br><br>Board member<br>Council appointee<br>Council appointee   |
| Annika Carlson        | Pride Taranaki<br>Residential property owner<br>Taranaki Elite Athletes Foundation  | Chairperson<br>Council appointee   |
| Murray Chong          | Not advised   |  |
| Amanda Clinton-Gohdes | Institute of Directors<br>Residential Property Owner<br>Family trust beneficiary<br>District Licensing Committee<br>Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (Wild for Taranaki)                                     | Member<br><br>Deputy Chairperson<br>Board member   |

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|-----------------|---|--|
| Harry Duynhoven | NZ Civil Aviation Authority               | Member   |
|                 | Taranaki District Health Board            | Elected Member   |
|                 | Taranaki Habitat for Humanity             | Board member   |
|                 | NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs           | President  |
|                 | Automobile Association (Taranaki) Council | Member   |
|                 | NZ Motor Trade Assn Guild                 | Member   |
|                 | Residential Property                      | Trustee and beneficiary  |
|                 | Air Quality Asia (NGO based in New York)  | Secretary of Board   |
|                 | Private trustee                           | Independent trustee of two private trusts for impaired individuals   |
|                 | TRC Regional Transport Committee          | Council appointee  |
| Richard Handley | Residential Property Owner                | Director   |
|                 | Tainui Rest Home                          | Sole shareholder and director  |
|                 | Handley Tarawera Ltd                      |  |
|                 | Taranaki Retreat                          | Board member   |
|                 | YMCA Taranaki                             |  |
|                 | Taranaki RSA                              | Member   |
|                 | Vestry of St Mary's Cathedral             | Council appointee  |
|                 | TRC Solid Waste Working Party             | Member   |
|                 | YMCA National Board                       | Member   |
|                 | St Mary's Parish Finance Committee        | Chartered Member   |
|                 | Institute of Directors                    |  |
|                 | Taranaki Chamber of Commerce              |  |

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|------------------|--|--|
| Stacey Hitchcock | Department of Conservation                       | Employee   |
|                  | New Plymouth Mountain Bike Club                  | Member   |
|                  | Taranaki Alpine Club                             | Member   |
|                  | Residential Property Owner                       |  |
|                  | Taranaki Trails Trust                            | Trustee  |
|                  | Christmas at the Bowl                            | Trustee  |
|                  | Jobhop Limited                                   | Shareholder  |
|                  | Tim Hitchcock Residential Ltd                    | Shareholder  |
|                  | L.A. Alexander Trust                             | Contractor   |
|                  | TRC Policy and Planning Committee                | Council appointee  |
| Neil Holdom      | Len Lye Committee                                | Council appointee  |
|                  | Len Lye Foundation                               | Council appointee  |
|                  | New Plymouth Mountain Bike Club                  | Member   |
|                  | Lifestyle Block Owner (Smallholding)             |  |
|                  | TRC Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee | Council appointee  |
|                  |  |  |
|                  | The Vintage Car Club of NZ Taranaki Branch       | Current Chairman / 50 year badge holder  |
|                  | Waitara Town and Country Club                    | Life Member / Past President   |
|                  | Waitara Town and Country Club                    | Debenture holder   |
|                  | Residential Property Owner                       |  |
| Colin Johnston   | Puke Ariki Trust                                 | Member   |
|                  | Johnston Collections                             | Private Museum owner   |
|                  | Friends of Pukekura Park                         | Council appointee  |
|                  | Heritage Taranaki                                | Council appointee  |
|                  |  |  |

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|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Richard Jordan | Fun Ho! Toys                    | Director   |
|                | Inglewood Development Trust     | Manager / Trustee  |
| Dinnie Moeahu  | Inglewood Club                  | Member   |
|                | TRI                             | Member   |
|                | Residential Property Owner      |  |
|                | Commercial Property Owner       |  |
|                | Rural Property Interests        |  |
|                | Institute of Directors          | Member   |
|                | Little Fighters Trust           | Ambassador   |
|                | Change is Coming Coaching       | Managing Director  |
|                | Ngā Manu Reo Toastmasters       | Member   |
|                | TDHB Consumer Council           |  |
| Marie Pearce   | Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa      | Affiliate  |
|                | Te Korowai o Ngaruahine         | Affiliate  |
|                | Te Kahui o Taranaki             | Affiliate  |
|                | Puketapu                        | Affiliate  |
|                | Ngāti te Whiti                  | Affiliate  |
|                | Ngāti Moeahu                    | Affiliate  |
|                | Ngāti Manuhiakai                | Affiliate  |
|                | Rural Property Owner            |  |
|                | Wakefield Family Trust          |  |
|                | Inglewood First Trust           |  |
|                | Inglewood Mini Golf Trust       |  |
|                | Inglewood District Health Trust |  |
|                | Taranaki Arts Festival Trust    | Council appointee  |

## Community Boards

**as at 28 February 2022**  
(please advise the Governance Team of any amendments)

| Name of Member   | Interest Being Declared                                    | Nature of Interest/Transaction (includes positional or transactional interests eg funding agreements, proposals and other relationships) |
|------------------|--|--|
| Jono Burrows     | Nil  |  |
| Graham Chard     | New Plymouth and Districts Returned & Services Association | President  |
|                  | NPRSA Support Trust  | Chairman, Trustee  |
|                  | NPRSA Poppy Trust  | Chairman, Trustee  |
|                  | North Taranaki Kings Empire Veterans Association           | Treasurer  |
| Mel Cook         | Okato Community Trust                                      | Vice Chairman, Trustee   |
|                  | Chardz Holdingz Ltd  | Managing Director  |
|                  | Chardz Investmentz Ltd                                     | Director   |
|                  | Taranaki Iwi Trust   | Affiliate  |
| Paul Coxhead     | Nil  |  |
| Trevor Dodunski  | Vice President of Oakura Bowling and Social Club           |  |
|                  | Member of Oakura Indoor Bowling Club                       |  |
|                  | Private Property owner                                     |  |
|                  | Member of Central District Zephyr Club                     |  |
| Christine Fabish | Not advised  |  |
| Neville Hagenson | Dudley District Hall Committee                             | Member   |
|                  | Hudson Essex Terraplane Club                               | Member   |
|                  | Not advised  |  |



| Name of Member    | Interest Being Declared  | Nature of Interest/Transaction (includes positional or transactional interests eg funding agreements, proposals and other relationships) |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Renee Hohaia      | Residential Property owner<br>R & Co Skin and Beauty – Ōākura        | Owner  |
| Andrew Larsen     | Not advised  |  |
| Jonathan Marshall | New Zealand Antique Arms Association                                 |  |
|                   | The New Zealand Black Powder Shooters Federation Inc                 |  |
|                   | Residential Property Owner   |  |
|                   | Not advised  |  |
| Tyla Nickson      | Not advised  |  |
| Warren Petersen   | Not advised  |  |
| Joe Rauner        | Not advised  |  |
| Graeme Sykes      | St Andrews Anglican Church, Inglewood                                | Vestry Secretary, Synod Rep  |
|                   | Paraninihi Anglican Archdeaconry                                     |  |
|                   | QM Services Ltd  |  |
|                   | Inglewood Golf Club  |  |
|                   | Egmont Village Community House<br>Taranaki Alpine Club               |  |
| Murray Seamark    | Nil  |  |
| Paul Verić        | Taranaki District Health Board                                       | Member   |
|                   | Independent Management Consultant                                    |  |
|                   | Ōākura School Board of Trustees                                      | Director<br>Director   |
|                   | Residential Property Owner   |  |
|                   | BTE Consulting Ltd<br>PASS Ltd<br>Veric Family Trust<br>iPromise Ltd |  |

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. People who fill positions of authority must undertake their duties free from real or perceived bias. Elected members must maintain a clear separation between their personal interests and their duties as an elected member. Failure to do so could invalidate a Council decision and leave the elected member open to prosecution and ouster from office.
2. An elected member is entitled to interact with the Council as a private citizen. However, they cannot use their position as an elected member to gain an advantage not available to the general public.
3. Elected and appointed members will:
  - Declare any interest whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary at a meeting where the interest is relevant to an item on that agenda.
  - Exclude themselves from any informal discussions with elected members relating to a matter they have an interest in.
  - Seek guidance from the Chief Executive if they are unclear of the extent of any interest.
  - Seek guidance or exemption from the Office of the Auditor General if necessary.

## **ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

*Requests for public forum and deputations need to be made at least one day prior to the meeting. The Chairperson has authority to approve or decline public comments and deputations in line with the standing order requirements.*

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

*Public Forums enable members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the committee which are not contained on the meeting agenda. The matters must relate to the meeting's terms of reference. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, with no more than two speakers on behalf of one organisation.*

- None advised

## **DEPUTATIONS**

*Deputations enable a person, group or organisation to speak to the meeting on matters contained on the agenda. An individual speaker can speak for up to 10 minutes. Where there are multiple speakers for one organisation, a total time limit of 15 minutes, for the entire deputation, applies.*

- Colin Comber (Catholic Parish of New Plymouth (Tab 2))

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES**

### ***Recommendation:***

That the minutes of the following meeting of the Council, and the proceedings of the said meeting, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record:

Tuesday 21 December 2021

Thursday 10 February 2022 (Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Hearing)

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### ***Recommendation***

That the minutes of the following meetings, as circulated be received and:

- a) Decisions made under delegated authority by the committees and community boards be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting of the Council.

Extraordinary Waitara Community Board (20 January 2022)

Strategy and Operations Committee (1 February 2022)

Len Lye Committee (8 February 2022)

Clifton Community Board (10 February 2022)

Waitara Community Board (11 February 2022)

Kaitake Community Board (14 February 2022)

Inglewood Community Board (15 February 2022)

CCOs Committee (15 February 2022)

Te Huinga Taumatua (22 February 2022)

Strategic Projects Committee (23 February 2022)

Extraordinary Kaitake Community Board (24 February 2022)

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (1 March 2022)

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## REPORTS

- 1 Community Funding Investment Policy Review
- 2 Purchase of Land Wynyard Street (Housing for the Elderly Units)
- 3 Earthquake Prone Buildings Priority Thoroughfares
- 4 Funding and Rating Review – Terms of Reference
- 5 Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund
- 6 Land Purchase for Conservation Initiative
- 7 Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2022
- 8 Quarterly Performance Report
- 9 Health and Safety Quarterly Due Diligence Report
- 10 Brothels Bylaw Revocation

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## COMMUNITY FUNDING INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

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### MATTER

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is consideration of a draft Community Funding Investment Policy and Policy Schedules (the Policy) for public consultation.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

**That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council approves the draft Community Funding Investment Policy and associated Policy Schedules for wider public consultation.**

### STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2. The committee endorsed the officer's recommendation noting verbal corrections to appendices 2 and 4. [The updated appendices have been included on this agenda.]

### COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Clifton, Waitara, Kaitake and Inglewood Community Boards endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

### TE HUINGA TAUMATUA RECOMMENDATION

4. Te Huinga Taumatua endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

| COMPLIANCE       |  |
|------------------|--|
| Significance     | This matter is assessed as being significant.  |
| Options          | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the draft policy and policy schedules for public consultation</li> <li>2. Do not approve the draft policy and policy schedules for public consultation</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the wider community, including businesses, community groups and not-for-profits, iwi and hapū and any other groups or individuals eligible to apply for grants under this policy.   |
| Recommendation   | This report recommends <b>Option 1</b> for addressing the matter.  |

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| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |  |
|---|--|
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | No, the policy and any future funding allocations associated will be reassessed in 2023, in line with the next Long-Term Plan. |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No   |

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

5. It is recommended that Council approves the draft Community Funding Investment Policy (Appendix 1) and its associated Policy Schedule (Appendix 2) be distributed for wider public consultation.
6. Council Officers have completed an initial review of the Policy, including a workshop with elected members and an internal workshop with the staff administrators for each policy. Both minor technical changes and strategic changes relevant to the current funding environment have been made following the review.
7. The next steps will be to undertake community consultation, with a specific focus on engaging with the not-for-profit sector, marae trustees, iwi and hapū.
8. Following consultation, Council Officers will recommend amendments where necessary for Council's consideration.

## **BACKGROUND**

9. On 24 May 2016, Council adopted a Community Funding Investment Policy (P16-001), with a review due in 2019. However, in the lead up to the review (late 2018/early 2019) it was the view that this Policy was still fit for purpose and a review was not undertaken.
  10. Following the 2019 Local Body Elections and the re-establishment of a Community Funding Investment Committee, Council Officers agreed that a review would be suitable to ensure that the funding available is still fit for purpose. The Policy also needed to align with other funding policies that had been established since 2016 and to align more with the Strategic Vision, Mission and Goals of the Council.
  11. Due to COVID-19, Council Officers have been working with other funders in Taranaki to be more collaborative, and this is reflected in some of the policy changes.
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*Feedback was sought from funding applicants*

12. In October 2020, Council Officers surveyed more than 135 past funding applicants (successful and unsuccessful) and asked the respondents questions regarding the following areas:
    - a) Experience of the application process (end to end);
    - b) Perception of funding equality and fairness in decision making;
    - c) Expectations of funding and outcome reporting; and
    - d) Behaviour around submitting applications and sustainability of organisations.
  13. Council received 53 responses. The key themes in relation to the four areas were:
    - a) *Experience of the application process* – the online application was easy to use and questions were easily understood. There was uncertainty around when the funding rounds open and close and when the committee meets to allocate funding. Some of the organisations rely on forewarning of these dates so they can budget and plan for specific programmes and projects.
    - b) *Perception of funding equality and fairness in decision making* – respondents had no real understanding of the Committee’s decision-making structure or how funding decisions are made. However, respondents felt that the funding decisions are generally transparent. Some applicants felt it was unfair that events had to contest for funding alongside essential services or social services.
    - c) *Expectations of funding and outcome reporting* – the majority of respondents felt that the KPIs were reasonable and relative to the amount of funding they received. Applicants are very aware that the likelihood of them receiving the full amount of what they request is not high.
    - d) *Behaviour around submitting applications and sustainability of organisations* – the majority of respondents apply to multiple organisations for the same project/programme because they don’t usually receive the full amount from a single funder. Most organisations are willing to collaborate with other groups to achieve outcomes. However, many organisations believe they provide a service that is not provided by any other organisation and they are not willing to merge/amalgamate organisations. Applicants were asked whether or not they apply for a larger amount of funding, knowing they are likely to get less - the majority said they don’t.
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*A workshop was held with the Elected Members*

14. In February 2021, Council Officers ran a workshop. Councillors, Community Board members and Te Huinga Taumatua representatives were invited to attend.
15. During the workshop, Council Officers outlined the current state of funding, including:
  - a) How funding for community groups and organisations is broken down;
  - b) The above results from the survey.
16. Council Officers also ran through key recommendations and discussed the following areas with elected members:
  - a) how we fund community led events and a proposed new fund;
  - b) defining what a Strategic Partnership is (conducted as a group activity with an example of a definition as a starting point);
  - c) setting criteria for a Strategic Partnership (this included the Elected Members taking part in an individual activity and answers were given scores with weightings);
  - d) general funding exclusions; and
  - e) introduction of funding caps.
  - f) Transferring funding from the Agility Fund to the Community Funding pool. This was not assessed as a reasonably practicable option for the funding policy as it has funding implications that would need to be assessed through the Long-Term Plan or the Annual Plan.

**KEY CHANGES TO THE POLICY**

17. Following the workshop and the internal review with Council Officers, the following key changes are proposed.

*Removal of old fund types*

18. The following fund types have been removed from the schedule as they are no longer relevant or budgeted for:
    - a) Community Action and Neighbourhood Matching Grant Programme
    - b) Quick Response and Emergency Funding Grant.
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*Incorporation of existing funds or policies into the policy schedule*

19. The following funds and their policies have been incorporated into the schedule:
  - a) Main Street Fund (full Officer delegation)
  - b) Manaaki Urupā Grant (Officer delegation under \$10,000)
  - c) Waste Levy Fund (full Officer delegation)
  - d) Resource Management Support for Iwi and Hapū (full Officer delegation)
  - e) Planting our Parks – Te Korowai o Tāne
20. Delegations will be formalised by resolution when the policy is presented for adoption.

*New grant types have been created*

21. Due to feedback and demand from the community, two new grant types have been created to reflect the demand for support of community-led events and Māori specific projects. The Community Led Events Grant and Whanake have been created to acknowledge grassroots community events and projects to support the vibrancy of the district.
22. The Community Led Events Grant is designed to support the establishment of future annual events with the aim that some may becoming a major attraction to the district in the future. The grant is to help with costs such as venue hire, promotion, hiring of equipment and entertainers fees.
23. The Whanake funding is to support Māori specific projects and programmes in our community. It was identified, and supported through discussion with iwi and hapū, that more can be done to support the community to deliver activities that contribute to the aspirations of whanau, hapū and iwi in the district.
24. The Whanake funding will have \$20k ring-fenced from the current Community Funding budget, and the grant will be distributed by Te Huinga Taumatua.

*The Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection Grant has changed*

25. The Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection Grant has been split into three:
    - a) Built Heritage Protection Grant;
    - b) Cultural Heritage Protection Grant; and
    - c) Natural Heritage Protection Grant.
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26. The reason for splitting the grant into three categories recognises the differences in each particular area of heritage funding, and allows for specific criteria to apply to each area. At present, both Built and Cultural heritage are assessed under the same criteria as one another, but have very different types of heritage items being protected (built heritage is for heritage listed buildings and their maintenance and repair whereas cultural heritage is for sites of significance to Māori such as pā sites or wahi tapu and funding is generally for fencing to protect from stock damage). Natural Heritage currently has its own assessment criteria but is specific towards the protection of significant natural areas and biodiversity.

*Funding caps have been introduced*

27. Following the analysis of the past three years of funding, a limit on the amount a single organisation can receive has been introduced for both the Community Services and Programmes Grant and the Strategic Community Partnership Grant. It is expected that the funding caps will only impact one organisation, however this organisation is on a current multi-year funding agreement which is not due to end until 2023. The caps are:

- a) \$30,000 for a Community Service and Programmes Grant
- b) \$50,000 for a Strategic Community Partnership Grant.

*The general exclusions have been updated*

28. The following exclusions have been included into the Policy, stating that funding will not be provided for:
- a) the purposes of re-gifting
  - b) sporting activities
  - c) services, programmes or projects have received funding from the Council via another funding mechanism (including the Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan and Major Events Fund)
  - d) individuals
  - e) specific projects that have already received funding (other than operational costs).
29. Analysis of these exclusions has found that the biggest impact will be for those groups who receive Major Events Funding, however the organisations affected are in current multi-year agreements and will not be affected until 2023.
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30. In recent years Council has seen a steady decline in the number of applications from sports clubs to run sporting activities (such as their regular season games and development programmes). Further to this decline, sporting activities are well funded through other funding avenues by funders with a specific focus on sports.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT**

31. A new grant type has been created following increasing demand for assistance with community events. Feedback from groups that organise events felt that chances of receiving funding, when competing against organisations that provide services in mental health, welfare and housing, were lessened due to the "non-essential" nature of their work.
  32. The creation of a specific community event grant is to recognise the important role these events play in creating a vibrant district and providing the community with recreational or social activities to participate in, while also understanding the highly competitive nature of the Community Services and Programmes Grant.
  33. The Community Event Grant would be available to grassroots community events in the New Plymouth District, to help with operation costs such as venue hire, promotion, equipment hire, or entertainer's fees.
  34. Officers propose that \$70,000 per annum of the annual contestable community funding budget be ring-fenced for this fund. An analysis of contestable funding over the past three years showed on average \$62,000 per annum was allocated to community events. (For the three years, \$46,000 was allocated to community services and programmes grants and \$140,000 was allocated to strategic partnership grants).
  35. It is proposed that \$50,000 of the \$70,000 be set aside for annual contestable funding for applications over \$5,000. This figure acknowledges the current and potential future applications of this nature.
  36. It is also proposed that the remaining \$20,000 be put aside for ad-hoc requests for assistance of \$5,000 or less, to be allocated under Officer delegation. This is due to the current ad-hoc demand that Council Officers encounter from groups and event organisers who may have a small shortfall for an event they are running. One example is a group needing urgent help with costs to hire a portable toilet block to cater for a community event in Ōākura.
  37. The number of requests for ad-hoc funding are increasing each year and are usually made because the event falls outside of the usual funding round or due to unexpected costs. The Agility Fund is not usually a suitable avenue for funding due to the quick timeframes required for a response (within a few weeks).
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38. This change has been assessed as having no funding implications. The amount recommended reflects the current amount being granted towards events. Officers recommend that this fund be reviewed and any further changes be evaluated and any further changes be considered in the next Long-Term Plan.

#### **WHANAKE**

39. The proposed creation of a specific grant for Māori led projects is to support the delivery of activities that contribute to the aspirations of whanau, hapū and iwi in the district.
40. The Whanake funding would be available to community groups in the New Plymouth District, to help with operation costs for projects.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

41. If the elected members approve the draft Policy for consultation, Council Officers will seek feedback from the wider public in March 2022. This will include a survey about whether or not the Policy meets the current needs of the community.
42. Consultation is limited to the funding policy and not the level of funding provided.
43. Following consultation on the policy, Council Officers will consider feedback and prepare the final draft Policy for Councillors to consider.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

44. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being significant because of the impact on the future of funding for organisations within the New Plymouth District. In particular, the updates to the exclusions for funding will have an impact on organisations seeking funding for events already funded through the Major Events Fund, sport organisations seeking assistance with sporting activities and organisations seeking funding to re-gift.
45. This report proposes consultation on the draft policy.
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## OPTIONS

### Option 1

#### **Approve the draft policy and policy schedules for public consultation**

##### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

46. There are no financial or resourcing implications associated with this option. Consultation costs will be met within existing budgets.

##### *Risk Analysis*

47. There is no obvious risk to consulting on the policy.

##### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

48. Consulting on the policy will allow the wider community to have input on a policy that directly effects them.

##### *Statutory Responsibilities*

49. Under section 78 clause 1(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council has a statutory responsibility to give consideration to the views and preferences of the community.

##### *Consistency with Policies and Plans*

50. No policies or plans will be affected by this option.

##### *Participation by Māori*

51. Council Officers met initially with Marae trustees and former members of Ngā Kaitiaki (representatives from iwi and hapū who consider high level strategic issues) to discuss the Policy and policy schedules. Feedback was sought on whether the policy was fit for purpose and helps support Māori to meet their wider aspirations. Officers also sought specific feedback on the Marae Development Grant and the Cultural Heritage Grant policy schedules. This option will allow further feedback.

##### *Community Views and Preferences*

52. This policy will be of particular interest to community groups and organisations who seek funding on a regular basis, as well as any other groups or members of the community who are eligible to apply for funding. Approving this policy for public consultation will get a clearer understanding of the community views and preferences.
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*Advantages and Disadvantages*

53. The advantages of this option is that it will support Council in its decision-making. The disadvantage is that the feedback provided may be outside of the policy review's scope.

**Option 2****Do not approve the draft policy and policy schedules for public consultation***Financial and Resourcing Implications*

54. There are no financial or resourcing implications.

*Risk Analysis*

55. The risk is that if the Policy is not consulted on, the views and preferences of the community will not be taken in to account.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

56. No community outcomes will be achieved with this option.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

57. Under section 78 clause 1(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council has a statutory responsibility to give consideration to the views and preferences of the community.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

58. No policies or plans will be affected by this option.

*Participation by Māori*

59. Council Officers met initially with Marae trustees and former members of Ngā Kaitiaki (representatives from iwi and hapū who consider high level strategic issues) to discuss the Policy and policy schedules. Feedback was sought on whether the policy was fit for purpose and helps support Māori to meet their wider aspirations. Officers also sought specific feedback on the Marae Development Grant and the Cultural Heritage Grant policy schedules. This option will not allow further feedback.

*Community Views and Preferences*

60. This option would not enable Council officers to get a better understanding of the views and preferences of the wider community.
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*Advantages and Disadvantages*

61. The disadvantages of this option is that it will not support Council in its decision-making.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends **Option 1**: Approve the draft Policy and Policy Schedules for public consultation, for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Draft Policy (ECM8661107)

Appendix 2 Draft Policy Schedules (ECM8661101)

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Appendix 4 Draft Policy Schedules (with changes tracked)

Appendix 5 Comparison Table

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## COMMUNITY FUNDING INVESTMENT POLICY

### Preamble

New Plymouth District Council has a responsibility to promote the Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental wellbeing within the district. One way to achieve this is to provide financial support and investment for community organisations operating within, and benefiting the people and district of New Plymouth.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Community Funding Investment Policy is to set out the parameters by which New Plymouth District Council may offer funding, subsidies or in kind services to communities, groups, individuals and organisations within the district.

### Definitions

Community – a social group sharing common characteristics, locality, heritage or interests, and perceived as distinct within the larger society within which it operates.

Community concessional lease – a subsidised rental lease for occupation of Council administered land and/or buildings

Council – New Plymouth District Council

Enhancing the social fabric – provides for more and better interactions between members of the community, allowing them to be more involved, happy, willing to support and engage with one another and be encouraged to make the district a more positive and pleasant place to live

Financial year – being 1 July to 30 June

Grant – a financial contribution to a group, organisation or sector of the community.

Marae – a meeting place registered as a reserve under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (The Māori Land Act)

Not-for-profit – a group with a primary purpose of delivering non-statutory services and activities, and does not seek to generate profit, revenue or financial surpluses for commercial or individual interests.

Political activities – the promotion of a political stance, ideology or party.

Rates remission – A reduction, postponement or removal of rates

Re-gifting – an organisation seeks funding so they can administer these funds to individuals or organisations through their own funding scheme.

Religious activities – any activity that promotes or supports a particular religious deity or ultimate reality (for example, but not limited to, worship ceremonies, religious studies, or active promotion and advertising).

Retrospective costs – where a project, service or event has commenced prior to the funding committee meeting.

Social Enterprise – a revenue generating organisation, with a primary purpose of achieving social, cultural or environmental goals, and reinvests financial surpluses in the pursuit of the social, cultural and environmental outcomes of the organisation.

Sporting activities – general sports activities of sports clubs (for example, grounds maintenance, coaching, uniforms, tournament fees, venue hire costs for regular training and games, subsidies for registrations)

Statutory function – a function conferred or imposed by a statutory instrument (law), and is delivered in part through government funding which is provided to the organisation for the purpose of providing the service.

Urupā – Māori burial ground

### **Purpose of Community Funding Investment**

Community funding investment and community concessional leases may be granted by the Council for the following purposes:

1. Where the functions of the group or organisation, or the funding sought contributes towards the social, economic, environmental or cultural wellbeing of the district.
2. Supporting the viability of community services that may not be provided by other sectors or organisations.
3. Building and strengthening the capacity of community groups and organisations to become financially sustainable where possible.
4. To be a catalyst for change for the benefit of the community.
5. Enhancing the social fabric of the community.
6. Protecting the districts built, cultural and natural heritage.
7. Building community cohesion and resilience.

Any specific and/or additional purposes of the different fund streams and community concessional leases can be found in the schedules, supplementary to the policy.

### **Considerations when awarding community funding**

The award of community funding by Council will be guided by the following value considerations:

1. The extent to which the support sought will fund purposeful activity and demonstrable outcomes that benefit the community.
2. The extent to which the support will fund activities that align with Council's strategic vision, mission and goals.
3. The extent of public good that is promoted.
4. The degree to which the support will lead to capacity building and sustainability.
5. The extent to which an unmet need of the community is being met.

### **Policy schedules**

The following funding and concessional lease schemes shall operate under the general terms of the Community Funding Investment Policy.

- Built Heritage Protection Grant
- Community Concessional Leases
- Community Services and Programmes Grant

- Cultural Heritage Protection Grant
- Charitable Sponsorship
- Community Events Grant
- Main Street Building Grant
- Manaaki Urupā Grant
- Marae Development Grant
- Mayoral Relief Fund
- Planting Our Place Fund
- Resource Management Support for Iwi and Hapū
- Natural Heritage Protection Grant
- Social Enterprise Grant
- Whanake
- Waste levy Grant
- Strategic Community Partnerships Grant

The following policy and contestable fund shall operate alongside the Community Funding Investment Policy

- Rates Remission Policy
- Reduced Service Rates

#### Excluded schemes

The following funding schemes are excluded from the scope of this policy:

- Art in Public Places
- Creative Communities Scheme (funding and criteria care of Creative New Zealand and administered through the Creative Communities Advisory Committee)
- Major Events Fund (administered by the Regional Economic Development Agency)
- Cemeteries Board Support Grants
- Rural Domains Scheme
- Property insurance for Rural Halls and Marae
- Mayoral Relief Fund
- Agility Fund

#### Eligibility

The general eligibility for all grant types is as follows<sup>1</sup>:

1. Be present and operating, or provide a service or programme within the New Plymouth District Boundaries.
2. Be a not-for-profit community group or organisation, and be able to demonstrate that the purposes of the activity contribute to the social, economic, cultural or environmental wellbeing/interests of the district.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated in a specific policy schedule

## Exclusions

Funding will not be made available for the purposes of<sup>2</sup>:

1. Religious activities
2. Political activities
3. Statutory functions, activities and services (for example, providing education, policing or health care funded through central government organisations at a national, regional or local level)
4. Re-gifting
5. Activities that contravene any policy or strategic objective of the Council
6. Previous grant applicants who failed to fulfil the obligations and terms of the previous funding agreement
7. Commercial or private organisations whose purpose is profit generation for shareholders, directors or owners.

Funding will not be provided when:

8. Services, programmes or projects have received funding from the Council via another funding mechanism, including the Annual Plan, Long-Term Plan, and Major Events Fund.
9. Funding support has already been given within the same financial year.
10. The funding is for a specific individual.
11. The application is for retrospective costs<sup>3</sup>.

## Applications

All applications for funding must be made online via the Council's grant management system, within the advertised timeframes.

Applications must be accompanied by the relevant documentation required, which is specified in each of the attached policy schedules.

## Level of community funding

The Council shall determine the level of funds that will be available for community funding purposes during its Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process.

Each policy schedule will have a specific amount allocated for distribution

Concessional lease rental will be determined through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process and set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

## Policy Contact

The policy holder is the Community Partnerships Team within the Strategic Partnerships Group.

## Policy Review

This policy shall next be reviewed in February 2023 and then every three years.

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<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise stated in a specific policy schedule

<sup>3</sup> This does not apply to applications for the purpose of ongoing operational costs of organisations.

## Policy Schedules

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## Grant and Sponsorship General Information

### Grants requiring committee approval

| Grant Scheme                             | Maximum Funding Available | Frequency of Determinations |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Community Services and Programmes Grant  | \$30,000                  | Annually                    |
| Maori funding (placeholder)              | Case-by-case basis        | Annually                    |
| Social Enterprise Grant                  | Case-by-case basis        | Annually                    |
| Strategic Community Partnership Grant    | \$50,000                  | Annually                    |
| Creative Communities Scheme <sup>1</sup> | \$5,000                   | Twice yearly                |

### Grants approvals delegated to officers, except where applications exceed the delegated authority

| Grant Scheme                                 | Maximum Funding Available       | Frequency of Determinations  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Built Heritage Protection Grant              | One third of total project cost | Twice yearly   |
| Community Events Grant                       | Case-by-case basis              | Annually (for applications over \$5,000)<br>As required (for applications under \$5,000)   |
| Cultural Heritage Protection Grant           | Case-by-case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Charitable Sponsorship                       | \$500 per applicant             | As required  |
| Main Street Building Grant                   | One third of total project cost | Twice yearly   |
| Manaaki Urupā Grant                          | Case-by-case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Marae Development Grant                      | Case-by-case basis              | Annually (for applications over \$10,000)<br>As required (for applications under \$10,000) |
| Natural Heritage Protection Grant            | One third of total project cost | As required  |
| Planting our Place                           | Case-by-case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Resource Management Support for Iwi and Hapū | \$5,000                         | As required  |

<sup>1</sup> Funding is determined by the Creative Communities Advisory Committee in accordance with Creative New Zealand criteria and assessment guidelines.

| Grant Scheme                  | Maximum Funding Available | Frequency of Determinations |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rural Hall Development Grants | Case-by-case basis        | Annually <sup>2</sup>       |
| Waste Levy Fund               | Case-by-case basis        | Twice yearly                |

#### Foregone revenue and venue concessions

| Financial Support            | Maximum Funding Available                  | Frequency of Determination | Approval  |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Community Concessional Lease | Case-by-case basis                         | As required                | Council committee                                     |
| Rates Remission              | Case-by-case basis                         | As required                | Delegated authority as per the Rates Remission Policy |
| Reduced Service Rates        | Determined by Schedule of Fees and Charges | As Required                | Delegated authority                                   |

#### Funding partnerships determined through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan Process

| Financial Support             | Maximum Funding Available | Frequency of Determination | Approval     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Strategic Council Partnership | Case-by-case basis        | Once every three years     | Full Council |

#### Funding allocated at the discretion of the Mayor

| Grant Scheme        | Maximum Funding Available | Frequency of Determinations |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mayoral Relief Fund | Case-by-case basis        | As required                 |

<sup>2</sup> If budget is not fully expended, rural hall societies are able to apply after the fact for projects under \$10,000

## Community Services and Programmes Grant

### Purpose

The Community Services and Programmes Grant aims to support projects and programmes that seek to strengthen the community and make long lasting change.

The grant can be up to a maximum of \$30,000 to an applicant and can be applied as a multi-year grant of up to three years.

The grant specifically aims to:

- Support activities, programmes or services that directly benefit the wider community of the New Plymouth district
- Foster and support services, programmes and activities which address unmet needs in the community.
- Create opportunities which develop knowledge, awareness and understanding of the community.
- Support groups and organisations whose activities are contributing to a growth in community wellbeing and community cohesion.
- Support activities that contribute to the social and cultural vibrancy and vitality of the New Plymouth district.
- Provide investment in new services and programmes as the move towards a path of sustainability.

### Eligibility

Only not-for-profit or charitable organisations or groups, who may or may not be a Registered Charity are able to apply for this funding.

### Exclusions

In addition to the general exclusions, the following purposes are not considered:

- Sporting activities
- Events (see the Community Events Fund)
- Fundraising activities (for supporting an event to raise funds)
- Projects, programmes or operational costs that have previously received a Social Enterprise Grant or Catalyst funding.

### Application requirements

In addition to the general application requirements the group or organisation must supply:

- A copy of the most recent annual accounts<sup>3</sup>
- Quotes for capital projects
- Strategic documents such as plans or strategies.

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<sup>3</sup> Accounts must be compliant with the relevant legislation by which the organisation is established under, such as the Charities Act, Trusts Act or Incorporated Societies Act.



## Creative Communities Scheme

### Purpose

The Creative Communities Scheme supports and encourages local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities. Under the scheme, “the arts” are broadly defined as *‘all forms of creative and interpretive expression’*.

This includes opportunities for creative participation in theatre, music, visual arts, digital art, applied arts, arts education, Toi Māori, literary workshops, digital storytelling, and many other activities.

### On behalf of Creative New Zealand

The Council administers the Creative Communities Scheme on behalf of Creative New Zealand. All eligibility criteria and exclusions are directed by Creative New Zealand and can be found on the Creative New Zealand website [www.creativenz.govt.nz](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz).

## Whanake

### Purpose

The Whanake Grant aims to support community groups and organisations who deliver activities, programmes or services that contribute to identified outcomes and aspirations valued by whānau, hapū and iwi.

The grant can be applied for as either an annual grant or a multi-year grant of up to three years.

### Eligibility

Only not-for-profit or charitable organisations or groups, who may or may not be a Registered Charity are able to apply for this funding.

### Exclusions

In addition to the general exclusions, the following purposes are not considered:

- Sporting activities
- Events (see the Community Events Fund)
- Fundraising activities (for supporting an event to raise funds)
- Projects, programmes or operational costs that have previously received a Social Enterprise Grant or Catalyst funding.

### Application requirements

In addition to the general application requirements the group or organisation must:

- Explain how the activity, programme or service contributes to identified outcomes and aspirations valued by whānau, hapū and iwi
- Provide a copy of the most recent annual accounts<sup>4</sup>
- Provide quotes for capital projects
- Provide strategic documents such as plans or strategies.

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<sup>4</sup> Accounts must be compliant with the relevant legislation by which the organisation is established under, such as the Charities Act, Trusts Act or Incorporated Societies Act.

## Social Enterprise Grant

### Purpose

The aim of the Social Enterprise Grant is to provide seed funding to an organisation who seeks to earn an income for the sole purpose of reinvesting that income into the community to achieve wellbeing. There are many different forms of Social Enterprise, for the purposes of this policy, eligible organisations are defined as follows:

*A Social Enterprise is a revenue generating organisation with a primary purpose of achieving social, environmental and/or cultural objectives where profit is principally re-invested for that purpose of community good, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders, directors or owners.*

### Eligibility

Funding may only be sought by investment-ready enterprises.

The funding will be targeted at social enterprises that are either in a start-up phase or growth stage.

### Application requirements

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applications will be considered and assessed in relation to the following:

- Whether the enterprise involves trade to achieve a social mission.
- Demonstration of the extent which there is a market for the enterprise and the potential for the business to be self-sustaining following after the end of the grant period.
- Whether the business plan is realistic and practical, and includes financial projections and accounts. The extent to which the enterprise will deliver a social return on the investment.
- The extent to which the enterprise may deliver an economic return on the investment through the employment of people, volunteers, and/or trading activities.
- The extent to which the enterprise has governance, management and business capacity and capability in place to run the enterprise.
- The total impact (social, economic, environmental and/or cultural) expected to be yielded.

The group or organisation must provide a copy of:

- The business plan, and any relevant documents such a feasibility studies or economic reports.
- The most recent audited financial accounts<sup>5</sup>.

### General conditions

If the organisation receives a Social Enterprise Grant, this precludes the organisation from receiving any financial support through contestable funding from the Council in the future. This fund is to get social enterprises up and running to a self-sustainable model.

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<sup>5</sup> While there is a preference for accounts that have been audited, if they are not available please discuss this with a Community Partnerships Adviser.

## Strategic Community Partnership Grant

### Purpose

The purpose of a Strategic Community Partnership Grant is to recognise those community and not-for-profit organisations that are closely aligned to the strategic objectives of the Council, and with whom the Council is comfortable to engage in a medium-term partnership (financial and/or otherwise) relationship.

### The relationship

The relationship between the organisation and Council will be one where there is both financial and capacity support. Organisations will be willing to engage formally with Council in a symbiotic relationship to achieve key outcomes.

The organisation and council officers will work closely together to achieve strategic outcomes, as identified through the Council's Vision, Mission and Goals.

*"A Strategic Community Partnership is a mutually beneficial relationship between a community organisation and Council, working to achieve strategic Council outcomes and add value to the wider community."*

### Eligibility and application requirements

In addition to the general policy eligibility, organisations need to meet a minimum of six of the following criteria:

- Have an acknowledged strategic leadership and brokerage role within their sector
- Deliver work programmes and outcomes that have clear alignment to the Council strategic outcomes and priorities
- Has robust and strategic business plans in place
- Has a strong track record of achievement within the community
- Provides a direct benefit to the wider community
- Has a strong and supportive board of trustees or governance type model
- Willing to engage and collaborate through a comprehensive partnership
- Is up to date with financial requirements e.g. annual return

Organisations must provide evidence of how they meet the above criteria.

### Application process

Organisations are able to express their interest in becoming a Strategic Partner by contacting the Community Partnerships Team. Applicants who demonstrate they meet the above criteria will be invited to meet with the team to discuss the partnership approach prior to applying.

### General conditions

Organisations that have entered into a strategic partnership with the Council will not be eligible to apply for other contestable funding or grants within the Community Funding Investment policy<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> With the exception of Forgone Revenue and Venue Concessions and the Waste Levy Fund

## Built Heritage Protection Grant

### Purpose

The Built Heritage Protection Grant is to assist private landowners manage, maintain and preserve the heritage values of items on their properties. It provides a partial contribution towards the cost of a specific heritage project or work.

Activities that will be considered for a grant include, but are not limited to:

- Earthquake strengthening
- Repair or replacement of verandas, rooves etc.
- Repiling
- Exterior cleaning and painting
- Specialist building work (e.g. stonework)

### Eligibility

Applicants who are individuals, for-profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities are eligible to apply for this grant.

To be eligible for a Built Heritage Protection Grant an item must:

- Be identified as a Category A, B or C heritage building or item in the Operative District Plan and/or in SCHED1 (Schedule of Heritage Buildings and Items) of the Proposed District Plan;
- Meet the minimum points required under the assessment criteria attached as **appendix one**;
- Have a legal requirement for necessary works approved by statutory bodies or organisations (e.g. building and/or resource consent from Council, archaeological authorities from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga etc.)

### Exclusions

Items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineer fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Internal work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. reconfiguration of spaces, updated or new kitchens and bathrooms, painting and wallpapering etc.)
- Purchasing of a heritage item

### Application

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applicants must provide two quotes (excluding earthquake strengthening) for the work being undertaken and a proposed colour scheme in heritage colours for any external painting.

### Conditions

Only one application per item will be accepted every three years.

## Community Events Grant

### Purpose

The purpose of the Community Events Grant is to acknowledge grass roots community events and support the vibrancy of the district. The grant is also to support the establishment of future annual events with the aim of becoming a major attraction of the district.

Specifically, the grant will help with the following:

- Venue hire costs
- Promotion
- Hire of equipment such as sound, lighting, and toilet facilities
- Entertainers fees

### Eligibility and exclusions

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, the specific eligibility criteria is as follows:

- This grant is only available to grass roots community events within the New Plymouth district

This grant will not fund:

- Events that are exclusive to particular groups/members (e.g. school reunions/anniversaries, prize-giving events, end of year dinners for clubs).
- Events that have a focus on fundraising for a charity or not-for-profit
- Events that qualify for Major Events Funding through Venture Taranaki
- Event manager fees
- Costs to hire Council owned/managed venues

### Application requirements

In addition to the general application requirements applicants are expected to provide the following supporting documents:

- Event plan, including health and safety plan
- Any sponsorship agreements
- Quotes for hire of venues or equipment

### Conditions

Events must be either free or low cost admission (\$5 or less) to the public and have a focus on encouraging participation across New Plymouth's diverse communities, as well as engaging local communities and neighbourhoods.

## Cultural Heritage Protection Grant

### Purpose

The cultural heritage protection grant is to assist landowners manage, maintain and preserve heritage values of items on their properties. It provides a partial contribution towards the costs of a specific project or work required to protect cultural heritage.

Activities that will be considered for a grant include, but are not limited to:

- fencing (e.g. around a pa site to prevent stock damage).
- Cleaning and/or painting of monuments, memorials or headstones associated with a pa site.

### Eligibility

This policy schedule allows applicants who are individuals, for-profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities.

To be eligible for a grant from the cultural heritage protection fund an item must:

- Be identified in SCHED3 (Schedule of Archaeological Sites or Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori) of the Proposed District Plan;
- Meet the minimum points required under the assessment criteria attached as **appendix two**;
- Have any legal requirements necessary for the works approved by statutory bodies or organisations, e.g. building and/or resource consents from Council, archaeological authorities from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, etc.

### Exclusions

Items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineer fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. new carparking next to a pa site, interpretation signage, protecting an item that is physically inaccessible etc.)
- Purchasing of a heritage item, or property with an archaeological site or area of significance to Māori on it

### Application

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applications must be from the landowner and/or relevant iwi/hapū.

### Conditions

Only one application per item will be accepted every three years. Applications for urupā must seek funding for a *Manaaki Urupā Grant* first.

## Charitable Sponsorship

### Purpose

From time to time the Council is approached by charitable organisations who are seeking funding by the way of sponsorship.

Registered Charities may seek support from the Council to be a “sponsor” for their event.

The award of sponsorship monies is at the discretion of the Chief Executive or their nominee.

The award of sponsorship monies will be granted to charities that have alignment to the core values and strategic vision of the Council.

The monies available for charitable sponsorship shall be limited to \$500 per application. The amount of funding will depend on the availability to funds.

Applicants may only seek this funding once per financial year.

Enquiries should be made to the Mayor’s Office.



## Main Street Building Grant

### Purpose

The purpose of the main street building fund is to help commercial property owners or their tenants in the CBD areas of New Plymouth District to improve the frontage and/or signage of their building. It is designed to enhance the vibrancy and character of the CBD areas so they are more attractive to shoppers and potential tenants.

Grants are available for well-designed improvements that can help maintain a building. The grant can help pay for:

- Painting
  - Colours must be in keeping with the era of the building
  - Street art
  - Signage must be in keeping with the building design
- Repair
  - Architectural details and masonry work
  - Fire escapes, awnings/canopies and shutters
  - Verandas, outside stairs, cleaning of external walls and rooves
- Removal of unsightly features that do not fit the style of the building
- Installation of decorative lighting, verandas and appropriate architectural features.

### Eligibility

Applicants can be from landlords of the buildings or the tenants. Buildings must be located within the CBD areas of New Plymouth District.

### Exclusions

Work on a building that has received funding from the Built Heritage Protection Fund is not eligible for this fund.

### Application

In addition to the general application requirements applicants are required to provide:

- Two quotes for the work
- Proposed colour scheme for any painting
- Mock-up design of street art if applicable
- Explanation of how the works will comply with health and safety requirements<sup>7</sup>.
- Written approval from building owner (if the application is from a tenant)

### Conditions

The following conditions apply:

- Applications for work on any heritage listed building must be made to the Built Heritage Protection Fund first.
- Only one application per building every two years.
- Applicants are not to cover any of the improvements with advertising material, such as posters or billboards.

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<sup>7</sup> See Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 or [www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz)

## Manaaki Urupā Grant

### Purpose

The purpose of the Manaaki Urupā Grant is to partially cover the annual costs incurred by urupā owners/trustees in the on-going care of their urupā.

The grant can go towards activities directly related to the care of the urupā, including but not limited to the following:

- Repair and maintenance of gateways, fences, footpaths
- Maintenance, cleaning, repair and restoration of headstones
- Installation of berms
- Maintenance, repair or replacement of existing ground maintenance equipment (e.g. lawnmowers, line trimmers)
- Maintenance, repair or improvements to pedestrian and vehicle access and parking
- Maintenance of urupā lawns, hedges, trees including removal of greenwaste.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a Manaaki Urupā grant the urupā must be:

- Within the New Plymouth district; and
- Located on:
  - Land designated a Māori reservation under section 338 of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 for the purposes of an urupā; or
  - Māori freehold land; or
  - General freehold land in Māori ownership.

Council may also consider urgent protection-related work on a case-by-case basis, including, but not limited to:

- Erosion-related mitigation
- New car-parking, vehicle and pedestrian access ways
- Flood mitigation

### Exclusions

The Manaaki Urupā grant may not be used for:

- Establishing a new urupā
- Multiple-year projects
- Payment of salaries, wages, commissions, fees etc.
- Power and water rates, legal fees or leases

### Application

When applying for a Manaaki Urupā Grant, applicants will need to provide evidence that the urupā meets the criteria. The evidence requirements are attached as **appendix three**.

### Conditions

Only one application per urupā will be accepted per financial year.

Projects must be completed no later than October 31 of the year following the grant.

## Marae Development Grant

### Purpose

The purpose of the Marae Development Grant is to support funding for the maintenance and development of the District's Marae.

Grants may be sought for the following purposes:

- External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight).
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it and includes areas such as electrical work, faulty floorboards, plumbing and heating/lighting).
- Accessibility (work that improves the accessibility of the buildings and facilities for people with accessible needs, in particular, Kaumatua).
- Hygiene (matters relating primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms, drinking water and toilet areas).
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings, and the internal structures not already covered by the above).
- Aesthetic and capital projects (allowing for new projects to achieve the future aspirations of the Iwi/Hapū).
- Creating or updating Marae Development Plans

### Eligibility

To be eligible the Marae must be an incorporated society or trust.

### Application

Applicants must supply the following:

- Quotes (minimum of two quotes for non-urgent works)
- Resolution from the Marae trustees to apply for funding

## Marae Insurance

Insurance funding for Marae is excluded from the Marae Development Grant. Insurance funding is separately available for Marae. Marae Committees are advised to contact Council Officers. Insurance funding will only cover the costs of:

- Material Damage, including insurance of whakairo, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai
- Business liability
- Contract works for development/renovations

## Natural Heritage Protection Fund

### Purpose

The purpose of the Natural Heritage Protection fund is to help private landowners manage, maintain and preserve the natural heritage values. The work must be necessary to ensure the conservation and preservation of the area.

The Natural Heritage Protection Grant covers fencing to protect the area from stock damage.

### Eligibility

This policy schedule allows applicants who are individuals, for-profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities.

To be eligible for a Natural Heritage Protection Grant an item must:

- Be protected either by having a significant natural area identified in the District Plan, or by way of a protective covenant, or by other legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant.
- Where the property is protected by way of a protective covenant or by other legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant:
  - The protective covenant or other legal mechanism must meet the requirements of the District Plan for legal protection of the special ecological features to achieve the protective outcome
  - The protected area meets the significance criteria for protected in the District Plan
  - The area of land containing the protected natural features must be readily identified and able to be measured distinctly from the total area of the property.
- Meet the eligibility criteria required under the assessment criteria attached as **Appendix four**.

### Exclusions

Heritage items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineering fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. new carparking next to a pa site, interpretation signage etc.)
- Purchasing of a Significant Natural Area

### Application

In addition to the general eligibility criteria evidence of the legal protection mechanism and a plan to sustainably manage the ecological values of the protected natural features must be provided.

### Conditions

Only one application per property will be considered each year.

## Planting our Place - Te Korowai o Tāne

### Purpose

The purpose of the Te Korowai o Tāne grant is to assist not for profit community groups in purchasing native tree and shrub species to plant on their relevant properties. This grant will provide 'wrap around' support for New Plymouth's community to engage in positive action for climate change and the environment and will augment the work occurring through the planting of public land through Planting our Place to facilitate and expedite achievement of the 10% urban vegetation cover.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Planting our Place grant the applicant must be a community group or not for profit organisation, which includes (but is not limited to):

- Schools
- Sports Clubs
- Kohanga reo, kindergartens, Early Childhood Centre and Play Centres
- Marae

The space to be planted must also be located within the urban environment and ideally contribute to priority planting areas (for example, a biodiversity corridor) identified by Council Officers.

### Exclusions

The grant cannot be provided for:

- Individuals or private residential/commercial property
- Planting exotic trees or fruit trees
- Establishing a nursery

### Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Labour to prepare the planting site
- Maintenance of the planting site
- Planting the plants

### Application

In order to apply for funding the applicant must provide a quote for the plants from a supplier approved by New Plymouth District Council.

### Conditions

- Before and after photos must be provided to confirm the planting has been undertaken.
- Funding must be used for Indigenous plants only and 70% of mix to be large trees (canopy species) for carbon sequestration.
- Planting must be intended to be in perpetuity.
- The carbon credits for the plants will be held by NPDC.
- Only one application will be accepted per property every three years
- Maximum of \$5000 per group

## Resource Management Support Grant for Iwi and Hapū

### Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to enable Iwi and Hapū to purchase a range of professional services to facilitate their participation in resource consent processes and applications in the New Plymouth district and matters relating to private plan changes to the New Plymouth District Plan.

### Eligibility

This grant is only available to Iwi and Hapū

To be eligible, services must relate to resource consent processes or applications, or private plan change processes where the New Plymouth District Council is the consenting authority.

Services that are eligible are for independent advice and professional services and reports including, but not limited to:

- Planning
- Legal
- Specific technical assessments (e.g. engineering, landscape, noise)
- Cultural services and advice
- Valuation services
- Monitoring and scientific services

### Exclusions

The grant is not to be used for any of the following services:

- Ongoing physical environmental monitoring
- Purchase of equipment or machinery
- Enforcement or compliance matters
- Project costs prior to the lodging of a resource consent application or private plan change
- Costs incurred in preparation of a resource consent application or private plan change
- Debt services

### Application

In order to apply for this grant, applicants must speak directly with the Planning Lead or Iwi Liaison Lead, who will then provide the application form link.

## Rural Halls Development Grants

### Purpose

The purpose of the rural halls development grant is to support funding for the maintenance and development of the district's rural halls.

Grants may be sought for the following purposes:

- External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight).
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it and includes areas such as electrical work, faulty floorboards, plumbing and heating/lighting).
- Accessibility (work that improves the accessibility of the buildings and facilities for people with accessible needs).
- Hygiene (matters relating primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms and toilet areas).
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings, and the internal structures not already covered by the above).
- Aesthetic and capital projects (allowing for new projects)

### Eligibility

Applications will be considered from hall societies for capital improvements and preventative maintenance works on a priority needs basis. Priority needs are:

1. Halls with more than 30 hours per month demonstrated average use (excluding school holiday weeks).
2. Where the lack of maintenance would constitute a health, safety or fire risk, or compromise weather tightness.
3. Halls that have less than 30 hours per month use, but who can demonstrate that the work being undertaken will increase hall hire.

Halls that meet both criteria one and two have first priority.

### Exclusions

A rural hall that in the opinion of Council Officers is in a significant state of disrepair and inappropriate for community hire will not be eligible for a grant.

### Application requirements

In addition to the general application requirements. Applicants must provide:

- A copy of the most recent financial accounts; and
- Two quotes for the proposed works.

## Rural Hall Insurance

All Hall Committees/Societies are encouraged to insure the halls with a material damage policy.

Insurance funding is excluded from the Rural Halls Grants. Insurance funding is separately available for Rural Halls. Rural Hall Committees are advised to contact Council Officers.

## Waste Levy Fund

### Purpose

The purpose of the Waste Levy Fund is to boost the district's performance in waste minimisation. Projects should benefit New Plymouth district and lead to measurable reductions in waste to landfill, or other waste improvements.

Only waste minimisation projects are eligible for funding. Projects must promote or achieve waste reduction through initiatives that avoid, reuse, recycle or recover waste, or make use of resources diverted from landfill.

Projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Education or behaviour change, to promote waste minimisation activity to the public or a particular target audience.
- Infrastructure that helps divert resources from landfill.
- Understanding existing waste quantities and composition, behaviour or economic incentives, as a precursor to effectively reducing waste and/or increasing reuse.
- Design of product stewardship schemes or other solutions that promote and achieve waste minimisation
- Other initiatives that contribute to the actions and strategic priorities of the Council and the NPDC *Waste Management and Minimisation Plan*.

### Eligibility

Applicants can be individuals, businesses or groups based within the New Plymouth district.

Projects must be new or expanded activities and should be for a specified timeframe, with achieved results within one year, however multi-year projects can be considered.

Applications will be considered against the assessment criteria based on the Council *Waste Management and Minimisation Plan*<sup>8</sup>.

### Exclusions

Funding will not be awarded for existing activities or the running costs of existing activities of organisations, individuals or groups.

### Application

In addition to the general application requirements. Applicants must provide the following:

- Evidence of funding from other sources (excluding in-kind funding)
- Any other information required during the waste levy funding process

### Conditions

The maximum amount of funding available to individuals is \$15,000.

The level of reporting required will depend on the amount of funding granted. For projects/activities greater than \$3,000 reporting will be required at key milestones, as well as a final outcomes report. For projects seeking less than \$3,000 a final one-off report will be required.

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<sup>8</sup> Criteria will be made available on the Council website and determined by the Resource Recovery team.



## Community Concessional Lease

### Purpose

The purpose of the community concessional lease is to recognise the value of a not-for-profit group or organisation occupying Council owned land and/or property, through the award of a reduced lease fee.

### Eligibility

When considering approval of a new community concessional lease or the renewal of an existing lease, the Council will consider a number of factors including:

- Type of use or activity and its consistency with the purpose of the reserve and its location.
- The contribution the proposed activity will make towards Council's strategic vision and key community outcomes.
- Whether the organisation has demonstrated history of having stable membership and being a trustworthy leaseholder.
- The amount of financial investment the lessee intends to make into the leased area or associated structures.
- Feasibility of any development and the ability to fund ongoing operating costs, including funding of capital replacement.
- The time commitment the lessee is willing and interested in negotiating.

In addition, all proposals must be consistent with the policies and requirements set out in legislation and other council policies, including the Council's General Policies for Council Administered Reserves 2006, Reserve Management Plans and the Reserves Act 1977.

### Application

Applications for a community concessional lease must contain:

- Description of activity/use
- Relevant information about the group/organisation applying for the lease including: membership information; financial statements; and strategic plan/business plan.
- Length of term the lease is sought for and reasons for this (noting maximum that can be granted under the Reserves Act 1977 is 33 years).

For applications involving new activities/use or change of an existing use:

- Assessment of potential effects of the activity/use and any proposed steps to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects.
- Information about alternative locations considered and reasons why these have been discounted.
- Assessment of the proposed activity/use against relevant legislation, regulations, codes and bylaws.
- Feasibility study and business plan for any new activities that are expected to cost over \$100,000 or result in debt levels of \$10,000 or greater. The contents of the feasibility study is to be discussed with Council Officers on a case-by-case basis.

## Community Concessional Leases cont.

### Lease rental

#### Land only leases

This type of lease would apply to organisations that own their own building and improvements and lease only the land occupied by those buildings and/or improvements.

The land rental will be a flat-rate as set by the Council in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

#### Land and building leases

This type of lease would apply to organisations that lease council owned buildings as well as any land occupied.

The land component of the rental will be a flat-rate as set by the Council in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

An additional building rental will be set at a rate of 0.1% plus GST per annum of the current fair asset value of the building occupied, with a minimum rental level set by the Council in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

*Note: All rentals will be reviewed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the individual leases, which is generally every three years to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).*

## Mayoral Relief Fund

### Purpose

The Mayoral Relief Fund exists to provide assistance to families and individuals who are undergoing extreme financial hardship.

Grants or other assistance will be made available from the fund at the discretion of the District Mayor.

### Eligibility

Every applicant's circumstances are unique.

The requirement for support must be one of proven financial hardship. The applicant must have exhausted general sources of assistance such as the Ministry of Social Development, or local food banks, as well as their immediate family (if applicable).

### Application requirements

Applications will be made directly through the Mayor's office.

The Mayor's office will investigate the request before making a decision. Investigation is likely to involve a discussion with third parties, and applicants may be required to give consent to obtain information from relevant sources such as the Ministry of Social Development, local churches, food banks or New Zealand Police.

### Decision making

The Mayor has sole delegated authority to approve or decline requests.

## Appendix One

### Built Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria

| QUANTITATIVE MEASURES   | POINTS   |
|---|--|
| 1. Significance of item from a heritage point of view   | Category A – 20 points   |
|   | Category B – 10 points   |
|   | Category C – 5 points  |
|   | <i>Note: Category B or C items or items with no category under the Operative District Plan that have been included in SCHED1 (Schedule of Heritage Buildings and Items) in the Proposed District Plan will be treated as Category A.</i> |
| 2. Degree to which the proposed work is necessary to ensure the maintenance or preservation of the item | Essential work – 20 points<br>(i.e. unless the work is carried out the future integrity of the item is in doubt e.g. leaking roof, repiling, replacing rotten timbers, etc).   |
|   | Desirable work – 10 points<br>(regular/ongoing maintenance required to keep in good order e.g. painting).  |
| 3. Degree of public access or use   | High degree of public access – 20 points   |
|   | Medium degree of public access – 10 points   |
|   | Low degree of public access – 5 points   |
|   | No public access – 0 points  |
| 4. Level of prominence  | <i>Note: An item will be assessed for its future use once works are carried out, e.g. an empty building that will be earthquake strengthened and leased out as retail will be assessed as 20 points instead of 0 points.</i>             |
|   | Located in city centre/commercial centre – 20 points   |
|   | Located on high volume traffic road – 10 points  |
|   | Located on low volume traffic road – 5 points  |
| Maximum total points  | 80 points  |
| Minimum points required to be eligible to apply for funding   | 50 points  |

If an application meets the minimum points required, the following matters are taken into account:

- The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.
- Whether funding from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of applicants applying to more than one funding source).
- The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.
- The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.
- Whether the item has received funding previously or not.
- The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.
- The prominence of the item, i.e. its location and the number of viewers.
- The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.

## Appendix Two

### Cultural Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria

| QUANTITATIVE MEASURES   | POINTS  |
|---|---|
| 1. Requirement for physical protection  | Urgent need of protection, i.e. fencing – 20 points                         |
|   | Not under direct threat – 10 points   |
|   | Site is inaccessible for protection – not eligible                          |
| 2. Intactness of archaeological site or site or area of significance to Māori | Largely intact – 20 points  |
|   | Partially intact – 10 points  |
| 3. Setting of archaeological site or site or area of significance to Māori    | High level of historical or cultural integrity – 20 points                  |
|   | Medium level of historical or cultural integrity – 10 points                |
|   | Low level of historical or cultural integrity – 5 points                    |
| 4. Education and interpretative value   | High potential to enhance community understanding of past – 20 points       |
|   | Medium potential to enhance community understanding of the past – 10 points |
|   | Low potential to enhance community understanding of the past – 5 points     |
| 5. Visual contribution to the landscape                                       | High visual impact to the wider landscape – 20 points                       |
|   | Medium visual impact to the wider landscape – 10 points                     |
|   | Low visual impact to the wider landscape – 5 points                         |
| 6. Access to site for mana whenua   | Yes there is access for mana whenua to the site – 20 points                 |
|   | Access for mana whenua open to negotiation – 10 points                      |
|   | No access granted for mana whenua to visit site – 5 points                  |
| Maximum total points  | 100 points  |
| Minimum points required to be eligible to apply for funding                   | 70 points   |

If an application meets the minimum points required, the following matters are taken into account:

- The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.
- Whether funding from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of applicants applying to more than one funding source).
- The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.
- The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.
- Whether the item has received funding previously or not.
- The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.
- The prominence of the item, i.e. its location and the number of viewers.
- The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.

## Appendix Three

### Manaaki Urupā Grant Evidence Requirements

| APPLICATION CRITERIA            | EVIDENCE REQUIRED   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Eligibility                     | <p>The Urupā meets the criteria by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the <i>Certificate of Title</i></li> <li>• Screenshot from the Māori Land Court's <i>Māori Land Online</i> website; or</li> <li>• Copy of the notice in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> establishing a Māori reservation for the purpose of an Urupā</li> </ul>   |
| Estimated costs of activities   | The costs of the activities are verified by a third-party quote   |
| Letter of support               | <p>A letter of support from an appropriate sponsor must be provided. The letter should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the urupā interests an applicant represents are genuine; and</li> <li>• Support the proposed activities</li> </ul> <p>A sponsor may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO of an appropriate Iwi runanga;</li> <li>• Chair of a relevant hapū entity;</li> <li>• Chair of a relevant urupā trust; or</li> <li>• Majority of the urupā owners (where majority means over 75% of the total number of owners);</li> </ul> <p>If Council receives more than one application on behalf of an urupa in the same year, the matter will be referred back to the submitters for resolution.</p> |
| Confirmation of works completed | <p>The following evidence proving the completion of works (to be submitted by October 31 of the following year of the grant) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dated before and after photographs</li> <li>• Before and after visits by Council Officers; or</li> <li>• Receipts, invoices or bills marked as paid.</li> </ul>  |

## Appendix Four

### Natural Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria

| QUESTION | QUANTITATIVE MEASURES  | ELIGIBILITY  |
|----------|--|--|
| One      | Is the area a significant natural area under the District Plan, protected as a QEII protective covenant or protected by a legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant? | Yes – go to question three<br>No – next question   |
| Two      | Will the area have a QEII covenant?  | Yes – next question<br>No – <b>not eligible</b>  |
| Three    | Has other matching funding been sought or has other contributory funding from the applicant been made apparent?  | Yes – next question<br>No – <b>not eligible</b>  |
| Four     | Does the area function as a wildlife corridor or contribute to connectivity in the landscape?  | Yes – next question<br>No – <b>not eligible</b>  |
| Five     | To what extent is the area under threat from animals?  | High – eligible for one third of total project cost<br>Medium – eligible for one quarter of total project cost<br>Low – eligible for one fifth of total project cost |

The following matters are taken into account when assessing applications:

- The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.
- Whether funding from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of applicants applying to more than one funding source).
- Whether the applicant is prepared to legally protect the feature/item e.g. QEII Covenant.
- The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.
- The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.
- Whether the item has received funding previously or not.
- The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.
- The prominence of the item, i.e. its location and the number of viewers.
- The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.

## **P13-002: Community Funding Investment Policy**

Review 2016

### **PREAMBLE**

#### **COMMUNITY FUNDING INVESTMENT POLICY**

##### **Preamble**

New Plymouth District Council ~~will continue~~ has a responsibility to ~~have a role in providing~~ promote the Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental wellbeing within the district. One way to achieve this is to provide financial support and investment for community organisations operating within, and benefiting the people and district of New Plymouth.

##### **Purpose**

### **POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of the ~~policy~~ Community Funding Investment Policy is to set out the parameters by which New Plymouth District Council may offer ~~grant investment, and /funding, subsidies~~ or ~~community concessional lease subsidy~~ in kind services to communities, groups, individuals and organisations within the district.

### **POLICY DEFINITIONS**

##### **Definitions**

Community ~~–~~ a social group sharing common characteristics, locality, heritage or interests, and perceived as distinct within the larger society within which it operates.

Community concessional lease – a subsidised rental lease for occupation of Council administered land and/or buildings.

##### **Council – New Plymouth District Council**

Enhancing the social fabric – provides for more and better interactions between members of the community, allowing them to be more involved, happy, willing to support and engage with one another and be encouraged to make the district a more positive and pleasant place to live



Financial year – being 1 July to 30 June

Grant – a financial contribution to a group, organisation or sector of the community.

Marae – a meeting place registered as a reserve under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (The financial contribution may be used to support an activity, the provision of services, projects or programmes or to support the objectives of the policy. Māori Land Act)

Rates remission – A reduction, postponement or removal of rates.

Religious activities – any activity that promotes or supports a particular religious deity or ultimate reality (for example, but not limited to, worship ceremonies, religious studies, or active promotion and advertising).

Retrospective costs – where a project, service or event has commenced prior to the funding committee meeting.

Social Enterprise – a revenue generating ~~business~~ organisation, ~~whose~~ with a primary purpose ~~is the achievement of~~ achieving social, cultural or environmental goals, and ~~who~~ reinvests its financial surpluses in ~~the~~ pursuit of the social, cultural and environmental ~~and cultural~~ outcomes of the organisation.

Statutory function – a function conferred or imposed by a statutory instrument (law), and is delivered in part through government funding which is provided to the organisation for the purpose of providing the service.

Purpose of Community Funding Investment

Community funding investment and community concessional leases may be granted by the ~~New Plymouth District~~ Council for the following purposes:

- ~~3.2.~~ Supporting the viability of community services, that may not be provided by other sectors or organisations.
- ~~4.3.~~ Building and strengthening the capacity of community groups and organisations to ~~move to financial sustainability~~ become financially sustainable where possible.
- ~~5.4.~~ To be a catalyst for change for the benefit of the community.
- ~~6.5.~~ Investing in ~~Enhancing~~ the social fabric of the community.
- ~~7.~~ Promoting and supporting philanthropy.
- ~~9.7.~~ Building community cohesion and resilience.

The award of community funding by ~~the New Plymouth District~~ Council will be guided by the

- ~~3.2.~~ The extent to which the support ~~sought may empower the beneficiaries and the community will fund activities that align with Council's strategic vision, mission and goals.~~
- ~~4.3.~~ The extent of public good that is promoted.
- ~~5.4.~~ The degree to which the support will lead to ~~a self-sustaining sustainable organisation capacity building and sustainability.~~
- ~~6.5.~~ The extent to which an unmet need of the community is being met.

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### Grants requiring committee approval

| Grant Scheme   | Maximum Funding Available                           | Frequency of Determinations |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Community Services and Programmes Grants   | \$30,000 Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis | Annually Twice yearly       |
| Maori funding (placeholder) Marae Development Grants   | Case Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis     | Annually Twice yearly       |
| Social Enterprise Grant Rural Hall Development Grants  | Case Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis     | Annually Twice yearly       |
| Strategic Community Partnership Grant Partnerships   | \$50,000 Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis | Annual Annually             |
|  | Up to five years funding commitment                 |                             |
| Creative Communities Scheme <sup>1</sup> Community Action and Neighbourhood Development Matching Grant | \$5,000 Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis  | Twice yearly                |
| Social Enterprise Grant  | Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis          | Twice yearly                |

### Grants approvals delegated to officers, except where applications exceed the delegated authority

| Grant Scheme                    | Maximum Funding Available       | Frequency of Determinations |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Built Heritage Protection Grant | One third of total project cost | Twice yearly                |

<sup>1</sup> Funding is determined by the Creative Communities Advisory Committee in accordance with Creative New Zealand criteria and assessment guidelines.

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| Grant Scheme                                 | Maximum Funding Available       | Frequency of Determinations  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Community Events Grant                       | Case by case basis              | Annually (for applications over \$5,000)<br>As required (for applications under \$5,000)   |
| Cultural Heritage Protection Grant           | Case by case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Charitable Sponsorship                       | \$500 per applicant             | As required  |
| Main Street Building Grant                   | One third of total project cost | Twice yearly   |
| Manaaki Urupā Grant                          | Case by case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Marae Development Grant                      | Case by case basis              | Annually (for applications over \$10,000)<br>As required (for applications under \$10,000) |
| Natural Heritage Protection Grant            | One third of total project cost | As required  |
| Planting our Place                           | Case by case basis              | Twice yearly   |
| Resource Management Support for Iwi and Hapū | \$5,000                         | As required  |
| Rural Hall Development Grants                | Case by case basis              | Annually <sup>2</sup>  |
| Waste Levy Fund                              | Case by case basis              | Twice yearly   |

#### Foregone revenue and venue concessions

| Financial Support            | Maximum Funding Available | Frequency of Determinations | Approval          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Concessional Lease | Case Revenue Foregone     | As required                 | Council committee |

<sup>2</sup> If budget is not fully expended, rural hall societies are able to apply after the fact for projects under \$10,000

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|                              | <u>Negotiated on a case-by-case basis</u>         |                    |  |
| <b>Rates Remission</b>       | <b>Case by case basis</b>                         | <b>As required</b> | <b>Delegated authority as per the Rates Remission Policy</b> |
| <b>Reduced Service Rates</b> | <b>Determined by Schedule of Fees and Charges</b> | <b>As Required</b> | <b>Delegated authority</b>                                   |

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Funding partnerships determined through the Long Term Plan or Grants approvals delegated to officers, except where application exceeds delegated authority.

#### Annual Plan Process

| <b>Financial Support</b>             | <b>Maximum Funding Available</b> | <b>Frequency of Determination</b> | <b>Approval</b>     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Strategic Council Partnership</b> | <b>Case by case basis</b>        | <b>Once every three years</b>     | <b>Full Council</b> |

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#### Funding allocated at the discretion of the Mayor

| <u>Grant Scheme</u>   | <u>Maximum Funding Available</u>  | <u>Frequency of Determinations</u> |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <u>Fundraising Donation</u>   | <u>\$500 per applicant</u>  | <u>As required</u>                 |
| <u>Quick Response and Emergency Funding Grant</u>                       | <u>Up to a maximum of \$2,500 per annum</u>   | <u>As required</u>                 |
| <u>Mayoral Relief Fund Built and Natural Heritage Protection Grants</u> | <u>Case Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis Funding negotiated on a case-by-case basis</u> | <u>As required</u>                 |

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**Council administered funding outside of the scope of the policy****Creative Communities Funding**For arts based projects funding may be available from the Creative Communities Scheme.

| <u>Financial Support</u>           | <u>Maximum Funding Available</u> | <u>Frequency of Determinations</u> | <u>Approval</u>   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <u>Creative Communities Scheme</u> | <u>Up to a maximum of \$5000</u> | <u>Twice yearly</u>                | <u>Approval by Creative Communities Advisory Committee.</u> |

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**Foregone revenue and venue concessions**

In addition to an application for a grant, organisations may be eligible to apply for one or more of the following.

| <u>Financial Support</u>     | <u>Maximum Funding Available</u>   | <u>Frequency of Determinations</u> | <u>Approval</u>   |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
|                              |  |                                    |   |
| <u>Rates Remission</u>       | <u>Revenue Foregone</u><br><br><u>Negotiated on a case-by-case basis</u>         | <u>Annual</u>                      | <u>Delegated authority in accordance with Rates Remission Policy.</u> |
| <u>Reduced Service Rates</u> | <u>Revenue Foregone</u><br><br><u>Determined by Schedule of Fees and Charges</u> | <u>As required</u>                 | <u>Delegated authority.</u>   |

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Community Services and Programmes GrantGrants

Purpose

The ~~Community Services and Programmes Grant~~ community services and programmes grant fund aims to support projects and programmes that ~~act as a catalyst for change or seek to~~ strengthen the community and make long lasting change.

~~Specifically~~ The grant can be up to a maximum of \$30,000 to an applicant and can be applied as a multi year grant of up to three years.

The grant specifically aims to:  
the grant aims to:

- Support local groups and organisations that provide public education events, activities, programmes ~~or~~ and services that directly benefit the wider community of the people of New Plymouth district.
- Foster and support services, programmes and activities which address unmet needs in the community.
- Create opportunities which develop knowledge, awareness and understanding of the community.
- Support groups and organisations whose activities are contributing to a growth in community wellbeing and community cohesion.
- Support activities that contribute to the social and cultural vibrancy and vitality of the New Plymouth ~~district~~ District.
- Provide investment in new services and programmes as ~~the~~ they move towards a path of sustainability.

Eligibility

~~Only~~ In addition to the general eligibility criteria, the specific eligibility criterion is as follows:

The fund is only available to entities, groups and organisations who are a ~~not-for-profit or charitable organisations or groups, organisation, and who may or may not be a Registered Charity~~ are able to apply for this funding.

Exclusions

In addition to the general exclusions, the following purposes are not considered:

- ~~Sporting activities~~
- Events (~~see~~ registered on the Community Events Fund) Charities Register.

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◆ Fundraising activities (for supporting an event to raise funds)

▲ Projects, programmes or operational costs that have previously received a Social Enterprise Grant or Catalyst funding.

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### *Application requirements*

In addition to the general application requirements the group or organisation must supply: a copy of the last year's annual accounts with their application.

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Note: whilst there is a preference for accounts that have been reviewed, should these not be available, the group or organisation is advised to discuss the matter with the Council Officers.

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**Marae Development Grants**

Purpose

The purpose of the marae development grant is to support funding for the maintenance and development of the districts Marae.

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Grants may be sought for the following purposes:

- External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight). A copy of the most recent annual accounts<sup>3</sup>
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it and includes areas such as electricity work, faulty floor boards, plumbing and lighting).
- Hygiene (matters related primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms and toilet areas).
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings, and the internal structures not already covered by the areas above).
- Aesthetic and capital projects (this criteria allows for new desirable objects).

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- Quotes for capital projects
- Strategic documents such as plans or strategies.

<sup>3</sup>Accounts must be compliant with the relevant legislation by which the organisation is established under, such as the Charities Act, Trusts Act or Incorporated Societies Act.

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Creative Communities Scheme

Purpose

The Creative Communities Scheme supports and encourages local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities. Under the scheme, “the arts” are broadly defined as ‘all forms of creative and interpretive expression’. This includes opportunities for creative participation in theatre, music, visual arts, digital art, applied arts, arts education, Toi Māori, literary workshops, digital storytelling, and many other activities.

On behalf of Creative New Zealand

The Council administers the Creative Communities Scheme on behalf of Creative New Zealand. All eligibility criteria and exclusions are directed by Creative New Zealand and can be found on the Creative New Zealand website [www.creativenz.govt.nz](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz).

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## Whanake

### Purpose

The Whanake Grant aims to support community groups and organisations who deliver activities, programmes or services that contribute to identified outcomes and aspirations valued by whānau, hapū and iwi.

The grant can be applied for as either an annual grant or a multi-year grant of up to three years.

### Eligibility

To be eligible the Marae must be an incorporated society or trust. Only not for profit or charitable organisations or groups, who may or may not be a Registered Charity are able to apply for this funding.

### Exclusions

In addition to the general exclusions, the following purposes are not considered:

- Sporting activities
- Events (see the Community Events Fund)
- Fundraising activities (for supporting an event to raise funds)
- Projects, programmes or operational costs that have previously received a Social Enterprise Grant or Catalyst funding.

### Application requirements

In addition to the general application requirements the group or organisation must:

- Explain how the activity, programme or service contributes to identified outcomes and aspirations valued by whānau, hapū and iwi
- Provide supply a copy of the most recent last year's annual accounts<sup>4</sup>
- Provide quotes for capital projects
- Provide strategic documents such as plans or strategies.

<sup>4</sup>Accounts must be compliant with the relevant legislation by which the organisation is established under, such as the Charities Act, Trusts Act or Incorporated Societies Act.

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Social Enterprise Grant

Purpose

The aim of the Social Enterprise Grant is to provide seed funding to an organisation who seeks to earn an income for the sole purpose of reinvesting that income into the community to achieve wellbeing. There are many different forms of Social Enterprise, for the purposes of this policy, eligible organisations are defined as follows:

*A Social Enterprise is a revenue generating organisation with a primary purpose of achieving social, environmental and/or cultural objectives where profit is principally re-invested for that purpose of community good, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders, directors or owners.*

Eligibility

Funding may only be sought by investment ready enterprises.

*The funding will be targeted at social enterprises that are either in a start-up phase or growth stage.*

Application requirements

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applications will be considered and assessed in relation to the following:

- Whether the enterprise involves trade to achieve a social mission.
- Demonstration of the extent which their application. Whilst there is a market for the enterprise and the potential for the business to be self sustaining following after the end of the grant period.
- Whether the business plan is realistic and practical, and includes financial projections and preference for accounts. The extent to which the enterprise will deliver a social return on the investment.
- The extent to which the enterprise may deliver an economic return on the investment through the employment of people, volunteers, and/or trading activities.
- The extent to which the enterprise has governance, management and business capacity and capability in place to run the enterprise.
- The total impact (social, economic, environmental and/or cultural) expected to be yielded.

The group or organisation must provide a copy of:

- The business plan, and any relevant documents such a feasibility studies or economic reports.
- The most recent audited financial accounts<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> While there is a preference for accounts that have been audited, if they are not available please discuss this with a Community Partnerships Adviser.

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General conditions

If the organisation receives a Social Enterprise Grant, this precludes the organisation from receiving any financial support through contestable funding from the Council in the future. This fund is to get social enterprises up and running to a self-sustainable model.

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Strategic Community Partnership Grant

Purpose

The purpose of a Strategic Community Partnership Grant is to recognise those community and not for profit organisations that are closely aligned to the strategic objectives of the Council, and with whom the Council is comfortable to engage in a medium term partnership (financial and/or otherwise) relationship.

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The relationship

The relationship between the organisation and Council will be one where there is both financial and capacity support. Organisations will be willing to engage formally with Council in a symbiotic relationship to achieve key outcomes.

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The organisation and council officers will work closely together to achieve strategic outcomes, as identified through the Council's Vision, Mission and Goals.

*"A Strategic Community Partnership is a mutually beneficial relationship between a community organisation and Council, working to achieve strategic Council outcomes and add value to the wider community."*

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Eligibility and application requirements

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In addition to the general policy eligibility, organisations need to meet a minimum of six of the following criteria:

- Have an acknowledged strategic leadership and brokerage role within their sector
- Deliver work programmes and outcomes that have clear alignment to been reviewed, should these not be available, the Council strategic outcomes and priorities
- Has robust and strategic business plans in place
- Has a strong track record of achievement within the community
- Provides a direct benefit to the wider community
- Has a strong and supportive board of trustees group or governance type model
- Willing to engage and collaborate through a comprehensive partnership
- Is up to date with financial requirements e.g. annual return

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Organisations organisation must provide evidence of how they meet the above criteria.

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Application process

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Organisations are able to express their interest in becoming a Strategic Partner by contacting the Community Partnerships Team. Applicants who demonstrate they meet the above criteria will be invited to meet with the team to discuss the partnership approach prior to applying matter with the Council Officers.

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### *General conditions*

~~Organisations that have entered into a strategic partnership with the Council will not be eligible to apply for other contestable funding or grants within the Community Funding Investment policy<sup>6</sup>.~~

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~~<sup>6</sup> With the exception of Forgone Revenue and Venue Concessions and the Waste Levy Fund~~

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## Built Heritage Protection Grant

### Purpose

The Built Heritage Protection Grant is to assist private landowners manage, maintain and preserve the heritage values of items on their properties. It provides a partial contribution towards the cost of a specific heritage project or work.

Activities that will be considered for a grant include, but are not limited to:

- Earthquake strengthening
- Repair or replacement of verandas, rooves etc.
- Repiling
- Exterior cleaning and painting
- Specialist building work (e.g. stonework)

### Eligibility

Applicants who are individuals, for profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not for profit organisations and registered charities are eligible to apply for this grant.

To be eligible for a Built Heritage Protection Grant an item must:

- Be identified as a Category A, B or C heritage building or item in the Operative District Plan and/or in SCHED1 (Schedule of Heritage Buildings and Items) of the Proposed District Plan;
- Meet the minimum points required under the assessment criteria attached as **appendix one**;
- Have a legal requirement for necessary works approved by statutory bodies or organisations (e.g. building and/or resource consent from Council, archaeological authorities from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga etc.)

### Exclusions

Items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineer fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Internal work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. reconfiguration of spaces, updated or new kitchens and bathrooms, painting and wallpapering etc.)

Purchasing of a heritage item

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**Application**

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applicants must provide two quotes (excluding earthquake strengthening) for the work being undertaken and a for the proposed colour scheme in heritage colours for any external painting works.

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**Conditions**

Only one application per item will be accepted every three years.

**Community Events Grant**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Community Events Grant is to acknowledge grass roots community events and support the vibrancy of the district. The grant is also to support the establishment of future annual events with the aim of becoming a major attraction of the district.

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Specifically, the grant will help with the following:

- Venue hire costs
- Promotion
- Hire of equipment such as sound, lighting, and toilet facilities
- Entertainers fees

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**Eligibility and exclusions**

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, the specific eligibility criteria is as follows:

- This grant is only available to grass roots community events within the New Plymouth district

This grant will not fund:

- Events that are exclusive to particular groups/members (e.g. school reunions/anniversaries, prize giving events, end of year dinners for clubs).
- Events that have a focus on fundraising for a charity or not for profit
- Events that qualify for Major Events Funding through Venture Taranaki
- Event manager fees
- Costs to hire Council owned/managed venues

**Application requirements**

In addition to the general application requirements applicants are expected to provide the following supporting documents:

- Event plan, including health and safety plan
- Any sponsorship agreements
- Quotes for hire of venues or equipment

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Conditions

Events must be either free or low cost admission (\$5 or less) to the public and have a focus on encouraging participation across New Plymouth’s diverse communities, as well as engaging local communities and neighbourhoods.

Cultural Heritage Protection Grant

Purpose

The cultural heritage protection grant is to assist landowners manage, maintain and preserve heritage values of items on their properties. It provides a partial contribution towards the costs of a specific project or work required to protect cultural heritage.

Activities that will be considered for a grant include, but are not limited to:

- fencing (e.g. around a pa site to prevent stock damage);
- Cleaning and/or painting of monuments, memorials or headstones associated with a pa site.

Eligibility

This policy schedule allows applicants who are individuals, for profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not for profit organisations and registered charities.

To be eligible for a grant from the cultural heritage protection fund an item must:

- Be identified in SCHED3 (Schedule of Archaeological Sites or Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori) of the Proposed District Plan;
- Meet the minimum points required under the assessment criteria attached as **appendix two**;
- Have any legal requirements necessary for the works approved by statutory bodies or organisations, e.g. building and/or resource consents from Council, archaeological authorities from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, etc.

Exclusions

Items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

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Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineer fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. new carparking next to a pa site, interpretation signage, protecting an item that is physically inaccessible etc.)
- Purchasing of a heritage item, or property with an archaeological site or area of significance to Māori on it

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Application

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In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applications must be from the landowner and/or relevant iwi/hapū.

Conditions

Only one application per item will be accepted every three years. Applications for urupā must seek funding for a *Manaaki Urupā Grant* first.

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## Charitable Sponsorship

### Purpose

~~From time to time the Council is approached by charitable organisations who are seeking funding by the way of sponsorship.~~

~~Registered Charities may seek support from the Council to be a “sponsor” for their event.~~

~~The award of sponsorship monies is at the discretion of the Chief Executive or their nominee.~~

~~The award of sponsorship monies will be granted to charities that have alignment to the core values and strategic vision of the Council.~~

~~The monies available for charitable sponsorship shall be limited to \$500 per application. The amount of funding will depend on the availability to funds.~~

~~Applicants may only seek this funding once per financial year.~~

~~Enquiries should be made to the Mayor’s Office.~~

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Main Street Building Grant

Purpose

The purpose of the main street building fund is to help commercial property owners or their tenants in the CBD areas of New Plymouth District to improve the frontage and/or signage of their building. It is designed to enhance the vibrancy and character of the CBD areas so they are more attractive to shoppers and potential tenants.

Grants are available for well designed improvements that can help maintain a building. The grant can help pay for:

- Painting
  - Colours must be in keeping with the era of the building
  - Street art
  - Signage must be in keeping with the building design
- Repair
  - Architectural details and masonry work
  - Fire escapes, awnings/canopies and shutters
  - Verandas, outside stairs, cleaning of external walls and rooves
- Removal of unsightly features that do not fit the style of the building
- Installation of decorative lighting, verandas and appropriate architectural features.

Eligibility

Applicants can be from landlords of the buildings or the tenants. Buildings must be located within the CBD areas of New Plymouth District.

Exclusions

Work on a building that has received funding from the Built Heritage Protection Fund is not eligible for this fund.

Application

In addition to the general application requirements applicants are required to provide:

- Two quotes for the work
- Proposed colour scheme for any painting
- Mock up design of street art if applicable
- Explanation of how the works will comply with health and safety requirements<sup>7</sup>.
- Written approval from building owner (if the application is from a tenant)

Conditions

The following conditions apply:

- Applications for work on any heritage listed building must be made to the Built Heritage Protection Fund first.

<sup>7</sup> See Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 or [www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz)

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- Only one application per building every two years.
- Applicants are not to cover any of the improvements with advertising material, such as posters or billboards.

## Manaaki Urupā Grant

### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Manaaki Urupā Grant is to partially cover the annual costs incurred by urupā owners/trustees in the on-going care of their urupā.

The grant can go towards activities directly related to the care of the urupā, including but not limited to the following:

- Repair and maintenance of gateways, fences, footpaths
- Maintenance, cleaning, repair and restoration of headstones
- Installation of berms
- Maintenance, repair or replacement of existing ground maintenance equipment (e.g. lawnmowers, line trimmers)
- Maintenance, repair or improvements to pedestrian and vehicle access and parking
- Maintenance of urupā lawns, hedges, trees including removal of greenwaste.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a Manaaki Urupā grant the urupā must be:

- Within the New Plymouth district; and
- Located on:
  - Land designated a Māori reservation under section 338 of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 for the purposes of an urupā; or
  - Māori freehold land; or
  - General freehold land in Māori ownership.

Council may also consider urgent protection related work on a case-by-case basis, including, but not limited to:

- Erosion related mitigation
- New car parking, vehicle and pedestrian access ways
- Flood mitigation

### *Exclusions*

The Manaaki Urupā grant may not be used for:

- Establishing a new urupā
- Multiple year projects
- Payment of salaries, wages, commissions, fees etc.
- Power and water rates, legal fees or leases

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### *Application*

~~When applying for a Manaaki Urupā Grant, applicants will need to provide evidence that the urupā meets the criteria. The evidence requirements are attached as **appendix three**.~~

### *Conditions*

~~Only one application per urupā will be accepted per financial year.~~

~~Projects must be completed no later than October 31 of the year following the grant.~~

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Marae Development Grant

Purpose

The purpose of the Marae Development Grant is to support funding for the maintenance and development of the District's Marae.

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Grants may be sought for the following purposes:

- External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight).
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it and includes areas such as electrical work, faulty floorboards, plumbing and heating/lighting).
- Accessibility (work that improves the accessibility of the buildings and facilities for people with accessible needs, in particular, Kaumatua).
- Hygiene (matters relating primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms, drinking water and toilet areas).
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings, and the internal structures not already covered by the above).
- Aesthetic and capital projects (allowing for new projects to achieve the future aspirations of the Iwi/Hapu).
- Creating or updating Marae Development Plans

Eligibility

To be eligible the Marae must be an incorporated society or trust.

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Application

Applicants must supply the following:

- Quotes (minimum of two quotes for non-urgent works)
- Resolution from the Marae trustees to apply for funding

Marae Insurance funding

Insurance funding for Marae is excluded from the Marae Development Grant Grants. Insurance funding is separately available for Marae. Marae Committees are advised to contact Council Officers. Insurance funding will only cover the costs of:

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- Material Damage, including insurance of whakairo, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai
- Business liability
- Contract works for development/renovations

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## Natural Heritage Protection Fund

### Purpose

The purpose of the Natural Heritage Protection fund is to help private landowners manage, maintain and preserve the natural heritage values. The work must be necessary to ensure the conservation and preservation of the area.

The Natural Heritage Protection Grant covers fencing to protect the area from stock damage.

### Eligibility

This policy schedule allows applicants who are individuals, for-profit enterprises, Iwi, Hapū, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities.

To be eligible for a Natural Heritage Protection Grant an item must:

- Be protected either by having a significant natural area identified in the District Plan, or by way of a protective covenant, or by other legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant.
- Where the property is protected by way of a protective covenant or by other legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant:
  - The protective covenant or other legal mechanism must meet the requirements of the District Plan for legal protection of the special ecological features to achieve the protective outcome
  - The protected area meets the significance criteria for protected in the District Plan
  - The area of land containing the protected natural features must be readily identified and able to be measured distinctly from the total area of the property.
- Meet the eligibility criteria required under the assessment criteria attached as **Appendix four**.

### Exclusions

Heritage items are not eligible for funding if they are owned by:

- Central or Local Government
- State Owned Enterprises
- Council Controlled Organisations

Funding may not be used for the purposes of:

- Professional advice (e.g. architect or engineering fees)
- Conservation or management plans
- Work that does not help ensure the future integrity of an item (e.g. new carparking next to a pa site, interpretation signage etc.)
- Purchasing of a Significant Natural Area

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### ***Application***

~~In addition to the general eligibility criteria evidence of the legal protection mechanism and a plan to sustainably manage the ecological values of the protected natural features must be provided.~~

### ***Conditions***

~~Only one application per property will be considered each year.~~

## ***Planting our Place – Te Korowai o Tāne***

### ***Purpose***

~~The purpose of the Te Korowai o Tāne grant is to assist not for profit community groups in purchasing native tree and shrub species to plant on their relevant properties. This grant will provide ‘wrap around’ support for New Plymouth’s community to engage in positive action for climate change and the environment and will augment the work occurring through the planting of public land through Planting our Place to facilitate and expedite achievement of the 10% urban vegetation cover.~~

### ***Eligibility***

~~To be eligible for the Planting our Place grant the applicant must be a community group or not for profit organisation, which includes (but is not limited to):~~

- ~~• Schools~~
- ~~• Sports Clubs~~
- ~~• Kohanga reo, kindergartens, Early Childhood Centre and Play Centres~~
- ~~• Marae~~

~~The space to be planted must also be located within the urban environment and ideally contribute to priority planting areas (for example, a biodiversity corridor) identified by Council Officers.~~

### ***Exclusions***

~~The grant cannot be provided for:~~

- ~~• Individuals or private residential/commercial property~~
- ~~• Planting exotic trees or fruit trees~~
- ~~• Establishing a nursery~~

### ***Funding may not be used for the purposes of:***

- ~~• Labour to prepare the planting site~~
- ~~• Maintenance of the planting site~~
- ~~• Planting the plants~~

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~~In order to apply for funding the applicant must provide a quote for the plants from a supplier approved by New Plymouth District Council.~~

**Conditions**

- ~~• Before and after photos must be provided to confirm the planting has been undertaken.~~
- ~~• Funding must be used for Indigenous plants only and 70% of mix to be large trees (canopy species) for carbon sequestration.~~
- ~~• Planting must be intended to be in perpetuity.~~
- ~~• The carbon credits for the plants will be held by NPDC.~~
- ~~• Only one application will be accepted per property every three years~~
- ~~• Maximum of \$5000 per group~~

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## Resource Management Support Grant for Iwi and Hapū

### *Purpose*

The purpose of this fund is to enable Iwi and Hapū to purchase a range of professional services to facilitate their participation in resource consent processes and applications in the New Plymouth district and matters relating to private plan changes to the New Plymouth District Plan.

### *Eligibility*

This grant is only available to Iwi and Hapū

To be eligible, services must relate to resource consent processes or applications, or private plan change processes where the New Plymouth District Council is the consenting authority.

Services that are eligible are for independent advice and professional services and reports including, but not limited to:

- Planning
- Legal
- Specific technical assessments (e.g. engineering, landscape, noise)
- Cultural services and advice
- Valuation services
- Monitoring and scientific services

### *Exclusions*

The grant is not to be used for any of the following services:

- Ongoing physical environmental monitoring
- Purchase of equipment or machinery
- Enforcement or compliance matters
- Project costs prior to the lodging of a resource consent application or private plan change
- Costs incurred in preparation of a resource consent application or private plan change
- Debt services

### *Application*

In order to apply for this grant, applicants must speak directly with the Planning Lead or Iwi Liaison Lead, who will then provide the application form link.

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## Rural Halls Development Grants

### *Purpose*

### Purpose

The purpose of the rural halls development grant is to support funding for the maintenance and development of the ~~district's~~ districts rural halls.

Grants may be sought for the following purposes:

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- ~~External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight).~~
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it and includes areas such as ~~electrical~~ electricity work, faulty ~~floorboards~~ floor boards, plumbing and ~~heating~~ lighting).
- ~~Accessibility (work that improves the accessibility of the buildings and facilities for people with accessible needs).~~
- Hygiene (matters ~~relating~~ related primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms and toilet areas).
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings, and the internal structures not already covered by the areas above).
- Aesthetic and capital projects (~~allowing this criteria allows~~ for new ~~projects~~ desirable objects).

### *Eligibility*

Applications will be considered from hall societies for capital improvements and preventative maintenance works on a priority needs basis. Priority needs are:

- ~~1-~~ i) Halls with more than 30 hours per month demonstrated average use (excluding school holiday weeks).
- ~~2-~~ ii) Where the lack of maintenance would constitute a health, safety or fire risk, or compromise weather tightness. (Halls that meet both category i & ii have first priority).

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~~3- Halls-iii) Those halls that have less than 30 hours per month use, but who can demonstrate that the work being undertaken will increase hall hire.~~

Exclusions

~~Halls that meet both criteria one and two have first priority.~~

Exclusions

A rural hall that in the opinion of Council ~~Officers~~ sparks or property officers is in a ~~significant state of disrepair and inappropriate~~ substandard condition for community hire will not be eligible for ~~a grant~~ the rural hall scheme.

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Application requirements

~~In addition to the general application requirements. Applicants must provide:~~

- ~~• A copy of the most recent financial accounts; and~~
- ~~Two-~~The group or organisation must supply a copy of the last year's annual accounts with their application. Whilst there is a preference for accounts that have been reviewed, should these not be available, the group or organisation must discuss the matter with the Council Officers.
- The rural hall must provide two quotes for the proposed works.

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Rural Hall Insurance

All Hall Committees/Societies are encouraged to insure ~~the~~their halls with a ~~material damage~~ replacement policy ~~- under the Local Authority Insurance Company scheme.~~

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Insurance funding for is excluded from the Rural Halls Grants. Insurance funding is separately available for Rural Halls. Rural Hall Committees are advised to contact Council Officers.

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## Community Action and Neighbourhood Development Matching Grant

### Purpose

The aim of the community action and neighbourhood development matching grant is to support communities who are taking action for themselves to become empowered within their community.

The community / neighbourhood is eligible to apply for funding to support an activity that will enhance the community. The enhancement may be aesthetic (trees, benches, parks etc), the enhancement may be by providing a local service in the community (i.e. holiday craft programme for neighbourhood children), the enhancement may be an activity that seeks to bring the community together (development of a community garden, or event for example).

### Eligibility

## Waste Levy Fund

### Purpose

The purpose of the Waste Levy Fund is to boost the district's performance in waste minimisation. Projects should benefit New Plymouth district and lead to measurable reductions in waste to landfill, or other waste improvements.

Only waste minimisation projects are eligible for funding. Projects must promote or achieve waste reduction through initiatives that avoid, reuse, recycle or recover waste, or make use of resources diverted from landfill.

Projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Education or behaviour change, to promote waste minimisation activity to the public or a particular target audience.
- Infrastructure that helps divert resources from landfill.
- Understanding existing waste quantities and composition, behaviour or economic incentives, as a precursor to effectively reducing waste and/or increasing reuse.
- Design of product stewardship schemes or other solutions that promote and achieve waste minimisation

Other initiatives that contribute to the actions There is no requirement for the community / neighbourhood to be a charitable or not-for-profit organisation. The applying community or neighbourhood must be able to:

- Provide evidence of support and engagement from the community, (contact details of active community members, notes / minutes from meetings).

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- Details of a bank account, the appointed treasurer and the account signatories, or the named person who shall be responsible for holding the fund (for grant amounts under \$500).
- Share their plan about what they want to do, how they will do it, and the benefit of the project / activity to their community / neighbourhood.

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Note: Groups and organisations who ordinarily deliver a statutory function are eligible to apply as part of a community / neighbourhood collective, i.e. kohanga reo, kura kaupapa, schools, kindergartens.

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### Application requirements

The neighbourhood / community must have a plan. The plan should set out:

- What the community / neighbourhood want to do.
- Why they want to do it (why is it a good idea).
- How they plan to do it.
- How any assets will be maintained.

### Community investment

The neighbourhood / community are required to offer 50% of the 'investment' required for the project. Investment means donation of materials, and volunteer time. It may or may not include a financial contribution

The bulk of the works and the effort related to the project must be conducted by the community or neighbourhood. Only services which require specialist expertise shall be sought.

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The community / neighbourhood should set out the dollar value it has placed on each volunteer hour.

### Additional information

- The community / neighbourhood applicant is limited to one application every two years.
- The fund is not available for on-going project costs, including ongoing maintenance of capital items.

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- Quotes, receipts / invoices must be kept for all works that incurred a direct cost related to the project.

Decision making

~~strategic priorities of the~~ The administration of this fund is a joint initiative by the New Plymouth District Council and the TSB and TET Community Trusts. Applications shall be determined by the Council in conjunction with the Trusts.

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Strategic Council Community Partnerships

Purpose

The purpose of a strategic council community partnership is to recognise those social and not-for-profit services that are closely aligned to the strategic objectives of the Council, and with whom the Council is comfortable to engage in a longer term funding partnership relationship.

The relationship

The relationship will be premised on the delivery of outcomes, and specifically the extent to which the organisation can support the Council to deliver its strategic outcomes, on behalf of the community.

The Council and the organisation shall work in partnership on the mutual determination of outcomes and expectations that should arise from the relationship.

Eligibility

The general Community Investment Policy grant eligibility shall apply.

In order to be a candidate for a Strategic Partnership there is likely to be a strong strategic alignment between the organisations in the given activity area and a track record of cooperation between the Council and the organisation.

Application requirements

The group or organisation must supply a copy of the last year's annual accounts with their application. Whilst there is a preference for accounts that have been reviewed, should these not be available, the group or organisation must discuss the matter with the Council Officers.

Expressions of interest

Organisations who wish to express an interest in forming a Strategic Council Community Partnership should first express their interest to the General Manager of Community Services or their nominated officer.

General conditions

As a general rule, organisations that have entered into a strategic partnership with the Council will not be eligible to apply for any other grants within the Community Funding Investment policy (except for a concessional lease).

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## Social Enterprise Grants

### Purpose

The aim of the social enterprise grant is to provide seed funding to community organisations who seek to earn an income for the sole purpose of generating an income for reinvestment into the community. There are many different forms of not-for-profit enterprise. For the purposes of the policy, eligibility organisations are defined as follows:

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- A Social Enterprise is a business with primarily social, environmental and / or cultural objectives whose surpluses are principally re-invested for that purpose of community good, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners.

### Eligibility

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Funding may only be sought for investment ready enterprises.

The funding will be targeted at social enterprises in either a start up phase or growth stage.

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### Application requirements

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applications will be considered and assessed in relation to the following:

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- The enterprise must involve trade to achieve a social mission.
- The enterprise must be able to demonstrate the extent to which there is a market for the enterprise and the potential for the business to be self sustaining (in the medium to long term).
- The existence of a realistic and practical business plan which includes financial projections and accounts. The extent to which the enterprise will deliver a social return on the investment.
- The extent to which the enterprise may deliver an economic return on the investment through the employment of people, volunteers, the trading activities.
- The extent to which the enterprise has the governance and management and business capacity and capability to run the enterprise.
- The total impact (social, economic, environmental and / or cultural) expected to be yielded.

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The group or organisation must supply a copy of the last year's annual accounts along with their application. Whilst there is a preference for accounts that have been reviewed, should

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these not be available, the group or organisation must discuss the matter with the Council Officers.

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## Built and Natural Heritage Protection Grants

### Purpose

The Heritage Protection Fund was established by the Council to help private property landowners manage, maintain and preserve the heritage values of their properties. It provides a partial contribution towards the cost of a specific heritage project or work. ~~NPDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.~~

### Eligibility

### Eligibility Applicants

Applications can be made by individuals, businesses or groups for any heritage items that meet the Council's criteria for heritage importance, including:

- Heritage buildings, items, places or areas.
- Significant areas of vegetation or wetlands.
- Individual trees or groups based within the New Plymouth district of trees.
- Geological features.
- Waahi tapu sites and areas.
- Archaeological sites.

The works that are eligible for assistance are:

- Essential maintenance, restoration or strengthening of the structure of heritage buildings or objects, e.g. earthquake strengthening or re-roofing.
- Rehabilitation or retention of the original character of heritage buildings or objects, e.g. facades.
- Fencing of waahi tapu sites, trees, bush and wetlands.
- Other physical work required to conserve or preserve heritage values.

The proposed work must be necessary to ensure the item's safety, conservation or preservation.

### Exclusions

Any work completed before the Council evaluates the application is not eligible for funding.

### Application requirements

Applications for funding can be made by property owners or organisations, and must be made using the Council application form.

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Joint applications from the landowner and iwi/hapu are required for waahi tapu sites and areas.

### **Determination of applications**

Preliminary evaluation of applications is undertaken using a scoring system based mainly on heritage attributes and public visibility and accessibility. This evaluation provides a quantitative measure with thresholds to help determine those applications that qualify for further assessment for funding. There are separate scoring systems for Structures (Built Heritage), Natural Heritage, and Waahi Tapu.

Applications Projects must be new or expanded activities and should be for a specified timeframe, with achieved results within one year, however multi-year projects can be considered.

Applications will be which meet the thresholds of the preliminary evaluation are considered against the assessment criteria based on the Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan\*.following criteria:

- Degree of public interest in maintaining and/or protecting the item.
- Significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- Degree to which the proposed work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.
- The need for funding and whether funding or other assistance can be obtained from other agencies. (Note: The Council is generally supportive of co-funding applications, where funding support is sought from more than one source by the property owner).
- The financial resources of the applicant.
- Whether the applicant is prepared to legally protect the feature/item e.g. QEII Covenant.
- Degree to which the proposed work is in accordance with the principles of the International Council of Museums and Sites (ICOMOS) Charter.

### **The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.**~~Exclusions~~

- Funding will not be awarded
- The amount of money in the fund at any particular time and the need for existing activities equitable distribution.
- The level of prominence i.e. structures located in CBD/commercial centre and whether traffic volume is high or low.

It is unusual for private dwellings to qualify unless they are of extreme importance. Items or sites that have some public use or access will be given priority, e.g. churches, historic houses open to the public, and areas of protected bush privately owned but open to the public.

\*.Criteria will be made available on the Council website and determined by the Resource Recovery team.

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**Approved funding**

Approved funding is paid as a reimbursement, once the work has been inspected and confirmed to be completed to the required standard.

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**Fundraising Donation**

From time to time the Council is approached by charitable the running costs of existing activities of organisations who are seeking fundraising monies by way of sponsorship.

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Registered charities may seek support from the Council to be a “sponsor” for their fund raising event.

The award of sponsorship monies is as at discretion of the Chief Executive or their nominee.

The award of sponsorship monies will be granted to organisations that have alignment to the core values of the Council.

The monies available for charitable sponsorship shall be limited to \$500 per application. The amount of funding will depend on the availability to funds.

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Enquiries should be made to the Mayor's Office.

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Quick Response and Emergency Funding

Purpose

The quick response and emergency fund scheme provides grants to groups and organisations who are experiencing unforeseen financial pressures, or operating within exceptional circumstances that may require an immediate injection of resource.

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Eligibility

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Application

In addition to the general eligibility, the following specific eligibility and evaluation criteria apply:

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- Applications can only come from groups or organisations that are charitable or not-for-profit.

To be eligible, applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

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- Provide essential social or community services that pose a risk should they not be operating.
- Be at risk of “closing the door” to the organisation without emergency funding.
- Require interim funding whilst waiting for revenue / other grants to come into the organisation.
- Experienced an increase in service usage because of environmental, social or economic factors beyond the organisations control.

Application requirements. Applicants must provide the following:

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An application, by letter, should be sent to the Council setting out:

- The level of funding sought.
- What the monies will be spent on.
- How the unforeseen circumstances arose.
- The steps or processes that are in place to mitigate a future occurrence.

The group or organisation must supply a copy of the last year's annual accounts along with their letter of application. Whilst there is a preference for accounts that have been reviewed.

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should these not be available, the group or organisation must discuss the matter with the Council Officers.

**Determination of financial support**

- Prior to approving a quick response and emergency funding grant, the Council will seek to work in partnership and secure match funding from other sources (excluding in-kind community funding) providers.
- Any other information required during the waste levy funding process

Match funding may be a condition of funding being given by the Council.

**Conditions of grant**

The maximum amount of funding available to individuals is \$15,000.  
The level of reporting required will depend on the amount of funding granted. For projects/activities greater than \$3,000 reporting will be required at key milestones, as well as a final outcomes report. For projects seeking less than \$3,000 a final one off report will be required.

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As a condition of the fund being awarded, the organisation may be required to participate in the capacity building programme and associated training to support the capability and future resilience of the group and organisation.

**Further information**

Organisations or groups who are experiencing such unforeseen need are encouraged to speak to the Council's Community Development team at the earliest opportunity.

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Community Concessional LeaseLeases

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Purpose

Purpose

The purpose of the community concessional lease is to recognise the value of a not-for-profit group or organisation occupying Council owned land and/or property through the award of a reduced lease fee.

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Eligibility

Eligibility

When considering approval of a new community concessional lease or the renewal of an existing lease, the Council will consider a number of factors including:

- Type of use or activity and its consistency with the purpose of the reserve and its location.
- The contribution the proposed activity will make to towards Council's strategic visionthe purposes and key community outcomesvalues as set out in the Community Funding Investment Policy.
- Whether the organisation has demonstrated history of having stable membership and being a trustworthy leaseholder.
- The amount of financial investment the lessee intends to make into the leased area or associated structures.
- Feasibility of any development and the ability to fund ongoing operating costs, including funding of capital replacement.
- The time commitment the lessee is willing and interested in negotiating.

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In addition, all proposals must be consistent with the policies and requirements set out in legislation and other council policies, including the Council's General Policies for Council Administered Reserves 2006, Reserve Management Plans and the Reserves Act 1977.

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Application

Applications requirements

Applications for a community concessionalconcession lease must contain:

- a) Description of the activity/use.
- b) Relevant information about the group/organisation applying for the lease including membership information; financial statements; and strategic plan/business plan.
- c) Length of term the lease is sought for and reasons for this (noting maximum that can be granted under the Reserves Act 1977 is 33 years).

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For applications involving new activities/use or change of an existing use:



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- d) Assessment of potential effects of the activity/use and any proposed steps to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects.
- e) Information about alternative locations considered and reasons why these have been discounted.
- f) Assessment of the proposed activity/use against relevant legislation, regulations, codes and bylaws.
- g) Feasibility study and business plan for any new activities that are expected to cost over \$100,000 or result in debt levels of \$10,000 or greater. The contents of the feasibility study is feasibility studies are to be discussed with Council Officers/officers on a case-by-case basis.

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## Community Concessional Leases cont.

### Lease rental

#### Land only leases Only Leases

This type of lease would apply to organisations that own their own building and improvements and lease only the land occupied by those buildings and/or improvements.

The land lease rental will be a flat-rate as set by the Council in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

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#### Land and building leases Building Leases

This type of lease would apply to organisations that lease council owned buildings as well as any land occupied.

The land component of the rental will be a flat rate as set by in accordance with the Council flat rate set out in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

An additional building rental will be set at a rate of 0.1% plus % + GST per annum of the current fair asset value of the building occupied, with a minimum rental level set by the Council in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

Note: All rentals will be reviewed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the individual leases, which is generally every three 3 years to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Mayoral Relief Fund

Purpose

The Mayoral Relief Fund exists to provide assistance to families and individuals who are undergoing extreme financial hardship.

Grants or other assistance will be made available from the fund at the discretion

Timing of the District Mayor.

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Eligibility

Every applicant's circumstances are unique.

The requirement for support must be one of proven financial hardship. The applicant must have exhausted general sources of assistance such as the Ministry of Social Development, or local food banks, as well as their immediate family (if applicable).

Application requirements

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Applications will be made directly through the Mayor's office.

The Mayor's office will investigate the request before making a decision. Investigation is likely to involve a discussion with third parties, and applicants may be required to give consent to obtain information from relevant sources such as the Ministry of Social Development, local churches, food banks or New Zealand Police.

Decision making

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The Mayor has sole delegated authority to approve or decline requests.

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## Appendix One

### *Built Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria*

| QUANTITATIVE MEASURES   | POINTS   |
|---|--|
| 1. Significance of item from a heritage point of view   | Category A — 20 points   |
|   | Category B — 10 points   |
|   | Category C — 5 points  |
|   | <i>Note: Category B or C items or items with no category under the Operative District Plan that have been included in SCHED1 (Schedule of Heritage Buildings and Items) in the Proposed District Plan will be treated as Category A.</i> |
| 2. Degree to which the proposed work is necessary to ensure the maintenance or preservation of the item | Essential work — 20 points<br>(i.e. unless the work is carried out the future integrity of the item is in doubt e.g. leaking roof, repiling, replacing rotten timbers, etc).   |
|   | Desirable work — 10 points<br>(regular/ongoing maintenance required to keep in good order e.g. painting).  |
| 3. Degree of public access or use   | High degree of public access — 20 points   |
|   | Medium degree of public access — 10 points   |
|   | Low degree of public access — 5 points   |
|   | No public access — 0 points  |
|   | <i>Note: An item will be assessed for its future use once works are carried out, e.g. an empty building that will be earthquake strengthened and leased out as retail will be assessed as 20 points instead of 0 points.</i>             |
| 4. Level of prominence  | Located in city centre/commercial centre — 20 points   |
|   | Located on high volume traffic road — 10 points  |
|   | Located on low volume traffic road — 5 points  |
| Maximum total points  | 80 points  |
| Minimum points required to be eligible to apply for funding   | 50 points  |

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~~*If a policy application meets the minimum points required, the following matters are taken into account:*~~

This policy will apply to all new concessional leases issued after the policy adoption. HOWEVER, for those leases issued 12 months after the date of adoption of this policy to a community group who held an existing but expiring lease, any change in rental from that charged under an old lease will not come into effect until the first rent review (typically every 3 years).

### **Application of new eligibility exclusions**

Statutory functions and service exclusions contained within the Community Funding Investment Policy will to any new applications only and **will not** apply to existing concessional lease holders who are occupying Council land at the time of this policy adoption, this includes Kindergartens, Play groups and Plunket.

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## Creative Communities Scheme (CCS)

### Purpose

The Creative Communities Scheme supports and encourages local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in arts activities. Under the scheme, 'the arts' are broadly defined as 'all forms of creative and interpretative expression'. This includes opportunities for creative participation in theatre, music, visual arts, digital art, applied arts, arts education, Toi Maori, literary workshops, digital storytelling, and many other activities.

- Eligibility The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.

### Whether \*

To be eligible projects must meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- Broad community involvement - Will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- Diversity - Will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- Young people - Will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

### Conditions of application

- An application can be from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of an individual or from a group.
- Individual applicants applying to more than one funding source) must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- If you've previously received funding under the CCS, either as an individual or as a member of a group, you must have completed a project report for the earlier project before any further applications from you will be considered.

To receive funding the project must:

- Have an arts or creative cultural focus.
- Meet one or more of the three funding criteria (above).
- Be completed within 12 months after funding is approved.
- Benefit local communities.

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- Take place within the city or district where the application is made, or benefit local communities within that city or district.
- Not have started before funding is approved.
- Not have already been funded through any of Creative New Zealand's other funding programme's for the same purpose.

### Eligible projects

Eligible projects may include:

- Exhibitions, productions, concerts, festivals, workshops and presentations that offer opportunities for community involvement in the arts.
- Activities that support the traditions and arts of ethnic communities.
- Youth arts events.
- Artist-led projects involving local communities.
- Materials for arts activities or programmes.
- Personnel costs for one-off, short-term projects.
- Promotion and publicity of arts activities to communities.
- Dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops, digital storytelling, and many other opportunities for creative participation can be supported.

### Exclusions

- ~~The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.~~
- ~~The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.~~
- ~~Whether the item has received funding previously or not.~~
- ~~The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.~~
- ~~The prominence of the item, i.e. its location and the number of viewers.~~
- ~~The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.~~

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## Appendix Two

### *Cultural Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria*

| QUANTITATIVE MEASURES  | POINTS   |
|--|--|
| <del>1. Requirement for physical protection</del>  | <del>Urgent need of protection, i.e. fencing — 20 points</del>                         |
|  | <del>Not under direct threat — 10 points</del>   |
|  | <del>Site is inaccessible for protection — not eligible</del>                          |
| <del>2. Intactness of archaeological site or site or area of significance to Māori</del> | <del>Largely intact — 20 points</del>  |
|  | <del>Partially intact — 10 points</del>  |
| <del>3. Setting of archaeological site or site or area of significance to Māori</del>    | <del>High level of historical or cultural integrity — 20 points</del>                  |
|  | <del>Medium level of historical or cultural integrity — 10 points</del>                |
|  | <del>Low level of historical or cultural integrity — 5 points</del>                    |
| <del>4. Education and interpretative value</del>   | <del>High potential to enhance community understanding of past — 20 points</del>       |
|  | <del>Medium potential to enhance community understanding of the past — 10 points</del> |
|  | <del>Low potential to enhance community understanding of the past — 5 points —</del>   |
| <del>5. Visual contribution to the landscape</del>                                       | <del>High visual impact to the wider landscape — 20 points</del>                       |
|  | <del>Medium visual impact to the wider landscape — 10 points</del>                     |
|  | <del>Low visual impact to the wider landscape — 5 points</del>                         |
| <del>6. Access to site for mana whenua</del>   | <del>Yes there is access for mana whenua to the site — 20 points</del>                 |
|  | <del>Access for mana whenua open to negotiation — 10 points</del>                      |

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|---|--|
|   | <del>No access granted for mana whenua to visit site</del> <del>5 points</del> |
| Maximum total points  | <del>100 points</del>  |
| Minimum points required to be eligible to apply for funding | <del>70 points</del>   |

If an application meets the minimum points required, the following matters are taken into account:

- ~~• The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.~~
- ~~• The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.~~
- ~~• Whether funding from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of applicants applying to more than one funding source).~~
- ~~• The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.~~
- ~~• The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.~~
- ~~• Whether the item has received funding previously or not.~~
- ~~• The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.~~

The following activities will not be eligible for support:

- ~~• Activities that prominence of are not arts-focused.~~
- ~~• Activities that are the item, i.e. its location direct responsibility of schools or other education institutions.~~
- ~~• Ongoing administration costs not related to a specific project.~~
- ~~• Projects that are the core business of an organisation or service provider.~~
- ~~• Retrospective project costs (for projects already started or completed).~~
- ~~• Catering costs of an event.~~
- ~~• Fundraising activities.~~
- ~~• Travel for individuals or groups to attend events, presentations or shows.~~
- Developing facilities, such as gallery and the number of viewers theatre lights, stage curtains or building restoration.
- ~~• The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.~~

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## Appendix Three

### Manaaki Urupā Grant Evidence Requirements

| APPLICATION CRITERIA            | EVIDENCE REQUIRED   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Eligibility                     | <p>The Urupā meets the criteria by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the <i>Certificate of Title</i></li> <li>• Screenshot from the Māori Land Court's <i>Māori Land Online</i> website; or</li> <li>• Copy of the notice in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> establishing a Māori reservation for the purpose of an Urupā</li> </ul>   |
| Estimated costs of activities   | The costs of the activities are verified by a third party quote   |
| Letter of support               | <p>A letter of support from an appropriate sponsor must be provided. The letter should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the urupā interests an applicant represents are genuine; and</li> <li>• Support the proposed activities</li> </ul> <p>A sponsor may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEO of an appropriate Iwi runanga;</li> <li>• Chair of a relevant hapū entity;</li> <li>• Chair of a relevant urupā trust; or</li> <li>• Majority of the urupā owners (where majority means over 75% of the total number of owners);</li> </ul> <p>If Council receives more than one application on behalf of an urupa in the same year, the matter will be referred back to the submitters for resolution.</p> |
| Confirmation of works completed | <p>The following evidence proving the completion of works (to be submitted by October 31 of the following year of the grant) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dated before and after photographs</li> <li>• Before and after visits by Council Officers; or</li> <li>• Receipts, invoices or bills marked as paid.</li> </ul>  |

## Appendix Four

### *Natural Heritage Protection Fund Assessment Criteria*

| QUESTION     | QUANTITATIVE MEASURES  | ELIGIBILITY  |
|--------------|--|--|
| <b>One</b>   | Is the area a significant natural area under the District Plan, protected as a QEII protective covenant or protected by a legal mechanism providing similar protection to a protective covenant? | Yes—go to question three<br>No—next question   |
| <b>Two</b>   | Will the area have a QEII covenant?  | Yes—next question<br>No—not eligible   |
| <b>Three</b> | Has other matching funding been sought or has other contributory funding from the applicant been made apparent?  | Yes—next question<br>No—not eligible   |
| <b>Four</b>  | Does the area function as a wildlife corridor or contribute to connectivity in the landscape?  | Yes—next question<br>No—not eligible   |
| <b>Five</b>  | To what extent is the area under threat from animals?  | High—eligible for one third of total project cost<br>Medium—eligible for one quarter of total project cost<br>Low—eligible for one fifth of total project cost |

The following matters are taken into account when assessing applications:

- The significance of the item from a heritage point of view.
- The degree to which the work is necessary to ensure the sustainable management, maintenance or preservation of the item.
- Whether funding from other agencies is being sought for the item. (Note: Council is generally supportive of applicants applying to more than one funding source).
- Buying capital items, such as computers, cameras, musical instruments, costumes or uniforms.

\* please note the general eligibility criteria set out in the Community Funding Investment Policy do not apply.

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- ~~\*\* the administration and decisions made by the Creative Communities Advisory Committee are autonomous of the decisions made by the Council's Community Funding Investment Committee. Whether the applicant is prepared to legally protect the feature/item e.g. QEH Covenant.~~
- ~~The degree to which the work is in accordance with the principles of the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value.~~
- ~~The amount of money in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.~~
- ~~Whether the item has received funding previously or not.~~
- ~~The responsibilities of other statutory bodies or organisations in protecting or maintaining the item.~~
- ~~The prominence of the item, i.e. its location and the number of viewers.~~
- The degree to which the work aligns with Council strategies, policies and plans.

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| Grant Scheme  | Current Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Proposed Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Current Delegation                              | Proposed Delegation                             |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Community Services and Programmes Grant   | \$657k                                  | \$567k                                   | Community Funding Investment Committee decision | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Strategic Community Partnership Grant   |   |  |   | Te Huinga Taumatua decision                     |
| Social Enterprise Grant   |   | \$20k                                    |   | Officer delegation                              |
| Whanake   |   |  |   | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Whanake (under \$10k outside of Te Huinga Taumatua)                                   |   | \$50k                                    |   | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Community Events Grant  | \$52k                                   | \$20k                                    | Community Funding Investment Committee decision | Officer delegation                              |
| Community Events Grant (under \$5k outside of Community Funding Investment Committee) |   |  |   | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Built Heritage Protection Grant (over \$10k)  |   | Officer delegation                       |   |   |
| Built Heritage Protection Grant (under \$10k)   |   |  |   |   |

| Grant Scheme                                     | Current Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Proposed Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Current Delegation                              | Proposed Delegation                             |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Cultural Heritage Protection Grant (over \$10k)  | \$104k                                  | \$104k                                   | Community Funding Investment Committee decision | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Cultural Heritage Protection Grant (under \$10k) |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Natural Heritage Protection Grant (over \$10k)   |   |  | Community Funding Investment Committee decision | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Natural Heritage Protection Grant (under \$10k)  |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Main Street Building Grant                       | \$50k                                   | \$50k                                    | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Manaaki Urupā Grant (over \$10k)                 | \$51k                                   | \$51k                                    | Te Huinga Taumatua decision                     | Te Huinga Taumatua decision                     |
| Manaaki Urupā Grant (under \$10k)                |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Marae Development Grant (over \$10k)             | \$200k                                  | \$200k                                   | Te Huinga Taumatua decision                     | Te Huinga Taumatua decision                     |
| Marae Development Grant (under \$10k)            |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |

| Grant Scheme                                | Current Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Proposed Level of Funding<br>(per annum) | Current Delegation                              | Proposed Delegation                             |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Marae Insurance                             |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Charitable Sponsorship                      | \$3k                                    | \$3k                                     | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Creative Communities Scheme                 | \$60k                                   | \$60k                                    | Creative Communities Committee decision         | Creative Communities Committee decision         |
| Planting Our Place                          | \$30k                                   | \$30k                                    | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Resource Management Support Grant           | \$20k                                   | \$20k                                    | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Rural Halls Development Grant (over \$10k)  | \$23k                                   | \$23k                                    | Community Funding Investment Committee decision | Community Funding Investment Committee decision |
| Rural Halls Development Grant (under \$10k) |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Rural Hall Insurance                        |   |  | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Waste Levy Fund                             | \$100k                                  | \$100k                                   | Officer delegation                              | Officer delegation                              |
| Mayoral Relief Fund                         | \$5k                                    | \$5k                                     | Mayoral delegation                              | Mayoral delegation                              |

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## **PURCHASE OF LAND AT 52 WYNYARD STREET, BELL BLOCK**

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### **MATTER**

1. The matter for consideration by Council is the purchase of land at 52 Wynyard Street, Bell Block. The land is currently leased by New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) and is the site of nine pensioner housing units owned by NPDC.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:**

- a) **Approves the purchase of 3,585 square metres more or less being the property at 52 Wynyard Street (Lot 29 DP 14642) for \$1,950,000 (incl. GST if any) funded from reserves.**
- b) **Authorises the Property Manager to conclude negotiations.**
- c) **Notes that the preferred option put forward by the Church was the exchange of 105 Powderham Street for 52 Wynyard Street.**
- d) **Notes that any agreement still requires the approval of the Catholic Church.**

### **STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Strategy and Operations Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation.

### **TE HUINGA TAUMATUA RECOMMENDATION**

3. Te Huinga Taumatua endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |   |
|---|---|
| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being of some importance.  |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exchange of 105 Powderham Street for 52 Wynyard Street.</li> <li>2. Purchase 52 Wynyard Street outright.</li> <li>3. Let the existing lease run its course.</li> <li>4. NPDC and Church agree to a new lease.</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are Constituents of New Plymouth District, Property and Business Owners located in the Central Business District, the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North and his Parishioners.   |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends <b>Option 2</b> for addressing the matter.   |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | Yes   |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No  |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. It is recommended that Council approves the purchase of the property at 52 Wynyard Street, in order to maintain the nine Housing for the Elderly units in Bell Block. Council currently owns the improvements but leases the land from the Catholic Church. When the lease expires on 31 October 2024, under the terms of the lease, ownership of the improvements will revert to the Catholic Church.
5. The property has been independently valued at \$1,950,000.
6. Purchase of the land ensures the future control of these Housing for the Elderly units and caters for a vulnerable sector of our community. The next step is to authorise the Property Manager to conclude negotiations at market valuation.



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## BACKGROUND

7. The Council owns nine residential units situated on leased land at 52 Wynyard Street, Bell Block. These are used for Housing for the Elderly and managed as part of that portfolio.
  8. Prior to constructing these units, the Taranaki County Council (TCC) (one of a number of small local councils amalgamated to become NPDC under the Local Government Reorganisation Order 1989) entered into agreement with the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North (the Church) to lease an area of land at Bell Block (52 Wynyard Street). The purpose of the lease was to establish a site upon which to construct nine pensioner housing units.
  9. The land in question is an estate in fee simple measuring 3,585 square metres more or less and described as Lot 29 Deposited Plan 14642, record of title TNG3/476.
  10. Under the terms of the lease, the Church being the land owner (the lessor), agreed to lease the land to TCC (the lessee) for a term of 40 years commencing 1 November 1984 at an annual rental of \$1. In return, TCC would bear the entire costs of constructing the housing units including site development and services.
  11. The lease sets out that at expiry (31 October 2024), the land would return to the Church along with full ownership of the buildings and site improvements. That is TCC (now NPDC) would no longer have any ownership/interest in the property. Up until the expiry of the lease, NPDC owns a small but diminishing share of the improvements. A Copy of lease attached as Appendix 2.
  12. With the lease approaching expiry, Council Officers approached Church representatives to ascertain what the Church intended doing with the property once it regained full control. Options that were discussed include:
    - NPDC and the Church agree to a property exchange involving the Church property at 52 Wynyard Street, Bell Block NPDC and the Council carpark at 105 Powderham Street, New Plymouth.
    - NPDC purchases the land and buildings from the Church at valuation.
    - The lease runs its course and the Church simply takes back ownership and management of the housing units.
    - A new lease is entered into whereby NPDC leases both land and improvements from the Church and manages the units as part of Pensioner Housing portfolio.
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13. During discussions the Church's representatives indicated that they did not see the Church having a future role in their 52 Wynyard Street property and noting the pressure on social housing in the District, advised they would be pleased to see NPDC continue to operate these units; through Council ownership.

**Brief Housing for the Elderly Portfolio Description**

14. NPDC currently has 145 housing units on 24 separate sites located in New Plymouth (93), Bell Block (9), Waitara (18) and Inglewood (25).
15. These range in age with the oldest constructed in 1957 (67 years) and the most recent constructed in 1985 (37 years). Their quality varies; usually reflecting age; with many of the older units being bedsit configuration and often have separate laundry facilities (located in small sheds) and the more modern provided with separate bedrooms with laundry facilities included within the bathrooms.
16. There are nine units located at 52 Wynyard Street, these being the only housing units that NPDC manages in the Bell Block locality. They are single bedroom units and having been constructed in 1985 are some of the most modern of the Council portfolio; noting that no units have been constructed since 1987. The site is generous in size and there is surplus land for additional units if required.





Figure 1 The units from ground level and an aerial of 52 Wynyard Street showing existing units and spare land.

### Existing Housing for the Elderly Policy

17. A copy of the existing Housing for the Elderly policy is attached as Appendix 1. Under the heading policy purpose is the statement "*the Council recognises that the number of elderly in the district is increasing and is committed to continuing to provide affordable housing for elderly who meet eligibility requirements*".
18. Other extracts from the current policy that are pertinent to this report are:
  - The Council will maintain the current level of investment allowing for further investment based on the self-funding model.
  - Opportunities to invest in new or existing housing will be considered within the self-funding model.
19. Note this policy is due for review. Acknowledging that the stated purpose for the policy hasn't changed – if anything affordability is a greater concern and demand for the service has increased. The Property Team is of the view that the current policy is still largely fit for purpose.
20. In line with current policy, rents are set annually and are targeted at around 80 per cent of market; with variances attributed to location and the age and quality of the accommodation involved. Rents were last reviewed in March 2021 (but implemented in July 2021). Demand is high with occupancy close to 100 per cent and 50 people on the waiting list.

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21. It is also noted that NPDC has not constructed any new units since 1987 and that the average age of each of the housing units in the portfolio is 49 years. The levels of service provided by these units in terms of quality and amenity value is falling.
  22. In terms of the current policy of looking to maintain levels of service or opportunities to invest in new stock. The Property team has started to look at current stocks and provide details on potential for sale, upgrade or intensification.
  23. Several sites have been identified that could accommodate additional housing units (including the Wynyard Street site if purchased). Also that the physical attributes of a number of the older units no longer meet best practice design or maximise site layout (or both) and consideration might be given to the sale of these units, or alternatively their removal and the use of the site for new replacements.
  24. Further work is required to look at alternatives and the methods of funding and it is intended to provide a second report to Council that reviews options.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

25. This proposal involves purchasing existing housing units that are currently operated as part of NPDC's Housing for the Elderly portfolio. No new or additional carbon emissions are expected.
26. The property is distanced from the coast, reasonably elevated above sea level and not adjacent to any waterways that might be subject to flooding. It is therefore unlikely to be impacted by climate change.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

27. The next steps will be for the Property Manager to conclude negotiations with the Church to purchase the property at 52 Wynyard Street, Bell Block at valuation.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

28. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance.
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## OPTIONS

### Option 1

#### Exchange of 105 Powderham Street for 52 Wynyard Street

29. When first approached regarding the future of the Wynyard Street site, representatives of the Church responded that they did not see a role for the Church in administering these housing units in the future and preferred instead to see NPDC continue to manage them.
30. As discussions progressed, representatives of the Church expressed a preference for a property swap whereby the housing units at 52 Wynyard Street would be exchanged for the Council's carpark at 105 Powderham Street, with an additional payment of \$250,000 by the Church to NPDC to achieve an equality of exchange.
31. Both properties have been independently valued; the housing units at 52 Wynyard Street at \$1,950,000 and the carpark at 105 Powderham Street at \$2,200,000.
32. The Church's interest in the carpark stems from its close proximity to St Joseph's Church; located opposite the carpark in Powderham Street. The Church has indicated that if it acquires the carpark, it would continue to make the carpark available to the public during week days; but saw benefit in having parking spaces available for the Church's parishioners over public holidays and weekends.



*Figure 2 St Joseph's Church highlighted in Green, NPDC Powderham Street carpark highlighted in Red.*

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33. The Powderham Street carpark is located within easy walking distance of the City Centre and is also within close proximity to community services such as the Police Station, the Courthouse, social and health services and religious venues. This carpark provides a total of 62 carpark spaces of which 46 are leased permanently and 16 on a metered basis. There are currently 43 potential applicants on the waiting list for a leased carpark should any become vacant. Parking income collected from the site over the last financial year grossed \$81,600.
  34. It may be possible to negotiate an arrangement whereby future use of the site remains as public car parking for a set period or set hours (or both), however this is not recommended. The land has been valued based on highest and best use which is likely to be re-development rather than car parking. Imposing restrictions on the future of this site's use is likely to have a detrimental impact on value.
  35. Discussions to date have been on a church representative to Council Officer level. Both parties have made it clear if agreement can be reached on terms, then formal approval would still be required from the Board of the Church and elected members. Other terms include:
    - A period of 30 days for the Church to carry out due diligence on the overall viability of the property and also being satisfied that the property is fit for its intended use.
    - That if the Church's purchase of NPDC's carpark proceeds, so too does the purchase by NPDC of the Church's property at 52 Wynyard Street.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

36. If Council adopts this option and the properties and agreements pass due diligence, then the exchange of these properties is cost positive for NPDC with the difference in value amounting to \$250,000 in the Council's favour.
  37. There is also the sum of \$1.3 million in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) for the 2022/23 year for the purchase of the 52 Wynyard Street property. If payment is to be by way of a property exchange, this financial allocation will no longer be required.
  38. If the Powderham Street carpark is sold, the budgets that record income from the parking facilities will need to be adjusted for the reduction in income. Last year this carpark grossed \$81,600.
  39. In terms of a resource, NPDC would lose 62 carpark spaces that are currently available to the public. These may still be available but sourced privately.
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### *Risk Analysis*

40. The carpark is on the fringe of the Central Business District and services a mix of community, religious and business interests; of note are the Salvation Army, St Joseph's church, the Court House and Police Station. Any prior talk of removing or changing on-street car parking in the locality has resulted in deputations to Council. Any suggestion of sale of this carpark is likely to spark interest and objection.
41. Although the Church has indicated that it intends continuing the use of the property at 105 Powderham Street as a carpark, this is not guaranteed. It may be possible to covenant the land for ongoing use as a carpark, but the land has been valued on the basis of highest and best use – effectively redevelopment and restriction on its use is likely to have a detrimental impact on the value.
42. The terms of purchase of NPDC's carpark by the Church includes a period to carry out due diligence investigations (30 working days) on the overall viability of the property. It is to the Church's sole discretion of being satisfied that the property will be fit for intended use. Even if the Council decided that the land exchange was the preferred option, the Church may yet decide not to proceed.
43. The nine Housing for the Elderly units are the only such facilities that the Council owns and/or administers in the Bell Block locality. If Council does not take the opportunity to acquire these units, then the closest units are in Fitzroy. Bell Block is arguably the fastest growing residential area in New Plymouth and residents may feel aggrieved if they thought Council was not looking after their interests.

### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

44. Providing affordable well located accommodation for the elderly assists a vulnerable sector of the community.
  45. NPDC has not altered its stock of pensioner housing since 1987. In the interim, the population has grown and average age increased and on that basis it could be argued that the level of service has diminished over time. If Council was to relinquish the lease and return the housing units to the Church, service levels would fall further. Purchasing the property at 52 Wynyard Street, maintains existing levels and could also provide an opportunity to develop additional units on the land in the future if required.
  46. Providing carparks on the fringe of the business district provides a resource that is in demand from the public and well utilised. The location also matches the proposals outlined in the [Ngāmotu New Plymouth City Centre Strategy](#) where the long term goal is to remove cars from the town centre to a number of parking hubs at the corners of the City.
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*Statutory Responsibilities*

47. The disposal of the public carpark at 105 Powderham Street will trigger an investigation of the offer back requirements under Section 40 of the Public Works Act. If the exchange is the preferred option, then any agreement may need to be conditional upon either obtaining a clearance or determining that Section 40 does not apply.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

48. The purchase of the housing units at 52 Wynyard Street is consistent with the LTP with funds allocated in the 2022/23 year anticipating the purchase.
49. The possible sale of the council carpark located at 105 Powderham Street is inconsistent with the proposed City Centre Strategy. The Strategy suggests purchasing (not disposal) of areas for carparks on the central fringe as a method of encouraging removing vehicles from the city centre and helping it become more pedestrian friendly.

*Participation by Māori*

50. The two properties fall within different hapū rohe; with the Powderham Street referred to Ngati Te Whiti and Wynyard Street to Puketapu. Letters outlining the proposed land purchase or land swap, along with the historic land titles for each property were sent to each hapū asking for feedback prior to the agenda closing date. There was some email discussion and clarification between NPDC, Te Atiawa and Ngati Te Whiti, but no formal response has been received from either hapū at this time.

*Community Views and Preferences*

51. From recent delegations to the Council on the issues of car parking, the business community has signalled that they would like to maintain public parking in the vicinity of 105 Powderham Street to at least current levels.
52. Access to the Council's Housing for the Elderly, is tested on age and assets. As such it provides a service that caters to a vulnerable part of our society that might otherwise struggle to find suitable accommodation. The size of the waiting list reflects the need.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

53. One advantage in Option 1 is that the purchase of the housing units at 52 Wynyard Street can be achieved without initial capital outlay. It secures the long term future of this property for Housing for the Elderly under Council control.
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- 54. Purchase of 52 Wynyard Street in its current format also acquires additional vacant land that could be developed for further housing units; used for some joint venture development or sub-divided and disposed of to recoup capital.
  - 55. The Church has indicated that it intends to continue using 105 Powderham Street as a public carpark, but at times for the sole benefit of its Parishioners. The provision of private parking would enhance the facilities available, but only if this was in addition to public car parking already available. To achieve this, and to complete part of the City Centre Strategy, NPDC would need to acquire additional land for car parking and meet the cost of forming the same.
  - 56. The sale of the carpark takes away an existing public amenity which is contrary to the proposed parking policy outlined within the City Centre Strategy and the action is liable to incur public criticism. It is for these reasons that the exchange of land is not the preferred option within this report.

## **Option 2**

### **Purchase 52 Wynyard Street Outright**

- 57. This option recommends that the Council authorise the Property Manager to negotiate and complete the purchase of the property at 52 Wynyard Street at valuation.
- 58. The deal that has been discussed with the representatives of the Church has been an exchange of properties. While the Church representatives have a preference for this option, they have also advised that if NPDC is unwilling to sell the Council carpark, then they would consider an option for NPDC to simply acquire the Wynyard Street property as a standalone transaction.

### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

- 59. The property has a valuation (dated August 2021) of \$1,950,000. The Church has accepted this figure for the purposes of the exchange.
  - 60. The LTP has the sum of \$1.3 million set in the 2022/23 year to cover the purchase. The Housing for the Elderly reserves currently sit at \$2.25 million.
  - 61. The Housing for the Elderly budget regularly produces a surplus that varies from year to year depending on the level of capital work planned. For the year ending June 2021 the surplus was \$253,000.
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*Risk Analysis*

62. The nine Housing for the Elderly units are the only such facilities that the Council owns and/or administers in the Bell Block locality. If Council does not take the opportunity to acquire these units, then the closest units are in Fitzroy. Bell Block is arguably the fastest growing residential area in New Plymouth and residents may feel aggrieved if they thought Council was not looking after their interests.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

63. See Option One.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

64. The purchase of the Housing units at 52 Wynyard Street is consistent with the LTP with funds allocated in the 2022/23 year to cover the purchase.

*Participation by Māori*

65. See Option One.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

66. The purchase of 52 Wynyard Street in its current format acquires a 3,585 square metres piece of land with potential to build additional units on the undeveloped portion of the land. Other future opportunities could include a joint venture development or sub-division and disposal to recoup capital.
67. It secures the long term future of this property for Housing for the Elderly and retains Council control.

**Option 3****Let Lease Run its Course**

68. Under this option NPDC simply lets the lease on 52 Wynyard Street run its course. At the expiry of the lease term (31 October 2024), the land would return to the Church along with full ownership of the buildings and site improvements.
69. The leases and tenants would also transfer to the Church; however subject to the requirements of the Residential Tenancy Act, the Church would be free to administer these units as they saw fit. There is no guarantee that the Church would continue to rent the units to elderly tenants in the future.
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*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

- 70. The LTP has the sum of \$1.3 million set in the 2022/23 year to cover the purchase. If the Council decides not to purchase and simply lets the lease run its course, the funding will not be required and will stay in the Housing for the Elderly Reserve. The Housing for the Elderly reserves currently sit at \$2.25 million
- 71. With a reduction of nine units from the total portfolio, there will be some adjustments to both the income and expenses within the Housing for the Elderly general budget.

*Risk Analysis*

- 72. The nine Housing for the Elderly units are the only such facilities that Council owns and/or administers in the Bell Block locality. If Council does not take the opportunity to acquire these units, then the closest units are in Fitzroy. Bell Block is arguably the fastest growing residential area in New Plymouth and residents may feel aggrieved if they thought Council was not looking after their interests.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

- 73. Release of these units would mean that the Housing for the Elderly portfolio would reduce by nine units (from 145 to 136) and NPDC would no longer provide this service in the Bell Block locality.

*Participation by Māori*

- 74. See Option One.

*Community Views and Preferences*

- 75. See Option One.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

- 76. Letting the lease run its course and returning the housing units to the Church takes away the opportunity to secure an existing housing facility along with additional land to expand. NPDC would no longer have a housing presence in Bell Block.
  - 77. Under this option, NPDC would save capital funds that could be directed towards constructing additional new housing units at other locations.
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#### **Option 4**

#### **NPDC and Church Agree to a New Lease**

- 78. At the expiry of the current lease, the Church would become the owner of not just the land but also all of the improvements located at 52 Wynyard Street. If a new lease was entered into, NPDC would effectively take on the role of managing these units; paying a rental to the Church and on charging the tenants for the rent and other overheads.
- 79. While this concept has been included in meetings to date, it has not been discussed in any detail. Further it was not the preferred option of either party; both recognising the complexities of negotiations necessary to finalise a deal that both could work with. Issues such as responsibility for maintenance, below market rents and ensuring tenant welfare raised the risk of either one or both parties achieving either a nominal or possibly negative return from their investment/inputs.
- 80. The Church's representatives have also indicated that should this option be the one finally adopted, then the Church would most likely opt to subdivide and retain the vacant land at the rear of the Wynyard Street property.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

- 81. This has not been analysed at this point in time and will depend upon the terms of lease negotiated. Ideally the balance of costs should be in favour of NPDC as the risks associated with variable items such as vacancy levels, escalating costs and future changes to the Residential Tenancy Act are likely to lie with the Council.

#### *Risk Analysis*

- 82. The risk would largely hinge around the terms of lease. In discussions, the Church representatives commented that they didn't see rental housing as their core business. They currently have a saleable asset and under normal prudent management could be expected to look for a fair return.
  - 83. The demographics of the tenants (elderly) and Council's policy on affordable rents, places pressure on total income achieved from the property and this could lead to conflicting outcomes when negotiating the head lease between the Church and NPDC. With uncertainty over costs of operations and regulatory requirements moving forward, either or both could end up subsidising the end user.
  - 84. The Church has indicated that if it was to enter into a new lease, it would likely sub-divide off the surplus land on site. This would mean that NPDC would no longer have control of the area. It could also mean a use of the surplus land that might not be compatible with elderly housing tenants.
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*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

85. See Option One.

*Participation by Māori*

86. See Option One.

*Community Views and Preferences*

87. See Option One.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

88. Under this option, NPDC would save capital funds that could be directed towards constructing additional new housing units at other locations.

89. Any new development on surplus adjoining land may not be compatible with use of housing units as accommodation for the elderly.

90. Lease terms are unknown therefore NPDC may end up subsidising this facility because of costs. The current policy is a self-funding model.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 2 for addressing the matter – purchase 52 Wynyard Street outright.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Housing for Elderly Policy (ECM7245408)

Appendix 2 Copy of Lease (ECM1501659)

**Report Details**

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| Approved By:    | Laura Keenan (Property Manager)              |
| Ward/Community: | New Plymouth                                 |
| Date:           | 11 January 2022                              |
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-----End of Report-----

**P16-002 Housing for the Elderly Policy**

Approved by the Council 27 September 2016

**POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to guide the provision and management of the New Plymouth District Council Housing for the Elderly assets and service.

The Council recognises that the number of elderly in the district is increasing and is committed to continuing to provide affordable housing for elderly who meet eligibility requirements.

**POLICY STATEMENTS**

The Council:

1. Will maintain the current level of investment allowing for further investment based on the self-funding model.
2. Housing for the elderly service is self-funding, whereby the operating, maintenance and capital costs of providing the service are met by rental income and/or other external funding.
3. Will manage Housing for the Elderly in a way consistent with the Residential Tenancies Act 1986, Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2010, and other relevant legislation.
4. Property Team will review rents annually in a way consistent with providing affordable housing based on market levels and the self-funding requirements across the portfolio.
5. Officers will consider applications for housing from eligible persons on a consistent and fair basis. Discretion may be used when considering a prospective tenant's suitability and fit. Unsuccessful applicants must be notified of the reasons for declining an application.
6. Officers may offer tenancies to applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria in exceptional circumstances.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for Housing for the Elderly, prospective tenants must meet the following criteria:

1. New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
2. Over 65 years – in the case of a couple, one person must be over 65.
3. Principal source of income is superannuation, war pension or age related benefit.
4. Assets less than \$35,000 for an individual or \$50,000 for a couple.
5. New Plymouth District residents or have family living in the district.
6. Able to live independently (including with assistance from external support).
7. Able to demonstrate is a good tenant with no history of excessive drinking of alcohol, use of recreational drugs or domestic or other violence.

If an individual's circumstances change during a tenancy, notice to vacate may be given. This is based on the needs of the tenant, the interests and wellbeing of other tenants and to ensure Housing for the Elderly is available for those most in need.

## **INVESTMENT/DIVESTMENT**

Opportunities to invest in new or existing housing will be considered within the self-funding model. Any proposed investment must consider issues such as demand, proximity to services, safety, fit-for-purpose and energy efficiency.

Opportunities for social interaction must be considered in any investment. Examples include provision of a common room (in larger developments), encouragement for family and friends to visit, proximity to recreational opportunities and the makeup of the neighbourhood.

Best practice design for disabilities and dementia must be considered in relation to any maintenance, improvements or new builds and should involve consultation with stakeholders with expertise in this area. This is in recognition that tenants may experience disabilities, dementia and/or a decline in mobility during their tenancy.

Divestment is permitted where it is of benefit to the elderly overall and it will assist in reinvestment in more appropriate locations and designs when the costs of bringing properties up to standard are too high. This must be done in accordance with the Approval of Properties for Sale and Method of Sale Policy.

## **LEVELS OF SERVICE**

Management of Housing for the Elderly will include the following:

1. Consideration must be given to the needs of elderly people in the provision of housing such as access, social interaction, proximity to services such as retail and medical, safety and mobility (including pathways and public transport).
2. Referrals to appropriate social or health services will be made if officers become aware of tenants requiring additional assistance such as with financial, health, social or disability issues.
3. Processes must be in place for tenants to feel safe in communicating any concerns they may have with regard Housing for the Elderly.
4. All Housing for the Elderly properties must be inspected with condition assessments made at least annually.
5. Tenancy welfare visits to all tenants will be provided to all tenants.

## **POLICY CONTACT**

The policy holder is the Property Team in the Business Performance Group.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed in four years.

### **NOTE**

*This policy replaces revoked policy P01-012 (14 March 2012).*

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BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF  
THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON  
NORTH

The Lessor

A N D THE TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Lessee

DEED OF LEASE

ST LEGER REEVES MIDDLETON YOUNG & CO  
SOLICITORS  
NEW PLYMOUTH



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HEADS OF AGREEMENT

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1985

**BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH** of the one part (hereinafter called "the Lessor")

**AND THE TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL** a Body Corporate under the Local Government Act 1974 (hereinafter called "the Lessee")

**WHEREAS**

- A. The Lessor is the registered proprietor of the land described in the Schedule hereto.
- B. The Lessee wishes to construct at least 9 Pensioner Housing Units on the land for the needy of Taranaki.
- C. The construction of the said Pensioner Housing Units has arisen from a mutual desire on the part of both parties.
- D. The Lessor has agreed to lease the land to the Lessee for a period of 40 years from 1 November 1984 at an annual rental of \$1.00.
- E. The Lessee has agreed to meet the Lessor's costs of levelling and filling the land as detailed herein and to meet the costs of services to the land.

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

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1. **THE** Lessor agrees to Lease and the Lessee agrees to take on Lease the land described in the Schedule hereto for a period of 40 years from 1 November 1984 at an annual rental of \$1.00 on the specific terms and conditions detailed in the form of lease annexed.

2. **THE** Lessee will pay to the Lessor upon the execution of the Lease referred to in Clause 1 hereof the sum of \$4,266.00 being the amount the Lessee has agreed to pay to the Lessor for the following:-

(i) \$2,628.00 for Earthworks

(ii) \$1,638.00 for Topsoil Removal and Replacement.

3. **THE** Lessee shall bear the entire costs of the construction of the said Pensioner Housing including the costs of all services to the site.

4. **THE** Lessee shall submit to the Lessor the plans for the design, layout and other features of the said pensioner housing flats for the Lessor's comments and the Lessee shall take into account as may be reasonable and appropriate any suggestions made by the Lessor. It is acknowledged by both parties hereto that preliminary discussions have already been had in respect of the said design layout and other features of the said pensioner housing flats and that the Lessee has taken into account the suggestions made by the Lessor's servants and agents.

5. **THE** Lessor as far as is practicable and reasonable will arrange through Roman Catholic agencies or other Religious denominations or local service organisations such additional furniture and furnishings for the said pensioner housing flats as shall be needed by the inhabitants.

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6. THE parties hereto agree that these Heads of Agreement are not exhaustive.

# SCHEDULE

All those parcels of land contained 3585 m<sup>2</sup> more or less situated in Block II Paritutu Survey District being Lot 29 on Deposited Plan 14642 and being part Sections 65, 66, 69 and 70 Hua Village and being all the land contained and comprised in Certificate of Title **VOLUME G3 FOLIO 476** (Taranaki Registry).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been executed the day and year first hereinbefore written.

SIGNED by Peter Cullinane  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF  
THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON  
NORTH and sealed with his  
Seal of Office in the presence  
of:

*P. Cullinane*  
*S. J. O'Sullivan*  
*Palmerston North*

THE COMMON SEAL of THE  
TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL was  
hereunto affixed in the  
presence of:-

*Chris R. Allen*  
.....  
Chairman

*[Signature]*  
County Clerk.



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BETWEEN ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF THE  
DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

The Lessor

A N D THE TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Lessee

HEADS OF AGREEMENT

ST LEGER REEVES MIDDLETON YOUNG & CO.  
Solicitors  
NEW PLYMOUTH



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**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE OF URBAN LAND****(For Charitable purposes)**DATED this 6th day of March 1985

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH**, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter with his successors in Office and his assigns referred to as "the Lessor") being registered as proprietor of an estate in fee simple, subject however to such encumbrances liens and interests as are notified by memoranda underwritten or endorsed hereon, in all that piece of land described in the Schedule hereto **DOETH HEREBY LEASE** unto the **TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL** a Body Corporate constituted under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1974 (hereinafter with its/their successors and permitted assigns referred to as "the Lessee") all the said land to be held by the Lessee as tenant for a term of forty (40) years from and including the 1st day of November 1984 and expiring on the 31st day of October 2024 at the annual rental of **ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)** **AND** upon and subject to the following covenants conditions agreements and restrictions that is to say:-

1. **THAT** the Lessee **DOETH HEREBY COVENANT** with the Lessor as follows:-

- (a) To pay the annual rent hereby reserved to the Lessor (if so demanded by the Lessor) at Palmerston North or at such other place as the Lessor may from time to time in writing direct annually in advance free of any deduction whatsoever and the first of such annual payments shall be made on the date of commencement of the term hereof.

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- (b) To pay duly and punctually when due all rates taxes assessments and charges of any kind which during the term hereof may be rated taxed assessed or charged or may otherwise become payable in respect of the said land (Lessor's Land Tax only excepted) and to keep the Lessor fully indemnified against all liability in respect thereof and if necessary such outgoings shall be apportioned between the parties hereto at the commencement and at the termination of the term hereof.
- (c) To pay duly and punctually when due all costs charges and expenses which now are or which during the term hereof may become payable in respect of the formation maintenance or repair of footpaths kerbing sewers or other sanitation works boundary walls party walls retaining walls buildings or other erections or improvements which now are or which at any time during the term hereof may be formed or erected in front of upon through about or under the said land or any part thereof and to keep the Lessor fully indemnified against all liability in respect thereof.
- (d) To comply promptly and fully in all respects with the obligations of an owner or an occupier pursuant to the provisions of the Fencing Act 1978 and to keep the Lessor fully indemnified against all liability in respect thereof.
- (e) From time to time and at all times during the term hereof to repair amend renew maintain and keep in good clean serviceable substantial and tenantable repair order and condition the whole of the exterior and interior and all parts of other improvements or

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erections of any buildings erections or improvements on the said land and including all fittings and fixtures therein and to renew all such parts thereof as shall become decayed or unserviceable and at reasonable intervals to paint in a workmanlike manner all exterior parts of such buildings and improvements as may reasonably require to be painted and at the expiration or sooner determination of the term hereof or any renewed term to deliver up peaceably and quietly the said land and all the buildings and improvements thereon in the like good clean serviceable and substantial and tenantable repair order and condition except as aforesaid.

- (f) To insure and to keep insured to the full reinstatement or replacement value thereof all building erections or other improvements of an insurable nature for the time being erected or to be constructed by the Lessee pursuant to clause 2(a) hereof on the said land in the names of the Lessor and the Lessee for their respective rights and interests in some responsible insurance office in New Zealand to be approved by the Lessor and in the event of the said buildings erections or improvements or any of them being destroyed or damaged all moneys received under and by virtue of any such insurances shall forthwith be expended in reinstating replacing or repairing the building buildings erections or improvements so destroyed or damaged and to meet all costs and expenses incurred in arranging and keeping such insurances on foot.
- (g) Not to do nor permit to be done anything whereby the policy or policies of insurance effected in respect of



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any building buildings erections or improvements on the said land for the time being subsisting or to be constructed by the lessee pursuant to clause 2(a) hereof may become void or voidable.

- (h) Without exception to comply promptly and fully with all statutes and also with all bylaws regulations and requisitions of any kind made by any local or other competent health or other authority as may relate to the said land and to the buildings erections or improvements thereon whether by reason of the use thereof or otherwise and this provision shall extend to and include any work required as aforesaid which may be of a substantial or structural nature.
- (i) Not to assign transfer sublet or part with possession or occupation of the said land or any part thereof. Any assignment underletting or subletting as referred to in Section 109(2) of the Property Law Act 1952 is prohibited.
- (j) Not to make nor permit to be made on the said land any excavations or works of any kind as may endanger the property or land of adjoining owners or occupiers save those necessary for the carrying out of the use of the said land permitted hereunder and to keep the Lessor fully indemnified against all liability in respect thereof.
- (k) Not to carry on nor permit to be carried on any offensive trade (as defined in the Fourth Schedule to the Land Transfer Act 1952) nor to do nor permit any act matter or thing that will or may constitute a nuisance or annoyance to any adjoining owners or



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occupiers and at all times during the term hereof to carry on and undertake the use of the said land permitted hereunder in a proper and orderly manner.

- (l) To pay duly and punctually when due all costs and accounts for electricity gas extraordinary water supply telephone and other services supplied to the said land throughout the term hereof.
- (m) Promptly and properly to execute all repairs and other works necessary of which the Lessor shall have given notice to the Lessee and for which the Lessee may be liable under its covenants in these presents contained or implied.
- (n) To pay promptly when due all fees and other charges and expenses payable for the connection servicing testing and checking of all fire and burglar alarms and equipment as may at any time be installed in any buildings erections or improvements on the said land.
- (o) To pay the lessor's costs of and incidental to the preparation and stamping of this Lease and the costs of and incidental to the registration of this Lease (if so required by the Lessor or Lessee) pursuant to the provisions of the Land Transfer Act 1952.
- (p) To use the said land only for the purposes for a Pensioner Housing Complex.
- (q) Forthwith to commence and with all due speed and diligence complete carry on and undertake the construction and erection at its own costs of at least nine (9) self contained pensioner flats (hereinafter

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called "the pensioner flats") on the demised land and to cover in and complete fit for immediate occupation in all respects the said pensioner flats in a substantial manner and with materials of descriptions of their several kinds in compliance with the Statutory and Local Regulations applicable thereto and in accordance with plans to be approved in principle by the Lessor (which approval shall not be unreasonably with-held).

- (r) To continue the use referred to in Clause 1 (p) hereof throughout the term hereof in a proper responsible and competent manner and in accordance with the aforesaid purpose for which the Lessor has leased the said land hereunder to the Lessee.

**2. AND IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED AND DECLARED** by and between the parties hereto as follows:-

- (a) In the event of the lessee failing to complete the construction and erection of the pensioner flats within three years from the commencement of the term hereof or such extended time as may be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties hereto then the lessor may determine this lease by six months notice given to the lessee.
- (b) The lessor as far as is practicable and reasonable arrange will through Roman Catholic agencies or other religious denominations or local service organizations, such additional furniture and furnishings for the Pensioner Housing flats, as shall be needed by the inhabitants.

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- (c) The lessee shall be responsible for the day to day management and running of the said pensioner flats and the care of the inhabitants thereof.
- (d) The Lessee shall be primarily responsible for the selection of inhabitants to occupy the said Pensioner Housing flats but without in anyway creating a legal obligation the Lessee shall take into account in making such selection the wishes of the Lessor or his servants or agents.
- (e) Selection of inhabitants by the Lessee for the such Pensioner Housing flats shall not be dependent on their being of any particular race creed or colour.
- (f) Any notice to be given by the lessor hereunder shall be in writing and may be served by delivery or by posting by registered post addressed to the lessee at its principal office in New Zealand or at its last known or usual place of business in New Zealand or at its registered office as the case may be and if so posted shall be deemed to have been served on the second day following the date of posting. Any notice to be given by the lessee hereunder shall be in writing and may be served either by delivery or by posting by registered post addressed to the lessor at his usual or last known place of abode or business in New Zealand and if so posted shall be deemed to have been served on the day following the date of posting.
- (g) Should the lease be determined by forfeiture or otherwise at any time during the currency hereof all improvements above and below the ground level shall become the absolute property of the lessor without compensation.



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- (h) The Lessor or his agents and servants may at all reasonable times enter upon the said land or any buildings erections or other improvements thereon for the purpose of viewing the state of repair and condition thereof and may at any time give to the Lessee notice in writing that he requires the Lessee to repair and amend within such time as the Lessor may nominate any defects or want of repair in any buildings improvements or erections as may be on the said land and the Lessee shall repair and amend such defects or want of repair accordingly.
- (i) If the rent hereby reserved or any part thereof shall be in arrears for the space of one (1) calendar month after the same has been legally or formally demanded or if there shall be any breach or non-observance or non-performance of any covenant condition agreement or restriction herein on the part of the Lessee contained or implied it shall be lawful for the Lessor forthwith or at any time thereafter without making any demand or giving any notice to re-enter upon the said land or any part thereof in the name of the whole whereupon the term hereby created shall absolutely cease and determine but without releasing the Lessee from liability for rent rates taxes or other outgoings due or accruing due hereunder or from liability for an antecedent breach of any covenant condition agreement or restriction herein contained or implied.
- (j) Upon the expiration or sooner determination of the term hereof all building erections or other improvements of any kind whatsoever erected on the said land shall vest in and belong to the Lessor as

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the absolute owner thereof without the Lessor being liable to pay any price or compensation for the same.

(k) All differences and disputes which shall arise between the parties hereto shall be referred to a single arbitrator if one can be agreed upon and failing agreement to two arbitrators and their umpire in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1908 and this provision shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration by the parties hereto in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

(l) That except as herein negatived or modified all the covenants powers and provisions implied in Memoranda of Lease by the Property Law Act 1952 shall be implied herein.

(m) Notwithstanding Clause 1 (i) hereof the Lessor acknowledges that the administration and control of the Bell Block Township in which the demised land is situated is within the designated area of the Taranaki County Council Scheme but that it is likely to be transferred to the New Plymouth City Council within the term of this Lease and the Lessor acknowledges that upon the happening of that transfer the New Plymouth City Council will be the successor and permitted assign of the Lessee and no consent will be necessary to such assignment pursuant to Clause 1 (i) hereof.

**AND THE LESSEE** the said **TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS** the foregoing Lease to be held by it/them as Lessee and subject to the covenants conditions agreements and restrictions above set forth.

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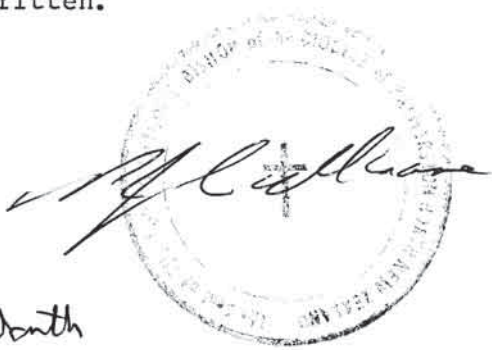
**SCHEDULE**

All that parcel of land containing 3585 m<sup>2</sup> more or less being Lot 29 on Deposited Plan 14642 and being part Sections 65, 66, 69 and 70 Hua Village and being all the land contained and comprised in Certificate of Title **VOLUME G3 FOLIO 476** Taranaki Registry.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** these presents have been executed the day and year first hereinbefore written.

SIGNED by **PETER JAMES CULLINANE** the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North and sealed with his Seal of Office in the presence of:

*Signature*  
*Solicitor*  
*Palmerston North*



THE COMMON SEAL of THE **TARANAKI COUNTY COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

*Ross L. Allen*  
*Chairman*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*



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## **EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS – IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY THOROUGHFARES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

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### **MATTER**

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the Statement of Proposal for public consultation on the identification of priority thoroughfares for the purpose of prioritising parts of unreinforced masonry buildings for earthquake strengthening.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:**

- a) **Notes that under section 133AG of the Building Act 2004 the Council is required to identify priority buildings by 1 July 2022.**
- b) **Notes the work completed to date on the identification of priority buildings.**
- c) **Notes the remaining requirement under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004 to identify priority thoroughfares for the purpose of prioritising parts of unreinforced masonry buildings.**
- d) **Adopts the Statement of Proposal on the identification of priority thoroughfares for public consultation via special consultative procedure included in Appendix 1.**

### **STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

2. Endorsed the officer's recommendation, noting that the draft Statement of Proposal had been updated to include insubstantial changes (following a communication review) and an amended consultation period. A copy of the updated Statement of Proposal, including those changes, is included on this agenda.

### **COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Waitara and Inglewood Community Boards endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

### **TE HUINGA TAUMATUA RECOMMENDATION**

4. Te Huinga Taumatua endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.
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| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |   |
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| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being significant.   |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the Statement of Proposal recommending no priority thoroughfares.</li> <li>2. Adopt an amended Statement of Proposal recommending priority thoroughfares.</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are building owners of unreinforced masonry buildings, users of earthquake-prone buildings, the general public.  |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends option one adopt the Statement of Proposal recommending no priority thoroughfares for addressing the matter.   |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | No  |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | Yes. Council policy P11-006 Earthquake-prone Buildings will be reported back to the Council for revocation in response to clause 3 of Part 1 Schedule 1AA Building Act 2004 which provides that the policy ceases to apply to earthquake-prone buildings.   |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5. It is recommended that Council adopts the Statement of Proposal (SOP) for public consultation on the identification of priority thoroughfares for the purpose of prioritising parts of unreinforced masonry buildings for earthquake strengthening.
6. Taking this approach will ensure that the Council meets its legislative requirements under the Building Act 2004 (the Act) to identify priority buildings by 1 July 2022.
7. The SOP identifies four locations for possible priority thoroughfares as all four locations meet the relevant criteria for consideration and consultation for priority thoroughfares.



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8. However, the SOP proposes identifying no priority thoroughfares in the district. This approach is proposed with consideration of:
    - the relatively minor nature of the extent of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings in the district's Central Business Districts (CBDs);
    - the public risk elements of URM CBD buildings which will be required to be remediated before mandated timeframes expire;
    - the consistency of approach of all earthquake-prone buildings (EPBs) in the CBDs; and
    - regional consistency in identifying priority thoroughfares.
  9. There are no significant risks associated with adopting the SOP for public consultation.
  10. Next steps will be to undertake public consultation via the special consultative procedure. The results of the public consultation will be reported to the Council at a later date. Hearings will be scheduled for any submitters wanting to speak to the Council in relation to their submission.

## BACKGROUND

### *A new system for managing earthquake-prone buildings*

11. The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017 when the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force to create Subpart 6A of Part 2 of the Act.
  12. The new system introduces a consistent country-wide approach to the way buildings are managed for future earthquakes by creating a single national policy framework within the Act.
  13. The new system categorises New Zealand into three seismic risk areas: high, medium and low, and sets timeframes for each of these areas for identifying potentially EPBs and strengthening EPBs. Refer to diagram 1.
  14. The new system also introduces the new concept of *priority buildings*, which accelerates the timeframes for identification and strengthening of EPBs that are considered to pose a higher risk to life safety, or that are critical to recovery in an emergency. The priority building provisions only apply to high and medium seismic risk areas.
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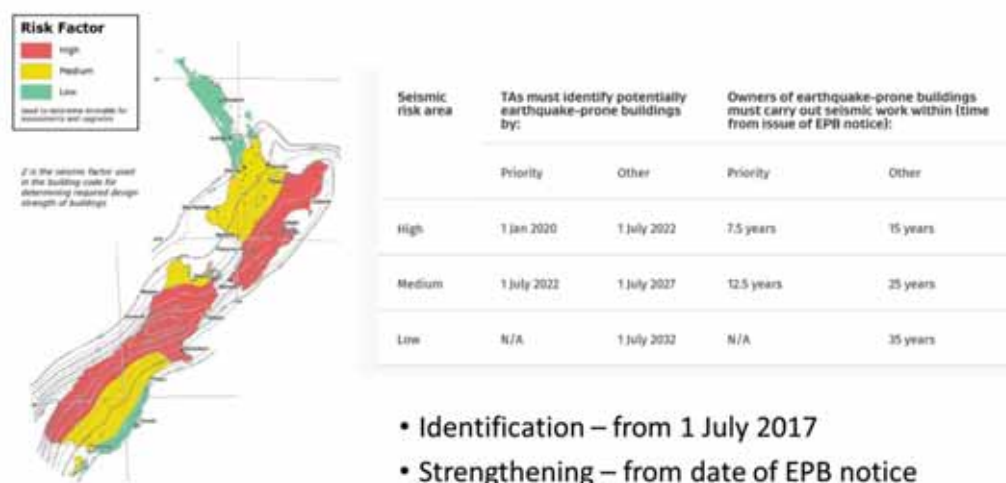


Figure 1 Seismic Risk Areas and timeframes.

#### Identifying priority buildings in New Plymouth District

15. New Plymouth District has been classified as a medium seismic risk area and as a result is required to identify priority buildings by 1 July 2022.
16. Officers originally commenced the process of identifying priority EPBs in 2017 in response to the commencement of the new EPB system into the Act. The identification process was subsequently put on hold from 1 July 2020 to 1 June 2021 in response to Covid-19 and its possible effect on businesses in the district. This pause in the project was part of the wider GUBOOF (Get Us Back On Our Feet) initiatives adopted by the Council as part of the Annual Plan 2020/21.
17. The identification process was then started in 2021 in preparation for meeting the legislative timeframe of 1 July 2022.
18. [Section 133AE](#) of the Act provides the meaning of priority buildings which the Council has to identify by 1 July 2022. Priority buildings can be generally split into five types: certain hospital buildings; certain emergency buildings; certain education buildings; buildings on transport routes of strategic importance; and URM buildings on priority thoroughfares.
19. Each type of priority building is further described below including information on Council progress in the identification process and details of further work required.

*Priority buildings - Hospital buildings likely to be needed in an emergency*

20. Description – 'A hospital building that is likely to be needed in an emergency (within the meaning of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002) to provide emergency medical services or ancillary services that are essential for the provision of emergency medical services'. These buildings are prescribed in legislation and require the Council to liaise with the relevant stakeholders to determine what buildings meet the description of this type of priority building.
21. Status – Officers in conjunction with the Taranaki District Health Board have identified and assessed all buildings under this type of priority building. Confirmed priority EPBs and other EPBs have been identified, attached with an EPB notice and published on the National EPB Register as required by the Act and associated regulations. Consultation with Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) was also undertaken to ensure any buildings identified under this type of priority building were consistent with CDEM plans as required by section 133AE(2) of the Act.
22. Further work required – All EPBs under this type of priority building have been identified and no further work is required to identify these buildings.

*Priority buildings - Emergency buildings*

23. Description – 'A building that is likely to be needed in an emergency for use as an emergency shelter or emergency centre' and 'a building that is used to provide emergency response services (for example, policing, fire, ambulance, or rescue services)'. These buildings are prescribed in legislation and require the Council to liaise with the relevant stakeholders to determine what buildings meet the description of this type of priority building.
24. Status – Officers consulted with CDEM and the emergency services to identify all relevant buildings under this type of priority building. All buildings identified have been assessed and none of the buildings have been identified as potentially EPBs. Consultation with Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) was also undertaken to ensure any buildings identified under this type of priority building were consistent with CDEM plans as required by section 133AE(2) of the Act.
25. Further work required – All buildings under this type of priority building have been identified and assessed as not EPBs and as a result no further work is required to identify these buildings.

*Priority buildings - Education buildings*

26. Description – 'A building that is regularly occupied by at least 20 people and that is used as any of the following: an early childhood education and care centre licensed under Part 26 of the Education Act 1989; a registered school or an integrated school (within the meaning of the Education Act 1989); a private training establishment registered under Part 18 of the Education Act 1989; a tertiary institution established under section 162 of the Education Act 1989'. These buildings are prescribed in legislation and require the Council to liaise with the relevant stakeholders to determine what buildings meet the description of this type of priority building.
27. Status – Officers have consulted with the Ministry of Education who provided a summary of the seismic assessment information for state school buildings in the New Plymouth District. The summary concluded that whilst there are a number of structures that fall within the definition of a priority building, earthquake assessments have been undertaken and all buildings have a seismic rating in excess of minimum requirements and are therefore not earthquake-prone.
28. Further work required - All buildings under this type of priority building have been identified and assessed as not EPBs and as a result no further work is required to identify these buildings.

*Priority buildings - Buildings on transport routes of strategic importance*

29. Description – 'A building that a territorial authority has identified under section 133AF(2)(b) as having the potential to impede a transport route of strategic importance (in terms of an emergency response) if the building were to collapse in an earthquake'. These buildings are prescribed in legislation and determined with community input. The Council has discretion to identify these types of priority buildings depending on whether there are transport routes of strategic importance where there are buildings that could impede the route if they were to collapse in an earthquake.
30. Status – Officers have consulted with Fire Emergency New Zealand, St John, NZ Police and CDEM on this matter and all stakeholders confirmed they have no prescribed transport routes of strategic importance (in terms of providing an emergency response) in the district. Furthermore, Officers have identified all potential EPBs in the district, none of which would impede any transport routes in the district if they were to collapse in an earthquake.
31. Further work required – Engagement with key stakeholders has determined that there are no transport routes of strategic importance (in terms of providing an emergency response) in the district. Therefore consultation on identifying these routes is not required and no further work is required in relation to identifying priority buildings on these transport routes.

*Priority buildings – URM buildings on priority thoroughfares*

32. Description – ‘Any part of an unreinforced masonry building that could fall from the building in an earthquake (for example, a parapet, an external wall, or a veranda), and fall onto any part of a public road, footpath, or other thoroughfare that a territorial authority has identified under section 133AF(2)(a)’. Under this section of the Act, the Council must use the special consultative procedure ‘to identify any part of a public road, footpath, or other thoroughfare... onto which parts of a URM building could fall in an earthquake, and that has sufficient vehicle or pedestrian traffic to warrant prioritising the identification and remediation of those parts of URM buildings’.
33. Status – To identify thoroughfares that could potentially meet the requirements of the Act, Officers considered three aspects; the criteria for high pedestrian areas and areas with high vehicular traffic included in the Priority Buildings Guidance document provided by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE criteria) (the criteria is included in Appendix 2), pedestrian and vehicle traffic counts and road hierarchy classifications, and the location and building characteristics of all URM buildings in the district. This approach has focused the identification of thoroughfares for consultation to only those where URM buildings are located, this is consistent with the criteria in the Act to determine a priority thoroughfare.
34. Further work required – Four locations in the district have been identified as meeting the criteria for consultation to be considered as a possible priority thoroughfare: New Plymouth CBD (Devon Street from Egmont Street to Gover Street), New Plymouth CBD (St Aubyn Street/Dawson Street intersection), Waitara CBD and Inglewood CBD. These are covered in detail below.

*Public consultation to determine priority thoroughfares for the purpose of identifying priority URM buildings*

35. This section covers the details on the four locations to be considered as possible priority thoroughfares through public consultation.

36. Location 1: New Plymouth CBD*Devon Street from Egmont Street to Gover Street*

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| <b>1. Pedestrian counts</b> (average hourly count)<br><b>2. Vehicle counts</b> (average annual daily traffic)<br><b>3. Road classification</b> | <b>MBIE criteria met</b><br>(refer appendix 2)  |
| 1. 156<br>2. 5,820 - Devon St East<br>6,200 - Devon St West<br>3. Primary collector  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area relating to social or utility activities</li> <li>• Area relating to work</li> <li>• Key traffic routes</li> <li>• Areas with concentrations of vehicles</li> </ul> |

37. This thoroughfare is considered to have sufficient pedestrian and vehicle traffic to warrant consideration as a possible priority thoroughfare. Its road classification also represents its high vehicle use. It is also considered to meet four key MBIE criteria for high use pedestrian and vehicle areas. In terms of the building stock on this thoroughfare, there are URM buildings present with parts that could fall onto the thoroughfare in an earthquake.



38. Location 2: New Plymouth CBD*St Aubyn Street/Dawson Street intersection*

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| <b>1. Pedestrian counts</b> (average hourly count)<br><b>2. Vehicle counts</b> (average annual daily traffic)<br><b>3. Road classification</b> | <b>MBIE criteria met</b><br>(refer appendix 2)   |
| 1. N/A<br>2. 4,300<br>3. Primary collector   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key traffic routes</li> <li>• Areas with concentrations of vehicles.</li> </ul> |

39. This thoroughfare is considered to have vehicle traffic to warrant consideration as a possible priority thoroughfare. Its road classification also represents its high vehicle use. It is also considered to meet two key MBIE criteria for high use vehicle areas. In terms of the building stock on this thoroughfare, there are URM buildings present with parts that could fall onto the thoroughfare in an earthquake.

40. Location 3: Waitara CBD*McLean Street from Domett Street to Warre Street*

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| <b>1. Pedestrian counts</b> (average hourly count)<br><b>2. Vehicle counts</b> (average annual daily traffic)<br><b>3. Road classification</b> | <b>MBIE criteria met</b><br>(refer appendix 2)   |
| 1. N/A<br>2. 7,231<br>3. Primary collector   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area relating to social or utility activities</li> <li>• Area relating to work</li> <li>• Key traffic routes</li> <li>• Areas with concentrations of vehicles.</li> </ul> |



41. This thoroughfare is considered to have sufficient vehicle traffic and pedestrian use (no supporting pedestrian counts) to warrant consideration as a possible priority thoroughfare. Its road classification also represents its high vehicle use. It is also considered to meet four key MBIE criteria for high use pedestrian and vehicle areas. In terms of the building stock on this thoroughfare, there are URM buildings present with parts that could fall onto the thoroughfare in an earthquake.
42. Location 4: Inglewood CBD

*Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street and part of Rimu Street north of Rata intersection*



| <b>1. Pedestrian counts</b> (average hourly count)<br><b>2. Vehicle counts</b> (average annual daily traffic)<br><b>3. Road classification</b> | <b>MBIE criteria met</b><br>(refer appendix 2)   |
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| <i>Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street</i><br>1. N/A<br>2. 9,700<br>3. Regional  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area relating to social or utility activities</li> <li>• Area relating to work</li> <li>• Key traffic routes</li> <li>• Areas with concentrations of vehicles.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Part of Rimu Street north of Rata intersection</i><br>1. N/A<br>2. 3,100<br>3. Arterial   |  |

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43. This thoroughfare is considered to have vehicle traffic to warrant consideration as a possible priority thoroughfare. Its road classifications also represents its high vehicle use. It is also considered to meet four key MBIE criteria for high use pedestrian and vehicle areas. In terms of the building stock on this thoroughfare, there are URM buildings present with parts that could fall onto the thoroughfare in an earthquake.

*Recommendation to have no priority thoroughfares*

44. It is recommended that the four locations for consideration as possible priority thoroughfares are approved for public consultation via a special consultative procedure. As stated previously in the report, all four locations meet the relevant criteria for consideration and consultation for priority thoroughfares.
45. It is also recommended that the consultation seeks submissions on having no priority thoroughfares in the district whilst identifying that the four locations meet the relevant criteria for consideration as priority thoroughfares. This approach is recommended for the following reasons:
- a) Extent of URM in our CBDs  
The extent of URM in our CBDs is relatively minor in nature, buildings identified as containing URM as an example may only have one single element of URM (majority of which are internal boundary walls). The districts CBDs do not contain a building which is wholly constructed of unreinforced masonry.
  - b) Risk elements  
Public risk elements of URM in our CBD buildings (parapets/verandas etc) identified by detailed seismic assessment will be required to be remediated in a separate tranche of work. This work will be completed before mandated timeframes expire.
  - c) Consistency of CBD building stock management  
Our CBDs consist of URM and non URM buildings, using the legislation to mandate no priority thoroughfares would result in these two types of buildings having the same remediation time periods.
  - d) Regional consistency  
South Taranaki District Council has completed its Priority Building exercise and post consultation concluded its CBD areas (Hawera, Eltham and Opunake) contained no priority thoroughfares.
46. The SOP recommended for adoption is included in Appendix 1 for public consultation via the special consultative procedure. The SOP includes the four locations as detailed previously as possible locations for consideration as priority thoroughfares and the recommendation to have no priority thoroughfares.
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## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS

47. There are no impacts on climate change adaptation and mitigation regarding this matter.

## NEXT STEPS

48. If the SOP is adopted for consultation, the public consultation of one month as required by the special consultative procedure is anticipated to occur in March - April 2022. Hearings will be scheduled for any submitters wanting to speak to the Council in relation to their submission.

## SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

49. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being significant because of the level of interest of the communities where the potential priority thoroughfares are located. Owners of URM buildings on the potential priority thoroughfares will be particularly affected and interested in the matter, and also users of the potential priority thoroughfares will be interested in the matter. The decision to confirm the thoroughfares as priority thoroughfares could significantly impact owners of URM EPBs as they will have a reduction in timeframes to strengthen their buildings therefore bringing forward the financial implications of any earthquake strengthening.
50. Council Officers will engage with owners of potentially affected URM EPBs to update them on the identification of priority buildings process prior to the start of public consultation on this matter.

## OPTIONS

### Option 1

#### **Adopt the Statement of Proposal recommending no priority thoroughfares**

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

51. There are no financial or resourcing implications relating to undertaking public consultation on identification of priority thoroughfares. The role of Council officers in the EPB process is undertaken within existing budgets. Under this option owners of URM EPBs will have no reduction in timeframes to strengthen their buildings therefore delaying the financial implications of any earthquake strengthening. Owners will have 25 years to carry out the seismic work required.

*Risk Analysis*

52. There is a risk that the approach of not recommending priority thoroughfares may be in contrast to the community's expectations on the urgency of strengthening URM EPBs. This risk can be mitigated by understanding community views and preferences through public consultation.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

53. Identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings contributes towards the 'Community' and 'Prosperity' community outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

54. Under section 133AF(2)(a) of the Act the Council must use the special consultative procedure to identify priority thoroughfares.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

55. On 1 July 2017, when the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force, clause 3 of Part 1 Schedule 1AA of the Act caused Council Policy P11-006 Earthquake-prone Buildings to cease to apply to EPBs. As a result this policy will be reported to the Council for revocation.

*Participation by Māori*

56. This proposal will be available for Māori to comment on and engage with as part of the consultation process.

*Community Views and Preferences*

57. Community views and preferences on this option will be sought through the community consultation via a special consultative procedure.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

58. The advantage of this option is that there will be a consistent approach to managing all EPBs in the main centres of the district. The URM buildings that do exist will be managed using a risk based methodology identifying risk elements and having those building elements remediated long before prescribed remediation timeframes lapse. The balance of the building will be required to be strengthened as per the requirements and prescribed timeframes in the Act.
59. A disadvantage of this option is that the earthquake prone parts of URM buildings will not be strengthened in the shorter timeframe required for priority buildings under the Act.

## Option 2

### **Adopt an amended Statement of Proposal recommending priority thoroughfares**

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

60. There are no financial or resourcing implications relating to undertaking public consultation on identification of priority thoroughfares. The role of Council Officers in the EPB process is undertaken within existing budgets. Under this option owners of URM EPBs will have a reduction in timeframes from 25 years to 12.5 years to strengthen their buildings therefore bringing forward the financial implications of any earthquake strengthening.

#### *Risk Analysis*

61. There is a risk that shortening the required timeframes for strengthening URM EPBs may have a significant financial burden on building owners and could promote closure, abandonment or demolition of these buildings as alternatives to strengthening.

#### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

62. Identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings contributes towards the 'Community' and 'Prosperity' community outcomes.

#### *Statutory Responsibilities*

63. Under section 133AF(2)(a) of the Act the Council must use the special consultative procedure to identify priority thoroughfares.

#### *Consistency with Policies and Plans*

64. On 1 July 2017, when the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force, clause 3 of Part 1 Schedule 1AA of the Act caused Council Policy P11-006 Earthquake-prone Buildings to cease to apply to EPBs. As a result this policy will be reported to the Council for revocation.

#### *Participation by Māori*

65. This proposal will be available for Māori to comment on and engage with as part of the consultation process.

#### *Community Views and Preferences*

66. Community views and preferences on this option will be sought through the community consultation via a special consultative procedure.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

67. The advantage of this option is that URM EPBs will be strengthened in the shorter timeframe of 12.5 years (instead of 25 years) as required for priority buildings. The disadvantage of this option is that owners of URM EPBs will be required to strengthen their buildings earlier which will bring forward any financial costs of earthquake strengthening.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends **Option 1**: Adopt the Statement of Proposal recommending no priority thoroughfares for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Statement of Proposal for public consultation (ECM 8699430)

Appendix 2 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment criteria for high pedestrian areas and areas with high vehicular traffic (ECM8699065)

**Report Details**

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-----End of Report -----

# Have your say on Priority Thoroughfares and Earthquake-prone Buildings





## Overview

NPDC is asking for your feedback on whether certain roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares should be prioritised because of the risk of an unreinforced masonry (URM) building falling in an earthquake.

This means URM buildings on priority thoroughfares will need to be assessed, and if they are found to be earthquake-prone they will be classified as priority buildings. Owners of priority buildings will have 12.5 years to strengthen their buildings rather than the 25 years for owners of other earthquake-prone buildings.

We've identified four thoroughfares that could be considered to be classified as priority thoroughfares, but we're proposing no priority classifications.

This consultation is required under the Building Act 2004.

Following consultation, Council will make a decision about which roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares are identified as priority thoroughfares.

## Introduction

The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017, when the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force to create Subpart 6A of Part 2 of the Building Act 2004 (the Act).

The new system is the same across the country and prioritises identification and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings that either pose a high risk to life and safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency. Certain hospital, emergency, and education buildings that are earthquake prone will be 'priority buildings'.

Other earthquake-prone buildings may be priority buildings due to their location, and the potential impact on people if they are damaged in an earthquake. These buildings must be identified with community input. Earthquake-prone buildings that are also classified as priority buildings must be identified and remediated in half the usual time, to reduce the risks to life safety more promptly.

New Plymouth District has been categorised as a medium seismic risk area. This means that NPDC must identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings by 1 July 2027 and priority buildings by 1 July 2022.



This consultation is undertaken in accordance with section 133AF(2)(a) of the Building Act 2004, which requires Council to use the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 to identify certain priority buildings.



## We are proposing to not identify any roads, footpaths or other thoroughfares as priority.

This approach is recommended for the following reasons:

### 1. Extent of URM in our Central Business Districts (CBDs)

The extent of URM in our CBDs is relatively minor in nature. Buildings identified as containing URM as an example may only have one single element of URM (majority of which are internal boundary walls). Our CBDs contain no buildings that are wholly constructed of unreinforced masonry.

### 2. Risk elements

Public risk elements of URM in our CBD buildings (parapets/verandas etc) identified by detailed seismic assessment will be required to be strengthened in a separate tranche of work. This work will be completed before mandated timeframes expire.

### 3. Consistency of CBD building stock management

Our CBDs have URM and non URM potentially earthquake-prone buildings. Using the legislation to mandate no priority thoroughfares would result in these two types of buildings having the same remediation time periods.

### 4. Consistency with neighbouring districts

South Taranaki District Council have completed their priority building exercise and post consultation concluded their CBD areas (Hawera, Eltham and Opunake) contained no priority thoroughfares.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information visit the Council's website:

[npdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://npdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

Or phone us on 06-759 6060.

A copy of this document is available for viewing at the Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth or library and service centres at Bell Block, Inglewood and Waitara.

## Potential priority thoroughfares

We assessed three aspects to identify thoroughfares that could be considered to be classified as priority thoroughfares

1. The criteria for high pedestrian and traffic flows included in the Priority Buildings Guidance document provided by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE criteria) (see tables below).
2. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic counts and road hierarchy classifications.
3. The location and building characteristics of URM buildings in the district.

This approach has focused the identification to only those thoroughfares where URM buildings are located, which is consistent with the requirements of the Act. This could affect 10 per cent of the potentially earthquake-prone buildings in the district.

### MBIE criteria

**Table 1: High pedestrian areas**

| Description of use                            | Description of area  | Example of application to city or metropolitan area   | Example of application to small town or rural area   |
|---|--|---|--|
| Area relating to social or utility activities | Areas where shops or other services are located                  | City and suburban areas with shops, cafes, restaurants, bars, theatres and malls  | Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, community centre  |
| Areas relating to work                        | Areas where concentrations of people work and move around        | Areas around office buildings or other places of work where there is a concentration of workers                                       | Areas around businesses in small towns and rural areas where there is a concentration of workers in numbers larger than small shops or cafes |
| Areas relating to transport                   | Areas where concentrations of people access transport            | Areas around transport hubs, train stations, bus stops, car parks   | Areas around bus stops, train stations, tourist centres  |
| Key walking routes                            | Key walking routes that link areas where people are concentrated | Routes from transport hubs or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located | Routes from bus stops or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located             |

**Table 2: Areas with high vehicular traffic**

| Description of use                    | Description of area  | Example of application to city or metropolitan area  | Example of application to small town or rural area                          |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Key traffic routes                    | Key traffic routes regularly used by vehicles including public transport | Central business district streets, well trafficked suburban streets, arterial routes, heavy use bus routes | Well trafficked main streets or sections of state highways, arterial routes |
| Areas with concentrations of vehicles | Areas where high concentrations of vehicles build up                     | Busy intersections, areas where traffic builds up at peak hours  | Busy intersections  |



**We have identified the following roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares that meet the criteria for consideration as possible priority thoroughfares.**

**Location 1: New Plymouth CBD** - Devon Street from Egmont Street to Gover Street.

**Location 2: New Plymouth CBD** - St Aubyn Street/Dawson Street intersection.

**Location 3: Waitara CBD** - McLean Street from Domett Street to Warre Street.

**Location 4: Inglewood CBD** - Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street and part of Rimu Street north of Rata Street intersection.

A map of each location is provided on the following pages along with a summary of criteria and aspects considered.



# New Plymouth CBD

## Location 1: Devon Street from Egmont Street to Gover Street



**Pedestrian counts**  
(average hourly count)

**156**



**Vehicle counts**  
(average annual daily traffic)

**5,820** Devon St East

**6,200** Devon St West



**Road classification**

**Primary collector**

### MBIE criteria met

- ✓ Area relating to social or utility activities
- ✓ Area relating to work
- ✓ Key traffic routes
- ✓ Areas with concentrations of vehicles

## New Plymouth CBD

### Location 2: St Aubyn Street/Dawson Street intersection



**Vehicle counts**  
(average annual daily traffic)

**4,300**



**Road classification**

**Primary collector**

### MBIE criteria met

- ✓ Key traffic routes
- ✓ Areas with concentrations of vehicles



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## Waitara CBD

### Location 3: McLean Street from Domett Street to Warre Street



**Vehicle counts**  
(average annual daily traffic)

**7,231**



**Road classification**

**Primary collector**

### MBIE criteria met

- ✓ Area relating to social or utility activities
- ✓ Area relating to work
- ✓ Key traffic routes
- ✓ Areas with concentrations of vehicles

## Inglewood CBD

Location 4: Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street and part of Rimu Street north of Rata Street intersection



**Vehicle counts**  
(average annual daily traffic)

**9,700** Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street

**3,100** Part of Rimu Street north of Rata Street intersection



**Road classification**

**Regional** Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street

**Arterial** Part of Rimu Street north of Rata Street intersection

### MBIE criteria met

- ✓ Area relating to social or utility activities
- ✓ Area relating to work
- ✓ Key traffic routes
- ✓ Areas with concentrations of vehicles



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# Options

**We considered the most appropriate approach was to identify no priority thoroughfares.**

There are two options to consider:

1. Do not identify any priority thoroughfares (recommended option).
2. Identify one or more thoroughfares as priority.



## **Do not identify any priority thoroughfares (recommended option)**

Under this option any URM building that is confirmed earthquake prone will still be required to be strengthened. The 25-year timeframe for strengthening these URM buildings will be consistent with other earthquake-prone buildings in the district that are not classified as priority buildings .

### **Advantages**

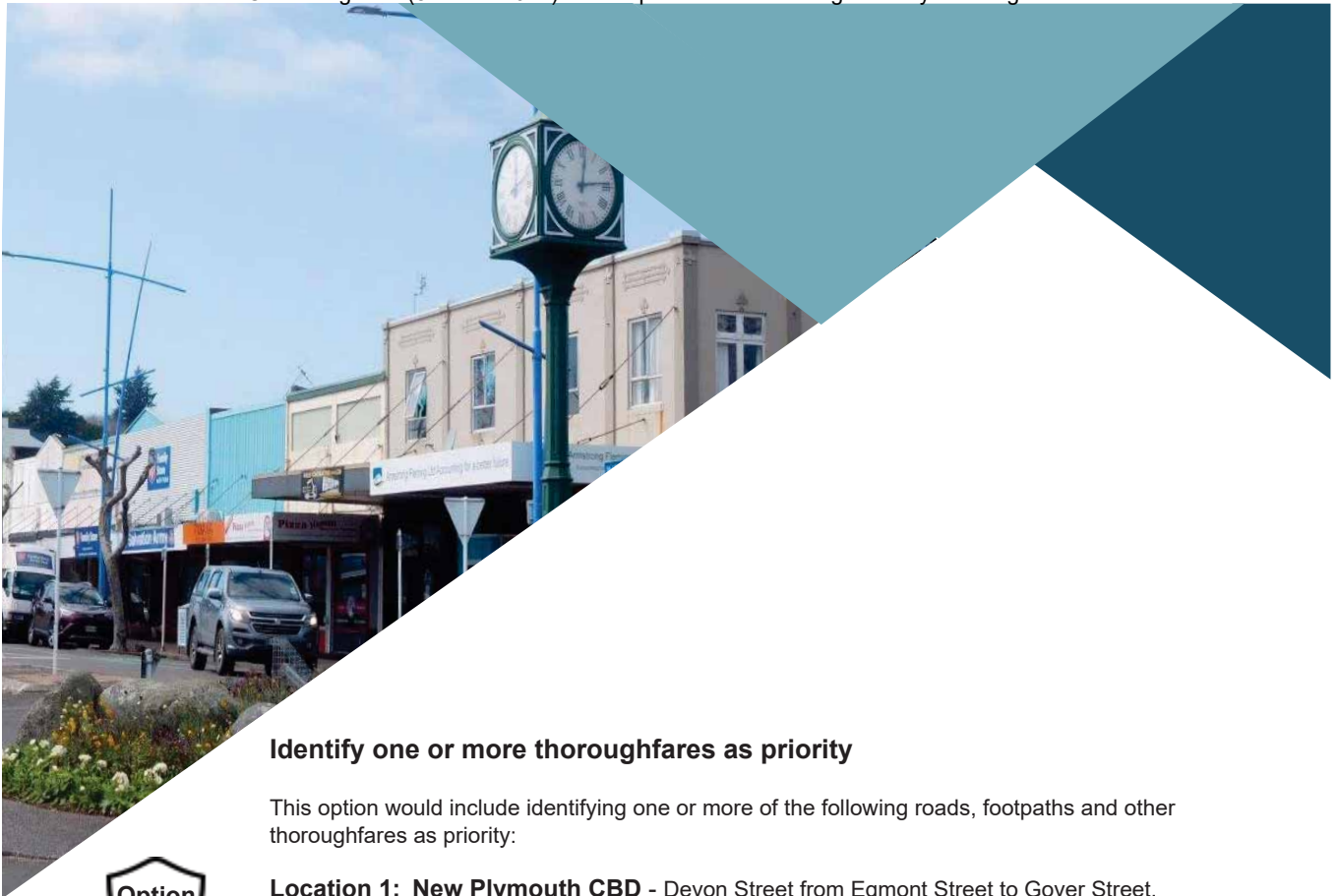
- Owners of URM buildings that are confirmed earthquake-prone will have a longer timeframe to strengthen their buildings and cover the financial costs of earthquake strengthening.
- There will be a consistent approach to managing all earthquake-prone buildings in the main centres of the district.
- URM buildings that require earthquake strengthening will be managed using a risk based methodology identifying risk elements and having those building elements remediated long before prescribed remediation timeframes lapse. The balance of the building will be required to be strengthened as per the requirements and prescribed timeframes in the Act.

### **Disadvantages**

- Any URM buildings on these thoroughfares that are confirmed earthquake-prone will not be required to be strengthened in the shorter timeframe of 12.5 years as provided for under the priority buildings timeframe.







### Identify one or more thoroughfares as priority

This option would include identifying one or more of the following roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares as priority:

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These locations include all URM buildings that are potentially earthquake-prone in the district, negating the need to consider any other location in the district as a priority thoroughfare.

#### Advantages

- Any URM that is confirmed earthquake-prone will be required to be strengthened in 12.5 years (instead of 25 years) as required for priority buildings.
- Consistent with the MBIE criteria for identification of priority thoroughfares and other aspects considered in the assessment of priority thoroughfares.

#### Disadvantages

- Owners of URM buildings that are confirmed earthquake-prone will be required to strengthen their buildings earlier which will bring forward any financial costs of earthquake strengthening.

### Option to identify priority thoroughfares in other locations in the district

The option to identify priority thoroughfares in other locations was assessed and considered not reasonably practicable. This was due to the fact that any location outside of the thoroughfares identified in option 2 would not have priority URM buildings irrespective of whether they are classified as a priority thoroughfare under the Act. This is due to the absence of URM buildings in any other location in the district. The locations under option 2 cover all the URM buildings that are potentially earthquake-prone in the district.



## Have your say

This is your chance to tell us what you think about the identification of priority thoroughfares.

You can submit the form with this document or you can fill in your submission online.

To get your submission to us, either:

Do it online: [npdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://npdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

Email it to: [submissions@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@npdc.govt.nz)

Post it to: NPDC Earthquake-prone Buildings, Reply Paid DX, DX Box NX10026, New Plymouth 4342

Deliver it to: Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth or to a library and service centre in Bell Block, Inglewood or Waitara

**Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 11 April 2022**

**Late submissions will not be accepted**



# Priority thoroughfares and Earthquake-prone Buildings Submission Form



Save time by filling in your  
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Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If one of the boxes is not ticked, we'll assume you don't want to be heard.

**1. Do you agree with the proposal to identify no priority thoroughfares?** (please tick one)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide information to support your answer.

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All submissions (including your name, address and contact details) are provided to Council officers and elected members for the purpose of analysing feedback. Your personal information will also be used for the administration of the engagement and decision-making process. Submissions (with individuals names only) will be available online. If requested, submitter details may be released under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If there are good reasons why your details and/or submission should be kept confidential please contact our Privacy Officer on 06-759 5688 or through [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz)

2. If you answered **No** to Q1, please select the following thoroughfares you think should be classified as priority thoroughfares?

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- ☐ Location 4: Inglewood CBD - Rata Street from Cutfield Street to Rimu Street and part of Rimu Street north of Rata Street intersection.

Please provide information to explain your selection(s) above.

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3. Other comments

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Thank you for your submission.  
Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 11 April 2022

## Appendix 2

### Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment criteria for high pedestrian areas and areas with high vehicular traffic

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## FUNDING AND RATING REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

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### MATTER

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is to adopt terms of reference for the Funding and Rating Review.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

**That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:**

- a) **Notes that on 19 May 2021 Council resolved to undertake “a first principles review of the rating system [to] occur in time for the Long-Term Plan 2024-34” and instructed Officers to bring a terms of reference to Council for this review**
- b) **Notes there are two key drivers for a Funding and Rating Review:**
  - i) **The current rating system has not changed in light of significant changes to land use, community demographics or Council service delivery, and it is timely to review the rating system.**
  - ii) **National reforms will require rating system changes:**
    - **the proposed Three Waters Reform will mean Council no longer provides drinking water, wastewater or stormwater services from 1 July 2024.**
    - **the recently enacted Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 will require Council’s Revenue and Financing Policy to support the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 by 1 July 2024.**
- c) **Adopts the terms of reference for the Funding and Rating Review.**

### STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2. The Strategy and Operations Committee endorsed the officer’s recommendation.

### COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Clifton, Inglewood and Kaitake Community Boards endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.
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4. The Waitara Community Board endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation and noted their concerns in regards to the current Three Waters proposal and await further consultation on this matter.

#### TE HUINGA TAUMATUA RECOMMENDATION

5. Te Huinga Taumatua endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation subject to amending the draft Terms of Reference to reflect iwi and hapū participation as partners with adequate allocation of resourcing.

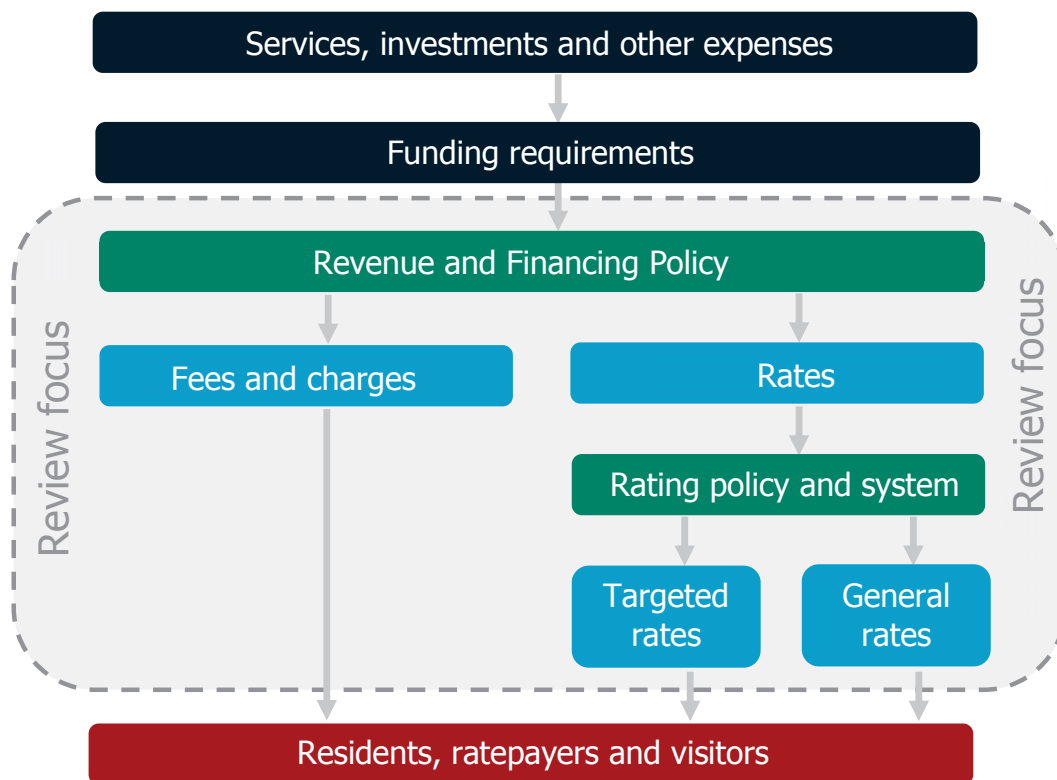
| COMPLIANCE                                  |  |
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| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being significant.  |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the terms of reference.</li> <li>2. Do not adopt terms of reference.</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are all current and future ratepayers of the District.  |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends <b>Option 1</b> for addressing the matter.  |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | Yes. This work programme will be finalised as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.  |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No.  |

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

6. This report seeks Council's agreement to the terms of reference for the Funding and Rating Review.
7. Council agreed, at the Long-Term Plan deliberations on 19 May 2021, to undertake a first-principles review of the rating system, and instructed Officers to bring a terms of reference to Council.
8. The proposed approach is aimed at engaging the community through the process of the Funding and Rating Review. This review will take a number of years, with the intention that changes are adopted in late 2023, implemented as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 and start on 1 July 2024.

## BACKGROUND

9. A funding and rating system determines how the Council's funding requirements are spread across residents, ratepayers and others (such as visitors). It does not set how much in funding should be collected as that is a reflection of service and investment decisions in Long-Term and Annual Plans.
10. The diagram below provides a high-level overview of the funding and rating system, and the focus of the review.



*The current rating system largely dates from the 1990s*

11. A history of the rating system is included as Appendix 2. This shows the evolution of the current system in the 1990s which developed the core of the system, with smaller modifications during the 2000s and 2010s. There has been no holistic first principles review of the rating system since the 1989 amalgamation. Reviews have generally focused on parts of the system at a time.



12. Given this piecemeal evolution, it is unsurprising the system lacks an overall cohesive philosophy or underpinning approach. There are some elements applied consistently – most notably the ‘one bucket system’ (including network pricing). However, the system appears to use a mixture of philosophical approaches elsewhere – using in some areas a beneficiary/user pay (such as water, wastewater and kerbside collection rates), some aspects as a charge for service (such as the fixed differential approach), whilst in others taking a taxation-style approach (such as a strong focus on general rates).
13. The current rating system is made up of a number of different rates:
- a) General rates – these rates cover most Council services. There are two components:
- i) the General Rate. This rate is set as a rate per dollar of land value. There are four differential categories (based on land use and size) which pay different rates per dollar of land value.

| Category              | Description  | Percentage of general rates paid by group |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Commercial/Industrial | Commercial or industrial use                                 | 26.9 per cent                             |
| Residential           | Non-commercial/industrial properties one hectare or less     | 54 per cent                               |
| Small Holdings        | Non-commercial/industrial properties one to four hectares    | 3.6 per cent                              |
| Farmland              | Non-commercial/industrial properties more than four hectares | 15.5 per cent                             |

- ii) the Uniform Annual General Charge. This is a uniform rate charged to every property depending on the number of separately used in inhabited parts (SUIP).<sup>1</sup>
- b) Targeted rates – these rates cover the costs of specific Council services. There are five different targeted rates:
- i) The Uniform Annual Refuse Charge. This is a uniform rate charged to each SUIP receiving kerbside waste and recycling collection from Council (predominately residential properties).

<sup>1</sup> This means that a single property with two flats would effectively pay the same as if those two flats were separate properties.

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- ii) Sewage charges. Properties connected to Council sewers that are not Commercial/Industrial pay a uniform rate, while Commercial/Industrial properties (and schools) pay on the basis of the number of toilets in the property. There is also a part charge for some properties in Ōākura that agreed to connect to the system when it was being built but have not yet done so.
  - iii) Water. All connected properties pay a network fixed charge (other than restricted flow connections). Most properties are charged a fixed consumption charge. However, some properties (including all Commercial/Industrial) are charged on a volumetric basis. There are charges for restricted flow connections per cubic metre available to the property.
  - iv) Swimming pool compliance. Properties with a swimming pool or spa are charged a rate to cover the cost of three yearly inspections.
  - v) Voluntary targeted rate. Properties that have taken out a loan with Council for certain capital dwelling improvements repay through a targeted rate.
14. Council has Rates Remission and Postponement Policies that provide some targeted reduction of rates in particular circumstances, and the ability to delay payment on rates in extraordinary circumstances. These policies have also evolved on a piecemeal basis to address issues and circumstances as they arise.
15. Similarly, Council's approach to fees and charges do not appear to have had a systematic review. There have been reviews of fees and charges over the years to increase revenue from fees and charges (largely driven by a desire to offset rates), as well as reviews of particular fees and charges (e.g. parking meter charges), but again there does not appear to have been a systematic approach to consider the underlying philosophy behind fees and charges.

*The current system has not addressed demographic, land use, or service delivery changes*

16. Officers are increasingly concerned about the continued viability of the current rating system. The fixed differential approach is the key area of concern as they have been too inflexible in light of changing circumstances, as detailed below.
17. The differential categories were set in 1993/94 and 1994/95. The fixed differential proportions were set in 1995/96. They were initially set on the basis of how much use and benefit each of the four categories received from Council services and apportioned rates accordingly.
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18. Two substantial reviews have focused on amending the fixed proportions (1998 and 2012). While both identified that the fixed differential charges were not in line with the benefit proportions identified, neither resulted in changes. In 2018 Council made a small shift to the fixed differentials – but only to deal with the most substantial variation from the original intention (as small holdings were paying less than farmlands per dollar of land value whereas originally small holdings were to pay more than farmland).
  19. The way Council has set its differentials is relatively unique. Whilst this system has served to be of benefit (particularly triennial re-valuations as the system minimises impacts of sector values moving differently), it has substantively failed to take into account the changes to the community over the past 20 years. Substantial population growth since 2001 (compared to the previous static or declining population experienced during the 1990s) has led to a significant change in land use. There has been substantial growth in residential properties and in small holdings. There has also been significant amalgamation of farms in rural areas. Council service delivery has also changed over time, reflecting these demographic and land use trends, as well as the community's changing needs and expectations.
  20. All of the changes outlined signal that it is now timely to consider a first principles review of the rating system.

*Council's rating system is also now out-of-step with many other local authorities*

21. Over the past two decades many local authorities have shifted from rating on land value to capital value. In 2019, 71 per cent of local authorities used capital value rating, including the three other local authorities in Taranaki. Common grounds cited by other local authorities in recent years for shifting include:
    - a) *Ability to pay.* Capital value rating is more closely associated with ability to pay than land value rating, and thereby can alleviate the impact of rates on lower income households.
    - b) *Growth bonus.* New houses and developments often have a high capital value meaning that local authorities receive a greater 'growth bonus' each year meaning new properties absorb some of the total rates increase each year, reducing the impact on existing ratepayers.
    - c) *Simplicity.* Some local authorities with capital value rating also have no differentials or have much simpler differentials (because commercial and industrial properties tend to have higher capital values) thereby simplifying administration.
    - d) Capital value tends to reflect the value of services that a property and/or ratepayers can access or is able to access and the ability to benefit from Council services.
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22. There are downsides to capital value rating as well, such as acting as financial disincentive to maximise property use. However, Council has other policy tools that are able to address this.

*National reforms will require changes*

23. Whilst the current system is in itself timely to review, there are two significant national reforms that add pressure to the review.
24. The Three Waters Reforms will have significant impacts on the rating system:
- a) The removal of water and wastewater services may require a change to the rating system so that Council would not be in breach of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 post-reform. This is because the Local Government (Rating) Act places a limit of certain fixed targeted rates being no more than 30 per cent of total rates. The removal of water and wastewater and their associated targeted rates means Council may breach this limit. While a breach could be addressed through simply decreasing the Uniform Annual General Charge, there would be distributional impacts on some ratepayers as a result without considering whether this is the 'fairest' approach.
  - b) The original differential levels set in the 1990s were based on each of the differential categories' use of, and/or benefits from, various general rate funded services. The removal of stormwater services should be reflected in changes to those differentials to some degree. However, any substantial change to differentials should also consider land use changes and other changes in Council services over time (the proportion of expenditure by each service and changes to the nature of those services). There is no simple approach to reflecting this change.
25. The recently enacted Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 has amended the Local Government Act 2002 in a manner that places significant pressure for a rating review. From 1 July 2024, the Revenue and Financing Policy (being the lead statutory document for the rating system) and the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies must support the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.<sup>2</sup> While it is potentially possible to 'bolt on' further changes to the current system to achieve this, a wider review provides an opportunity to undertake a more strategic and considered review of achieving this requirement within the rating system (e.g. it would be very difficult to set up a separate differential for Māori land without addressing issues with other differential groups).

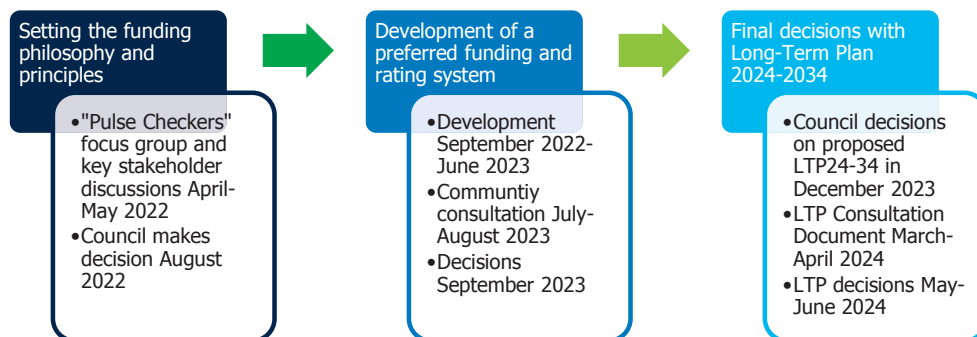
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<sup>2</sup> The relevant principles are "it is desirable to recognise that land is a taonga tuku iho of special significance to Māori people and, for that reason, to promote the retention of that land in the hands of its owners, their whānau, and their hapū, and to protect wāhi tapu: and to facilitate the occupation, development, and utilisation of that land for the benefit of its owners, their whānau, and their hapū"

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*The terms of reference propose a wide-ranging and consultative approach*

26. Given the combination of all of the issues above, Officers recommended, and Council agreed, to a first principle review of the rating system in the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 deliberations on 19 May 2021.
27. A 'first-principles' review begins with questioning what it is Council seeks to achieve through its rating system by redefining its funding philosophy. For instance, does Council take a more beneficiary pays approach or does it take a more public-good taxation approach? Does Council set rates on a more uniform basis or does it consider tools relating to the ability to pay? Does Council recognise properties with protected public good features (e.g. significant natural areas, heritage buildings) as deserving of lower rates than properties without protected public good features?
28. This means Council does not start with the intention of making small changes and amendments to the current system, although that is a potential outcome.
29. The terms of reference propose a three-stage approach as outlined below.



30. This approach involves three stages of community engagement.
31. The first is to engage Council's "Pulse Checkers" and key focus group stakeholders on the funding philosophy and high-level principles of a new rating system.<sup>3</sup> This step is designed to understand different perceptions of fairness and approaches. This engagement will inform Council consideration of a set of cohesive philosophy and high-level principles. Officers will use these to work with elected members to develop a new rating system.

<sup>3</sup> The 'Pulse Checkers' is a group of approximately 1,500 residents, with a relatively representative sample of the total community in terms of usual demographic aspects.

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32. The second engagement focuses on an initial proposed new rating system and seeks community feedback on that system. This is intended to be the main round of community engagement on the new rating system. It will utilise the special consultative procedure and will likely require considerable elected member and Officer resourcing.
  33. Once Council has considered that feedback, then the third engagement is as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 process. This is because the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document to include any significant changes to the rating system (s93C(2)(d)). This consultation will focus on a 'go/no-go' decision to implementing the new system and any transitional arrangements.
  34. It should be noted that the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council's Rates Remission and Postponement Policies for Māori Freehold Land to give effect to the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 by 1 July 2022. As such, a review of this Policy is being progressed to meet the legislative due date. Changes arising from the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Act 2021 will be reported in a subsequent meeting round.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

35. Funding and rating can have implications for climate change. Funding can be used as a tool to incentivise or disincentive particular behaviours. Council could consider funding and rating philosophies to help change behaviour to mitigate or adapt to climate change. However, it should be noted that there are limited tools for Council to utilise within a funding and rating system to achieve significant behavioural changes.
36. Part of the statutory considerations for funding source decisions is Council's community outcomes, including *Sustainability*. As such, climate change considerations will be a part of the Funding and Rating Review.

### **NEXT STEPS**

37. Officers will engage key focus group stakeholders and the Pulse Checkers on potential different funding philosophies and rating principles. The results of that feedback will be presented to Council, along with options and recommendations for a philosophy and principles.
  38. The Funding and Rating Review will take significant work over the coming years.
  39. As noted above, the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council's Rates Remission and Postponement Policies for Māori Freehold Land to give effect to the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 by 1 July 2022, and a review is being progressed for this.
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## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

40. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being significant because the outcomes of the Review may have significant financial implications for large parts of the community, will likely generate significant public interest, may impact on the relationship of Māori to ancestral lands, and is needed to meet legal obligations.
41. The proposed approach is for the review to have three rounds of community engagement (although one is with a focus group and key stakeholders only). This approach provides ample opportunities for Council to consider community views and preferences, and is reflective of the significance of this issue.

## **OPTIONS**

### **Option 1**

#### **Adopt the terms of reference**

42. A sub-option is to adopt the terms of reference with amendments. Amendments could provide some direction for further analysis or towards certain outcomes. Any amendment may change the implications outlined below.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

43. A first-principles review will require considerable resourcing implications from Officers. External legal advice may also be required. A rates modelling tool will likely be required.

#### *Risk Analysis*

44. The terms of reference identify a number of risks the project need to consider how to mitigate or address if they occur. The most significant risks relate to negative feedback from ratepayers, changes to law reforms (Three Waters Reform, Future For Local Government Review), technological and data issues, and resourcing issues.

#### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

45. Community Outcomes are a statutory consideration for funding source decisions. As such, all Community Outcomes will be considered in this Review.

#### *Statutory Responsibilities*

46. The Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set out a range of issues that need to be considered and/or complied with.

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*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

47. The impact of the rating system on policies and plans will be considered as part of the Funding and Rating Review.

*Participation by Māori*

48. The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to ensure the Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates Remission and Postponement Policies give effect to the principles in the Preamble of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. To do this, Officers will need to engage with Māori.

*Community Views and Preferences*

49. The proposed approach will enable Council to consider community views and preferences through three rounds of consultation. Officers are aware through previous consultations that rates are a concern for particular parts of the community.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

50. Undertaking a major review of the funding and rating system will take considerable resources and effort. It will likely result in some controversy within the community as some ratepayers will invariably be negatively impacted (either because of changes or because the status quo places a high burden on them). It is also the case that a major review could provide a distribution of rates that has fewer negative impacts on parts of the community. The proposed approach seeks to engage the community in the decision-making process so that changes have community buy-in.

**Option 2**

**Do not adopt the terms of reference**

51. Under this option, Council would revoke its resolution of 19 May 2021 and instead determine not to undertake a Funding and Rating Review for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Officers would prepare only small changes to the current system in order to meet new compliance requirements.

*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

52. There would be fewer resourcing requirements of this approach. Officers would still need to undertake some work to meet new compliance requirements.

*Risk Analysis*

53. There are two main risks with this option.
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- 54. First, this option continues to tinker with the current approach. This limits the options available for Council to consider, particularly in order to meet the requirements in relation to Māori land. This may result in sub-optimal outcomes to achieve legal compliance, thereby having a higher risk of successful legal challenge.
  - 55. Second, the connections between the rationale for the differentials and their level is already under strain. Removal of the stormwater services will exacerbate this issue. In doing so, it places Council's rating system at greater risk of a successful legal challenge.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

- 56. Community Outcomes are a statutory consideration for funding source decisions. If Council determines significant changes to the Community Outcomes then Officers will also need to assess whether these changes should alter funding sources.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

- 57. The Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set out a range of issues that need to be considered and/or complied with. Officers will need to progress changes to ensure compliance with the new requirement for the Revenue and Financing Policy to support the principles in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, and to ensure the fixed cap on uniform rates is not breached after the Three Waters Reform removes the Three Water services from Council's rating system.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

- 58. This option is consistent with policies and plans.

*Participation by Māori*

- 59. Officers need to engage with Māori on how to give effect to the new requirement for the Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates Remission and Postponement Policies to support the principles in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

*Community Views and Preferences*

- 60. Any changes will be consulted with alongside the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.
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*Advantages and Disadvantages*

61. Whilst this option requires fewer resources and will attract less controversy, it does not provide an opportunity to consider whether the overall rating system is fit-for-purpose and achieving an appropriate distribution of rates within the New Plymouth District community.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 1: Adopt the Terms of Reference for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Proposed Terms of Reference (ECM8664809)

Appendix 2 History of Council's Rating System (ECM8664810)

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**Report Details**

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## Appendix 1

### Terms of reference – Funding and Rating Review

#### Background

Council resolved, on 19 May 2021 for a first principles review of the rating system to occur in time for the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

Council's current approach to rating dates to the mid-1990s (following the 1989 amalgamation and reforms). There have been a number of small changes since that time, but there has not been a fundamental 'first-principles' review of the approach to rating.

Council's current rating system has existing problems. The fixed differential system has not changed in light of changes to land use, community demographics or Council service delivery.

There are also two legal reforms that will require Council to consider amending its rating system:

- The proposed Three Water Reforms will mean Council no longer provides water, wastewater or stormwater services from 1 July 2024. Without some form of change to the rating system, Council would be in breach of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 post-reform, and the removal of stormwater services should be reflected in changes to the fixed differential system.
- The Revenue and Financing Policy must, from 1 July 2024, support the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. Council will need to consider how to achieve this.

Council considers it timely to consider whether the rating system is still fit for purpose.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Rating Review is to undertake a first principles review of how Council rates for its services. Its intention is to ensure Council has a fit-for-purpose rating system come 1 July 2024 (although noting that transitional arrangements may take a number of years).

#### Within scope

The following matters are within scope:

- Council's approach to rating
- Council's Revenue and Financing Policy
- Council's Rates Remission and Postponement Policies
- Billing system

## Out of scope

The following matters are out of scope:

- Rates related to other local authorities (in particular Taranaki Regional Council noting that they may determine to adopt some NPDC policies as their own)
- Water rates and charges (reflecting the Three Waters decision)
- The details of fees and charges, Development and Financial Contributions, and other revenue sources (noting that there may be implications of any change to the Revenue and Financing Policy which sets the percentage of a service's revenue from fees and charges, however the actual type and amount of any fees and charges are not within the scope of this review)
- Levels of service, except insofar as the approach to charging may impact on service delivery
- The Perpetual Investment Fund's release rule, governance and other matters.

## Operating principles

The Rating Review will act in accordance with a number of principles:

- *Lawful* – the Rating Review will only consider lawful potential changes
- *Consultation* – the Rating Review will take a highly consultative approach and seek to give effect to community views and preferences
- *Due consideration* – the Rating Review will give due consideration to the impacts on all ratepayers, and not focus overly on medians or averages
- *No preconceptions* – the Rating Review will not have preconceived outcomes in mind.

The Rating Review will aim to take a cascading approach. It will first seek to determine high-level policy principles and then assess rating systems that fulfil those policy principles.

## Process

The following high-level process will be followed:

| When                          | Stage       | What  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Prior to March 2022           | Prepare     | Background research   |
| February 2022                 |             | Project team agree to Strategic Communications Plan (SCP)   |
| March 2022                    |             | Agree procurement approach for rating modelling tool  |
| 8 March 2022                  |             | Council adoption of Terms of Reference  |
| April-May 2022                | Development | <b>"Pulse Checkers" focus group and key stakeholders on high-level principles of rating system</b>  |
| June 2022                     |             | Adoption of Annual Plan 2022/23   |
| August 2022                   |             | <b>Council agree to funding philosophy and then high-level principles of rating system</b>  |
| October 2022                  |             | Local Government elections  |
| November 2022                 |             | Property re-valuations released   |
| December 2022 – February 2023 |             | Education workshops with new Council  |
| March 2023                    |             | Presentation to Council of possible options and identification of preferred option that meet agreed upon funding philosophy and high-level principles |

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|----------------------|-----------------|---|
| <i>March 2023</i>    |                 | <i>Census 2023</i>  |
| <i>June 2023</i>     |                 | <i>Adoption of Annual Plan 2023/24 using new property re-valuations.</i>  |
| June 2023            |                 | <b>Finalisation of proposed new system and presentation to Council</b>  |
| July-August 2023     |                 | <b>Consultation on final decisions on rating system using special consultative procedure</b>  |
| September 2023       | Decision-making | <b>Deliberations on SCP and adoption of rating system for Long-Term Plan 2024-2034</b>  |
| December 2023        |                 | Council decisions for Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 using new rating system  |
| March-April 2024     |                 | <b>Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document</b> – includes new rating system (as previous agreed to) for new LTP, focused on 'go / no-go' decision only |
| June 2024            |                 | <b>Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2024-2034</b>   |
| July 2024            | Implementation  | New system, if any, in place (with or without transitional arrangements).   |
| June 2025            |                 | Adoption of Annual Plan 2025/26   |
| <i>November 2025</i> |                 | <i>Property re-valuations released</i>  |
| <i>June 2026</i>     |                 | <i>Adoption of Annual Plan 2026/27 using new property re-valuations.</i>  |
| June 2027            |                 | Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2027-2037  |

Bold text represents key milestones. Italics text represents issues outside of the review that may have implications for the review.

This process aims to undertake multiple rounds of consultation, whilst trying to ensure the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 consultation focuses on the major issues facing Council services rather than the distribution of rates.

- The first round of consultation uses Council's Pulse Checkers focus group and key stakeholders, and ask questions about Council's funding philosophy and the high-level principles of a potential new system. It seeks to garner different view on whether Council should, for instance, focus more on a 'beneficiary pays' model or more on a 'taxation' model, a greater focus on 'equal' rates or a greater focus on 'ability to pay' etc. After this focus group approach, Council determines its philosophical approach to rating and then can choose a preferred new rating system.
- The second round of consultation focuses on a preferred new rating system and seeks feedback on it. This is a full community consultation under the special consultative procedure. This includes potential other models within it (as reasonably practicable options). After this consultation, Council finalises its preferred new rating system.
- The third round is part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document. This can present the finalised option with a 'go/no-go' decision. It would not seek further refinements to the option.

## Governance and Project Management

**Project Sponsor:** Craig Stevenson and Joy Buckingham

**Project Reference Group:** Joy Buckingham, Helen Barnes, Mitchell Dyer, Rangi Maihi, John McDonald

**Project Co-Managers:** Helen Barnes and Mitchell Dyer (with support as required from Strategic Projects Team)

**Project Team:** Greg Stephens, Paul Lamb, Steve Ryan

**Project Coordinator:** Helen Begg

It is expected that this project's governance structure will fit underneath the governance structure for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, once that governance structure is up and running, as a sub-project.

**Systems and data tools:** A rates modelling tool will be required. This should ideally be a comprehensive rates modelling tool, and include ability to be used for external communications.

### Project linkages

Internal:

- Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 development
  - Development and Financial Contributions Policy for LTP24-34
- Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023 review (commercial properties)
- Reforms Response Unit
- Proposed District Plan and Future Urban Strategy

External:

- Three Waters Reform
- Future For Local Government Review
- Taranaki Regional Council – any changes to rating system

### Risks

A risk register will be maintained. The following risks have been identified on initiation, to form the initial risk register:

| Risk   | Likelihood     | Impact | Mitigations   |
|--|----------------|--------|---|
| Strong negative feedback from those negatively affected                                  | Almost certain | High   | Strategic communications plan (SCP)<br>Strong pre-engagement<br>Strong communication of rationale for change<br>Assessment of transitional provisions |
| Three Water Reforms create uncertainty (e.g. last minute changes to stormwater services) | Medium         | High   | Keep abreast of Three Water Reforms   |

| Risk  | Likelihood | Impact    | Mitigations  |
|---|------------|-----------|--|
| Future For Local Government Review creates uncertainty  | High       | Medium    | Keep abreast of Future For Local Government Review, particularly any potential changes that may come in for LTP24-34 or LTP27-37   |
| Local government elections see significant change in Council's philosophy of rating system                                  | Medium     | High      | Engage early with new elected Council, including training and education<br>Demonstrate range of community engagement<br>Time key work on new systems post-election   |
| Post-implementation legal challenge   | Low        | Very High | Ensure new system is reasonable<br>Ensure s101 analysis is clear and upfront<br>Legal review of process<br>Assess the Auckland Council accommodation rates Court of Appeal decision, and track any subsequent appeals, to ensure awareness of latest case law. |
| Significant change in local economy impacts on affordability (whether for an industry or whole of community)                | Medium     | Medium    | Track key economic trends<br>Re-check work with publication of new valuations and Census 2023 data   |
| Community disagreement with rating treatment for Māori land   | Medium     | Medium    | Focus on legal obligations to ensure treatment is justified<br>Engage with iwi and Māori land trustees   |
| Rating system creates unexpected outcomes   | Medium     | High      | Model system on all properties, not just focusing on example properties  |
| Rating Information Database is not accurate and creates problems  | High       | High      | Support and promote the clean-up of the Rating Information Database (RID)<br>Use re-valuation data as a check on the RID   |
| Significant rate increase in first year of LTP couples with rating changes to create significant impacts on some ratepayers | Medium     | Medium    | Consider transitional provisions holistically rather than just considering it from a rating system perspective   |
| Key resources and personnel change during project   | Medium     | High      | Utilise shared workspaces<br>Ensure organisational support for project to avoid resources being diverted elsewhere   |
| Rating system change means insufficient rates collected in first year   | Low        | Very High | Ensure full modelling of new system  |

| Risk  | Likelihood | Impact    | Mitigations  |
|---|------------|-----------|--|
| ERP replacement project, and other technology projects  | High       | Medium    | Maintain internal relationships with Business Technology Group   |
| Insufficient resource, or high and competing demands    | High       | High      | Ensure ELT support Rating Review as high priority  |
| Change in LTP group of activities structure             | Medium     | Medium    | Work with LTP project to ensure alignment. Keep Revenue and Financing Policy flexible to address any changes |
| Significant legislative change to funding or rating law | Low        | Very High | Keep abreast of legislation, and Future For Local Government Review  |

### Communication plan and key stakeholders

A detailed strategic communications plan will need to be developed early on. It needs to try to lift the conversation from being about individual properties to a conversation about the spread of rating burden across the district. It will need appropriate flexibility to recognise the wide ranging implications of the Rating Review and the multiple directions it could traverse.

All residents and ratepayers of New Plymouth District are stakeholders.

There are a number of representative groups that will likely be involved as stakeholder representatives:

| Stakeholder                  | Comment   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Federated Farmers            | Farming sector representative, has previously sought reduction of farming rates.  |
| Iwi and hapū                 | Māori engagement will be required to help Council meet the new obligations to support the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. Māori are also interested in other rating system matters. Iwi and hapū can be used to reach and represent their uri (including Māori land owners and trustees) and provide insights into Te Ao Māori that may need to be factored into the review. Iwi, and some hapū, are now significant landowners. |
| Taranaki Chamber of Commerce | Commercial sector representative, has previous sought reduction of commercial rates including considering legal action following the LTP2012-22.  |
| Community Boards             | Elected representatives of smaller and rural communities.   |

The Pulse Checkers focus group, to be used for the first consultation exercise, is a collection of residents of New Plymouth District and is relatively representative of the community. This group can be considered to represent the interests of residential property owners and small holding property owners (particularly those used for lifestyle purposes).



## APPENDIX 2: HISTORY OF COUNCIL'S RATING SYSTEM

The history of the rating system can be characterised into three phases. The first is the introduction of a rating system in 1990/91 following amalgamation. This is followed by consolidation through the 1990s to 2001. Since that time Council has made fewer changes and there has been greater stability in the rating system.

### First rating system 1990/91

The Local Government (Taranaki Region) Reorganisation Order 1989, which established New Plymouth District Council, set out that the system of rating shall be the land value system, but otherwise provided no other direction for amalgamation on the rating system.

The Annual Plan 1990/91 adopted the first rating system for New Plymouth District Council.

Eleven differential rating categories were set for the general rate. These differentials were based on a mixture of location and land use. Properties were charged on a land value basis.

A special rate to repay particular loans was set for the former New Plymouth City Council area.

Council adopted three different sewerage rates. Properties in the New Plymouth Urban Drainage Area and Waitara Urban Drainage Area were charged uniform rates (with different values between the areas). Properties in the Inglewood Urban Drainage Area were charged for sewerage as a land value based rate.

Council adopted a uniform charge for refuse collection for properties receiving the service.

Multiple water rates were set on a wide range of grounds:

- In the New Plymouth Water Supply Area:
  - Ordinary connected properties were charged based on land value (with a minimum charge)
  - Extraordinary properties not used for trade, manufacture or similar were charged based on land value (with a minimum charge) at the same rate as ordinary connected properties
  - Extraordinary properties used for trade, manufacture or similar were charged on volumetric basis via a water meter, however:
    - If the property would pay more on a land value basis (as per other properties above) then the property would be charged that amount
    - If both of those were less than the minimum charge (as per other properties above) the property would be charged that minimum amount

- Unconnected properties within 100 metres of a waterworks were charged half of the connected charge (with a minimum charge set at half of the connected minimum charge).
- For the Waitara, Ōākura, Lepperton and Ōkato Water Supply Areas, Council set a fixed charge (varying by area) for serviced ordinary supplies, serviced extraordinary supplies, and for serviceable properties.
- For the Inglewood Water Supply Area, Council charged a uniform rate to all properties within the area, as well as land value rates for connected properties and land value rates for unconnected properties within 100 metres of a waterwork (set at half of the connected property charge)
- For the Urenui Water Supply Area, Council charged a land value rate for connected properties, and land value rates for unconnected properties within 100 metres of a waterwork (set at half of the connected property charge); as well as a uniform rate for holiday cottages in the Urenui Domain.

### **1990s consolidation of the rating system**

A significant number of changes to the rating system were made through Annual Plans in the early 1990s.

In the 1991/92 Annual Plan a number of small of changes were made:

- Two new differential groups were added for general rates, and two other differentials were adjusted to pay less
- Special rates to repay sewerage loans was introduced for Waitara and Inglewood
- The Inglewood sewerage rate was made into a uniform rate rather than being a land value based rate
- The approach to water rates was changed such that:
  - Loan repayments are paid specific to each Water Supply Area and charged on a land value basis
  - All properties in urban areas will be charged a uniform rate to cover half of the operating costs of the water supply systems (excluding loan repayments)
  - Every property connected without a meter will be a uniform rate set to recover half of the operating costs of the water supply systems (excluding loan repayments)
  - Every property connected with a meter will be charged on a volumetric basis with a free allowance and minimum charge

In 1993 Council consulted on moving from land value to capital value. Council held seven public meetings and received more than 4300 submissions. At a Council meeting on 2 August 1993, Council resolved to continue with land value rating.

In the 1993/94 Annual Plan Council made a number of more significant changes:

- Reduction in differentials from 13 to three – Commercial/Industrial, Farmland and Residential
- Introduction of a Uniform Annual General Charge
- Introduction of a uniform rate for sewerage

- Introduction of a standardised water rate across all Water Supply Areas and removal of rates that vary by area

In the 1994/95 Annual Plan Council introduced the Small Holdings differential.

The 1995/96 Annual Plan set the differentials at the levels unchanged until 2018.

No changes were made in 1996/97 or 1997/98. However, during this time Council received a number of deputations and reports around high rates in Waitara, and deferred consideration to a funding review. The main issue for Waitara arose from special loan rates.

In the Annual Plan 1998/99 Council considered a range of funding issues following from a funding review:

- Council considered the funding percentages apportioned to each differential group. A funding study found the differentials were under-charging residential and commercial/industrial rates, and over-charging farmlands and small holdings. Council concluded that “the actual percentages were within margin of errors implicit in the somewhat arbitrary and subjective setting of benefit percentages in each activity”. Council did not make any changes as a result.
- Council determined to retain land value rating and not shift to capital value rating.
- Council increased the Uniform Annual General Charge
- Council agreed to transition out the special loan rates for different areas over a two year period.

The Annual Plan 1999/2000 finalised transitioning out of special loan rates. Council also amended the sewerage rates so that non-residential properties with more than one toilet paid a rate per toilet – with a two year transition.

The Annual Plan 2000/01 finalised the transition to the new sewerage rate per toilet for non-residential properties.

### **Greater stability and minor changes in rating system since 2001**

Over the 2000s period Council’s rating system has had fewer changes to it, although there have been some changes.

The Annual Plan 2003/04 introduced a sliding scale for the additional toilets per property.

The Long-Term Council-Community Plan 2004-2014 increased the Uniform Annual General Charge.

The Annual Plan 2007/08 increased the Uniform Annual General Charge.

The Long-Term Council-Community Plan 2009-2019 introduced the Uniform Annual Roading Charge.

While the Annual Plan 2010/11 did not change rating practice per se, GST increased during this year, changing the GST inclusive level of rates (including fixed rates).

The Long-Term Plan 2012-2022 introduced the Ōākura part charge for sewerage, for properties that had indicated they would join the new scheme but had not done so. The Long-Term Plan also introduced a rate for swimming pool compliance. This Plan also split the uniform water charge into two components – a network fixed charge and a uniform consumption charge. Metered supplies also had the network fixed charge applied.

The Long-Term Plan 2012-2022 consulted on significant changes to the rating differentials. The proposal would have seen a significant increase to the Residential differential, and also an increase to the Small Holdings differential. The Farmlands and Commercial/Industrial differentials would have decreased. However, this change was not agreed to by Council for the final adoption of the Plan. Taranaki Chamber of Commerce considered, but did not proceed with, a legal challenge of Council's decision.

The Annual Plan 2013/14 introduced the Voluntary Targeted Rate for the New Plymouth Home Energy Scheme.

There were no rating system changes as part of the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025.

The Annual Plan 2017/18 changed the split in funding for water services between the network fixed charge and the uniform consumption charge.

The Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 made two changes to the rating system.

- The Uniform Annual General Charge and the Uniform Annual Rooding Charge were both significantly increased and a new policy introduced to adjust those rates by inflation each year. This has occurred every subsequent year.
- The Small Holdings differential was increased (with a three year transition) with a slight reduction to the Commercial/Industrial and Farmlands differential.

The Voluntary Targeted Rate scheme was significantly expanded as part of Annual Plan 2020/21. This Annual Plan was also the final transition year for the Small Holdings differential change.

There were no rating system changes as part of the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

Entry into the Voluntary Targeted Rate scheme was suspended on 1 October 2021 due to issues with the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003.

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## LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE PERPETUAL INVESTMENT FUND

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### MATTER

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is whether to initiate the development of a local bill to introduce statutory protections for the Perpetual Investment Fund, including making policy decisions for the content of such a local bill.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Notes that the Perpetual Investment Fund (the PIF) is a significant financial asset for New Plymouth District, enabling financial benefits to accrue to Council and the community
- b) Notes that Council resolved, at the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 deliberations on 19 May 2021, for Officers to report on "the feasibility of introducing a Local Members Bill enshrining the PIF into law, geofenced to ensure the capital base can never be eroded and the benefits flow back to the communities within our current district boundaries in perpetuity"
- c) Agrees to progress the development of a local bill to:
  - 1) Provide that the PIF may only be used for the benefit of the New Plymouth District community, and cannot be used for funding works and activities outside of New Plymouth District (as per current boundaries)
  - 2) Provide the following principles that Council must consider when dealing with the PIF:
    - i) The PIF should be used in a perpetual manner to benefit both current and future generations
    - ii) The PIF's capital base may be used in a significant emergency situation
    - iii) The PIF's investments should be independently managed
    - iv) The PIF's investments should be managed in accordance with a prudent commercial basis
    - v) The PIF's investments should be managed in a manner to avoid prejudicing Council's reputation

- 3) **Provide that Council must adopt a Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (the SIPO), which must:**
    - i) **Include a release rule and other investment policies (being the policies set out in section 105 of the Local Government Act 2002)**
    - ii) **Have the objective of maintaining or increasing the real capital value of the PIF**
    - iii) **Include a responsible investment policy that Council wishes to apply to the investments of the PIF**
  - 4) **Require that the release must be in line with the SIPO**
  - 5) **Provide that:**
    - i) **a 75 per cent majority of elected members present at a Council meeting may resolve that the release may be different from that of the release rule**
    - ii) **any such resolution will automatically trigger a review of the SIPO, with the purpose of the review being to determine whether to amend the SIPO so that the real capital value of the PIF is restored to where it would have been without that resolution**
  - 6) **Require the Auditor-General to consider whether Council meets the bill's provisions when making reports on Council's long-term plans (including the consultation document) and annual reports**
  - 7) **Specify that Council is not a trustee of the PIF**
  - 8) **Exempt the investments of the PIF from the strategic asset provisions of the Local Government Act 2002**
  - 9) **Provide that nothing in the bill limits the ability of Council to place further controls on the PIF that achieve the principles set out above at (2)**
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- 10) **Include an ability for Council to delegate matters under the bill to committees, Officers, or to a Council-Controlled Organisation – other than the ability to resolve to take a higher release amount than set in the SIPO (as set out in (5)(i))**
  - 11) **Includes appropriate transitional and savings provisions**
  - d) **Authorise Officers to make further decisions that are necessary to give effect to the above provisions in the drafting of a local bill**
  - e) **Notes that Officers will engage specialist legal advice to develop a local bill and that the financial costs of developing and introducing a local bill are currently unbudgeted for**
  - f) **Agrees to using the special consultative procedure to engage the community on the proposed local bill, and instructs Officers to develop a statement of proposal for Council adoption**

#### **STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 2. The Strategy and Operations Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation. Elected members sought further information on some of the financial and insurance matters to assist the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee when considering this report.

#### **TE HUINGA TAUMATUA RECOMMENDATION**

- 3. Te Huinga Taumatua recommended that Council take no further action towards a local bill and the status quo continue.

#### **FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 4. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED THROUGH THE MEETING CYCLE**

- 5. Elected members requested additional material as this report progressed through the meeting cycle. Elected members sought further information on some of the financial and insurance matters to assist the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee when considering this report. That additional material (ECM8727582) is included on this report as Appendix 4.
  - 6. Council also sought advice about the implications of 75 per cent majority vote requirements under Standing Orders 18.1A and the PIF Governance Deed. This advice is included as Appendix 5 on this agenda.
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| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |   |
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| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being critical   |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop the recommended package of draft legislation for community consultation</li> <li>2. Develop an alternative package of draft legislation for community consultation</li> <li>3. Do not develop draft legislation</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are all current and future residents and ratepayers of New Plymouth District.  |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.  |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | <p>In the immediate term, the cost of developing, consulting on and introducing a local bill is not included in the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.</p> <p>In the longer term, legislating for the PIF may reduce future options for long-term and annual plans.</p>  |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No, however some policies and documents may need to be reviewed and amended should a local bill proceed and be enacted.   |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

7. Council sought advice about whether it is possible to introduce a local bill to ensure the Perpetual Investment Fund (the PIF) can be ring-fenced to the New Plymouth District, and to ensure it is only used in a perpetual manner. This report provides Officers advice that:
  - a) Limiting the use of the PIF to solely benefit the New Plymouth district through legislation is both feasible and in the public interest.
  - b) Ensuring the PIF is only used in a perpetual manner through legislation is feasible, however Council needs to retain some ability to use the capital base of the PIF in order to avoid a negative impact on Council's credit rating and insurance.

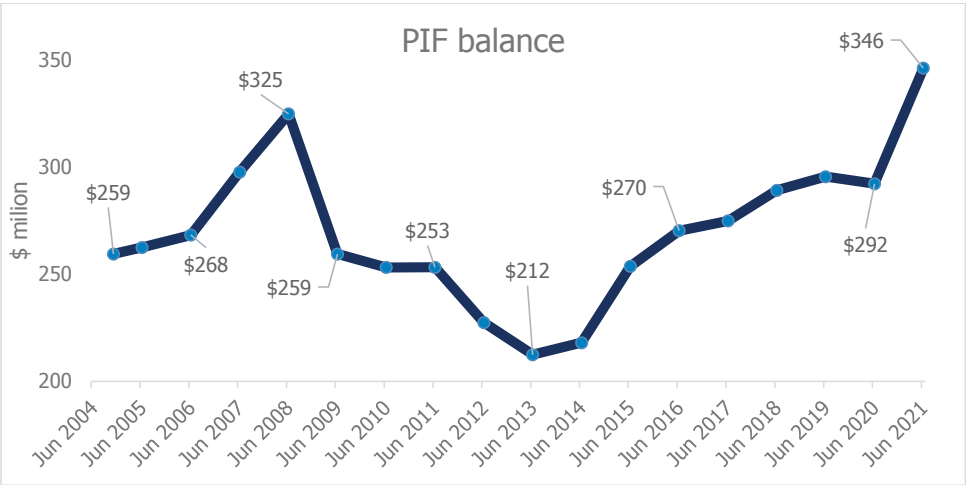


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- c) There are a number of other aspects of the PIF's governance and management framework that legislation can protect in an appropriate manner whilst retaining flexibility for future Council decisions.
8. This report recommends a proposed policy package for a local bill. The proposed package includes ring-fencing the PIF to the current New Plymouth District, and a range of tools that work together to limit the use of the PIF to a perpetual manner (but do not inhibit emergency access to the PIF's capital base). There are also a number of other aspects of the PIF's framework included within this proposed policy package.
9. If agreed to, Officers would work with specialist legal advisers to develop a local bill, and Officers would develop a statement of proposal for community consultation on a draft local bill. Council would then consider whether to adopt the statement of proposal and consult the community. Should Council still wish to proceed with a local bill after consultation, Council would make such amendments to the bill, arising from consultation, as it sees fit, and then arrange for the bill to be introduced to the House of Representatives.
10. Council (through the Mayor, Chief Executive and Group Manager Corporate Services) should engage with the Government, political parties and relevant government agencies shortly to garner support.

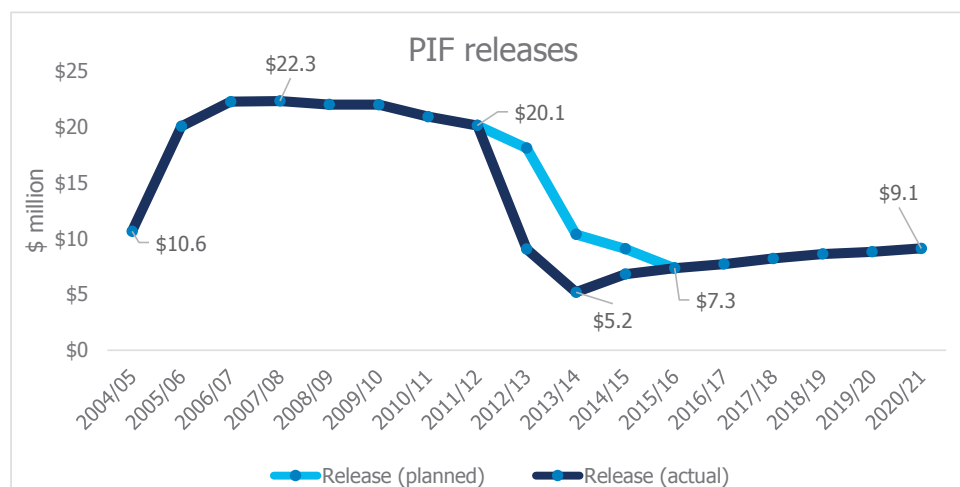
## BACKGROUND

11. The PIF was formed in November 2004 from the sales proceeds of Council's shareholding of PowerCo. The opening balance of the PIF was \$259 million. Appendix 1 sets out the history of the PIF.
12. The PIF has operated with the intention of being a sustainable fund, whereby an annual release payment for the PIF is provided to Council to subsidise general rates. That release payment should, over the medium term, be lower than the earnings of the PIF (inflation-adjusted) so that the PIF maintains or grows its capital base.
13. The management of the PIF has not always met this objective. The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) in 2008 significantly lowered market returns, but Council did not reduce the release rule at the time and took significantly more than was sustainable. This approach cushioned the economic impact of the GFC on the ratepayers of that time by allowing for Council to also not increase rates. However, ultimately it meant Council had to considerably reduce the PIF release over a number of years, and increase rates until the release was again sustainable.

14. The graph below shows the initial balance and financial year closing balances of the PIF since its inception in 2004. The 2020/21 closing balance is the highest since the 2007/08 closing balance – just before the GFC impacted share and investment prices. The PIF has grown by over \$130m since the 2012/13 low point.



15. The next graph shows the PIF release over time. The PIF release peaked at \$22.3m in 2007/08, and was substantially reduced between 2012/13 and 2015/16. Since that time the PIF release has slowly increased in line with the increases to the PIF's balance. In the 2013-15 period Council made decisions to cancel some quarterly payments when Council had strong cashflows and did not require the payment, so there is a difference between the planned release and the actual release.<sup>1</sup> The final adjustment to a sustainable planned amount occurred in 2015/16, although the actual releases in 2013/14 and 2014/15 could both be considered to be sustainable as well (although they were unplanned).



16. Ultimately, the issues arising in 2008-2016 means the PIF has not yet fulfilled its intention. At the inception of the PIF the then Chief Executive [announced](#) the PIF's 2020 balance could be \$590 million and that Council could then choose to have no general rates (but targeted rates would still apply). This has clearly not come to fruition as a result of these issues with the management of the PIF in light of a lower return environment. Indeed, the 2020/21 closing PIF balance is *below* the opening balance once inflation-adjusted (i.e. using CPI the opening balance would now be around \$365m).
17. In response to these issues, Council implemented a series of changes to the governance model in 2016. These changes aimed to address some of the governance and management issues that allowed the problems above to occur.

<sup>1</sup> In 2012/13 Council did not accept \$9.03m, in 2013/14 Council did not accept \$5.18m, and in 2014/15 Council did not accept \$2.27m.

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*Current operating model*

18. Council currently has a management and governance system for the PIF that separates decision-making.
19. New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited (the PIF Guardians) is a Council-controlled organisation. The PIF Guardians are responsible for managing the PIF under a Governance Deed. This Governance Deed sets out the responsibilities of the PIF Guardians. The Governance Deed sets out the PIF Objectives are "to at least maintain the real capital of the PIF as a sustainable perpetual investment fund in the long term... whilst generating a sufficient return to maintain a sustainable release to the Council" (cl3.1(a)).
20. Under the Governance Deed, the PIF Guardians are responsible for the Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO), and for reviewing it every three years. The SIPO includes a Strategic Asset Allocation, a Responsible Investment Policy as well as the Release Rule.
21. The PIF Guardians are responsible for appointing a Full Outsource Agent (FOA), who then manage the investments of the PIF. The PIF Guardians monitor the FOA to ensure the FOA is following the Strategic Asset Allocation, as well as performance monitoring.
22. Council has embedded the Governance Deed by requiring a 75 per cent majority of members present at a meeting to amend it. It should be noted, however, that as a legal agreement between two parties, the PIF Guardians would also need to agree to the amendments to the Governance Deed before they take effect. This means Council cannot unilaterally make a decision to alter the Governance Deed.

**SHOULD COUNCIL PROMOTE LEGISLATION FOR THE PIF?**

23. Council resolved for Officers to report back on "the feasibility of introducing a Local Members Bill enshrining the PIF into law, geofenced to ensure the capital base can never be eroded and the benefits flow back to the communities within our current district boundaries in perpetuity".
  24. There are two main issues that Council has therefore resolved to consider:
    - a) First, whether to limit the PIF to only be used to benefit the New Plymouth District.
    - b) Second, whether to limit the PIF to only being managed and used in a perpetual manner.
  25. Officers have undertaken stages of analysis and assessment. These are summarised below, with the full analysis attached as appendices 2 and 3.
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26. Fundamentally, the creation of a statutory regime is a potential next step to enhance the current opening model. Officers have not taken the position that this is a review of the current operating model, but rather a consideration of further embedding and improving aspects of the current model.
27. Officers have had this advice reviewed by Simpson Grierson (legal advisers), Cameron Partners (strategic accounting and governance advisers) and the PIF Guardians.

***Is legislation the appropriate mechanism?***

28. Officers have assessed whether there are non-legislative options that would achieve the geographic ring-fencing and further assurance of perpetual management for the PIF. This is detailed in Appendix 2. The table below summarises the options and their implications.

| Option   | Comment   |
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| <b>Status quo</b><br>The New Plymouth PIF Guardians have a Governance Deed with Council that, under clause 7.2 of the Deed, requires a 75 per cent majority of Councillors to amend, and agreement of the PIF Guardians. This Deed separates Council from governance decisions. The PIF Guardians provide governance oversight of a third party (presently Mercers) who undertake investment activities. | This will not achieve geo-fencing if there is future local government amalgamation that affects Council. It has moderate protections to assure a perpetual nature. This model retains a high credit rating and enables Council to have lower insurance requirements.  |
| <b>Enhanced status quo</b><br>Status quo modified to require a 100 per cent vote of Councillors to amend the Governance Deed, and to amend Council's Significance and Engagement Policy under section 76AA of the Local Government Act 2002 to list the Perpetual Investment Fund's capital base as a Strategic Asset.   | This would provide additional protections to those in the status quo to assure a perpetual nature, by requiring unanimous support of Councillors to alter the Governance Deed. However, it does not achieve any geo-fencing above the status quo. Including the real capital base in the Significance and Engagement Policy would require Long-Term Plan decisions to utilise the capital base. There could be legal challenges to the unanimous decision-making requirement. |

| Option   | Comment  |
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| <b>Trust model</b><br>Establish a new trust entity to hold the PIF funds, with trustee obligations to achieve the purposes above, and to provide a release each year to Council. | This approach can achieve both the geo-fencing and perpetual nature requirements. However, it removes the PIF from Council's balance sheet and would have significant implications for Council's credit rating and insurance as a result (increasing the costs of borrowing and insurance). There is some scope to design the trust model to address some such issues. |
| <b>Legislation</b><br>An Act of Parliament to govern and guide decision-making to achieve the purpose  | This approach can achieve both the geo-fencing and perpetual requirements, depending on what the legislation contains. It is the most difficult to implement because it requires external approval of Parliament. There is significant scope in the design of legislation, allowing for Council to craft an appropriate scheme.  |

29. Officers consider that if Council wishes to further embed the current operating model for the PIF then legislation is the most appropriate course of action because it can achieve the stated outcomes in a manner that is tailored to the circumstances of Council and the PIF.

***What should the legislation contain?***

30. As noted above, Officers have focused on enshrining the status quo in legislation so that it has a stronger basis and can less readily be changed, and recommend the following legislative package. Appendix 3 provides a detailed analysis of options.

***Ring-fencing to New Plymouth District***

31. Officers recommend that the bill ring-fence the PIF and its releases to only be used to the benefit of the New Plymouth District's residents, ratepayers and community, and only for works and activities within the current New Plymouth District boundaries. Officers explored alternatives, such as creating a more flexible definition, but note that these are counter to Council's previous resolution and do not reflect Council's statutory obligations to benefit its district.

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*Perpetual nature*

32. Officers explored a wide-range of options on how to ensure the PIF is used in a perpetual manner. There are a number of factors and considerations that have to be taken into account, particularly around the implications of such legislation on Council's credit rating and insurance.
  33. Council's credit rating relies on the fact that Council could, if needed, utilise the capital base of the PIF. Standard and Poor's [2021 Credit Rating report](#) notes that "the council's relatively large Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF) helps it to sustain a very high level of liquidity" (p2), "New Plymouth's liquidity, which is buttressed by its NZ\$346 million PIF, remains excellent" (p3), and "New Plymouth's liquidity remains exceptional" (p4). Council scores the highest possible rating for liquidity, and this is a key factor for Council's AA+/Stable/A-1+ credit rating.
  34. This liquidity is also enables Council to self-insure at a higher level than most other local authorities can. The PIF provides a significant fund that could be used following a large natural disaster rather than solely relying on debt capacity as most local authorities do for any self-insurance.
  35. There are other 'halo' benefits to Council as well from the PIF. This includes that the returns to the PIF usually exceed the interest incurred by Council on debt and debt repayment obligations.
  36. Combined, these 'halo' benefits of the PIF provide significant cost savings for debt repayment and insurance premiums.
  37. Any legislation that makes it unlawful to access the capital base could therefore negatively impact on Council's credit rating and require Council to increase its insurance cover. In turn, this would add operating costs to Council.
  38. Officers recommend that the bill include three mechanisms that promote the perpetual use of the PIF, but do not outright prohibit Council from accessing the capital base if required.
  39. First, Officers recommend a series of principles be included in the bill that must be taken into account by Council whenever it makes any decisions relating to the PIF. This would include a principle that the PIF is a long-term fund to benefit both current and future generations and communities. There would be another principle that the PIF provides Council with financial resources that may be required in a significant emergency. This would be significantly more limited than at present and would only apply to the most serious natural disaster (for example eruption of Maunga Taranaki) or major financial market disruption.
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40. Second, Officers recommend that the bill provides that:
- a) Council must adopt a statement of policies and objectives (SIPO) for the PIF, including a release rule, which must have the objective of maintaining or increasing the real capital value over time, and
  - b) the release rule must be followed by Council each year.
41. As part of this, Officers recommend that the bill provide that Council may, by a resolution supported by 75 per cent of present elected members, determine to not follow the release rule for a given year. Officers recommend that this should trigger a review of the SIPO, which considers if an amendment to the SIPO is required to realign the PIF to achieve its planned balance.
42. Third, officers recommend that the bill require Audit New Zealand to consider whether Council is meeting the bill's objectives when undertaking its audits on Council's Long-Term Plans (including the Consultation Document) and Annual Reports.
43. These three mechanisms would work together. In considering whether to make a resolution to take more than the release rule sets, Council would need to consider the principles, and would need to be prepared to have Audit New Zealand independently audit that decision and potentially release an adverse opinion. Council would also have to consider that it would trigger a review, which could lead to a change in the future release rule to restore the funds, likely resulting in a medium-term decrease of the PIF's release.
44. This approach would make it difficult to access a more than sustainable amount from the PIF. It sets a high, but not insurmountable, threshold for doing so, if circumstances arise that make it necessary to do so. Officers' proposed principles also help to clarify when taking a more than sustainable amount is justifiable and thus, by implication, when it is not justifiable. Finally, where a more than sustainable amount is taken, the approach seeks to put the PIF balance back to where it would have been otherwise.
45. Officers considered whether or not these additional protections are a worthwhile departure from the status quo. The proposed provisions largely replicate the status quo approach – such as a 75 per cent super majority vote being required to pass a resolution to amend that PIF Governance Deed – and offer little additional 'firm' protection. However, Officers consider that these proposed provisions provide sufficient additional incentives and statutory considerations to prevent Council from making decisions to take a more than sustainable amount, that mean they are justifiable and useful additions to the status quo.
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*Other matters*

46. In proposing legislation to control and guide decisions on the PIF, it is worthwhile considering whether there are other issues that should be addressed. This includes consider whether there are other existing parts of the PIF management system that could be enshrined through law, and whether there are any alternative management options for the PIF, that Council does not currently utilise because they are not lawful, but that could be made lawful.
  47. Officers recommend that the bill also include:
    - a) principles that the PIF should have independent financial management, and that investment and management decisions should be on a commercial basis;
    - b) a principle that the PIF be managed considering environmental, social and governance principles, such that it does not put Council's reputation at risk, and a requirement for the SIPO to include a responsible investment policy (to cover matters such as social, governance and environmental issues);
    - c) an exemption for PIF investment decisions from the strategic asset requirements of the Local Government Act 2002;
    - d) a clear statement that Council is not a trustee of the PIF, so as to ensure Council's tax exemption status is not lost through the creation of a statutory trust regime;
    - e) a clear statement that nothing in the bill limits the ability of Council to place further controls on the PIF that achieve the principles;
    - f) an ability to delegate matters under the bill to Committees, Officers, or to a Council-Controlled Organisation – other than the ability to resolve to take a higher amount than set in the SIPO;
    - g) appropriate savings and transitional arrangements (such as the current PIF SIPO and LTP not needing to be amended or reviewed).
  48. There are a range of issues Officers considered, but do not recommend legislating for. This includes that the release is used to subsidise general rates, the PIF Guardian model, or the development of alternative governance and management models. Council should retain appropriate flexibility for these types of matters, particularly if there are changes to law (e.g. around Council-Controlled Organisations) or other policy approaches (e.g. to Council's approach to rating).
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## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS

49. The release from the PIF is currently used to offset general rates. This means that the PIF release funds a wide range of Council activities, including some that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions as well as activities that might mitigate and/or adapt to climate change. The recommended legislation would allow Council to continue to make policy decisions (through the Revenue and Financing Policy) as to how to use the PIF in the future.
50. Securing the PIF as a perpetual fund helps Council to have the necessary funds to ensure it can adapt to, and mitigate, climate change in the future. The ability, however, to utilise the capital of the PIF in an emergency may become more heavily relied upon as climate change causes more regular and extreme significant weather events.
51. The investment of the PIF currently includes a responsible investment policy for consideration in investment decisions. However, it is also acknowledged that the current investment approach through highly diversified and indexed products makes it difficult to avoid some undesirable investments. Mercers, the Fully Outsourced Agent, have a responsible investment framework that includes focusing on sustainable and resilient investments that will cope with the impacts of climate change. Mercers are a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment.
52. The recommended option includes a principle that the PIF be managed in a way that does not put Council's reputation at risk, and a requirement for the SIPO to include a responsible investment policy. This will allow Council, if it so chooses, to ensure investments factor-in avoiding industries or companies with high emissions and avoiding those with high exposure to climate change-related risks. This will remain a policy decision through the SIPO.

## NEXT STEPS

53. The process for a local bill is time-consuming:
  - a) If agreed to, Officers will develop a draft bill, including engaging specialist legal advisors. Developing draft legislation is not a straightforward process and this step may take some time. It is important the legislation is carefully crafted to avoid creating compliance costs or unwanted side effects.

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- b) Once the draft legislation is developed then community consultation using the special consultative procedure should occur. Officers will develop a Statement of Proposal, including the draft bill, for Council adoption. This approach will seek the community's feedback on the draft bill and alternative options. This will involve Council receiving and hearing submissions before making a final decision. Council will then decide whether to adopt a final bill for submission to Parliament, not proceed further, or take another course of action within the scope of the consultation.
  - c) Parliament's [Standing Orders](#) require Council to formally give public notice of the intention to introduce a local bill. This includes providing two public notices in the *Taranaki Daily News* (and potentially other local media), and having the bill available for public inspection for 15 working days. Notice of the local bill must be given to any person that Council knows has a direct interest in the subject matter of the bill or the exercise of any power proposed under it, and all constituency Members of Parliament whose constituents may be affected by provisions of the bill. The Clerk of the House must endorse that Standing Orders have been complied with.
  - d) After this period, Council may then introduce the bill to the House of Representatives. A local Member of Parliament is generally expected to be the responsible member for the bill, although this is not always the case.
  - e) The bill will need to traverse the usual parliamentary process, including three readings, a select committee stage and the committee of the whole house stage. The readings of local bills are done on members' days, which are usually held on the Wednesday of every second sitting week. Local bills have priority on those days, so can move through the legislative process relatively quickly if there is sufficient support. It is not uncommon for local bills to be paused if there are further changes to be made. The select committee stage usually lasts for 6 months, but can be extended if required.
  - f) After the House of Representatives processes are completed then the bill receives the Royal Assent and becomes an Act of Parliament. A commencement provision will set out when the Act comes into force. Council, and other affected parties such as Audit New Zealand, will be obligated to follow that new law once it commences.
54. If Council decides to proceed with promoting a local bill, it should begin to engage with the Government, political parties and government agencies shortly. Officers recommend that this be led by Mayor, Chief Executive and Group Manager Corporate Services, as appropriate.
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## SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

55. In accordance with the criteria in Schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being critical. Officers' assessment against each of these criteria is set out below:

- a) Does the matter impact on the interests of the district and the community?
  - This decision will have widespread impacts on future decision-making for Council and the community, and this matter directly impacts on district and community interests.
- b) Does the matter impact on the relationship of Māori (including their culture and traditions) with their ancestral land, water, sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga?
  - There is no impact on the relationship of Māori to these matters.
- c) How many people are affected by the matter, to what degree are they affected, and what is the likely impact on those people?
  - The degree of effects and likely impact on individuals may be relatively low, however there is a large collective benefit to all current and future residents of the New Plymouth district in geo-fencing the PIF and protecting its capital base. Likewise, all residents of New Plymouth collectively face the risks posed by the PIF presently not being protected by legislation.
- d) Does the matter impact on the Council's statutory purpose, obligations, duties and requirements?
  - This would create new statutory obligations, duties and requirements for Council, so directly engages this criterion.
- e) Does the matter impact on levels of service as stated in the Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP)?
  - The PIF is an important financial tool for the community, enabling Council to afford levels of service above the level of rates it charges.
  - Therefore, there is some risk that failure to protect the PIF could affect Council's ability to maintain levels of service.

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- f) Does the matter have financial costs for the community and the Council?
- As above, the PIF is an important financial tool for the community, enabling Council to afford levels of service above the level of rates it charges, and with benefits for Council's credit rating and insurance.
  - Therefore, not protecting the PIF risks financial costs.
- g) Is the matter reversible (in part or in full) in the future?
- Once introduced to the House, the Council as promoter of the local bill would be able to withdraw it at any time prior to it being enacted as law.
  - However, once legislation is in place it will reduce the scope of decision-making for Council, and would be very difficult to reverse. The provisions of an Act of Parliament can only be changed or repealed by Parliament passing further legislation.
- h) Does the matter align with previous Council decisions, such as whether it is implementing any adopted strategy, plan or position?
- The decision does align to previous Council decisions, particularly the decisions to establish and protect the PIF.
- i) Has the matter previously generated wide public interest or controversy within the district or particular communities?
- The PIF is of wide public interest to the community. There is a significant diversity of views, as seen in submissions to the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.
56. If Council agrees to the recommended course of action, then community consultation – using the special consultative procedure – will occur. This provides an opportunity for the community to have input into the draft bill before it is introduced to Parliament. Council could also, having listened to the community, determine to not proceed with a draft bill.
57. The proposed consultation will focus on two aspects – whether to take a local bill to Parliament and, if so, the contents of the local bill.
58. Members of the community will also be able to submit on the bill during the select committee process, if Council pursues introducing legislation. This provides an independent submission process on Council's proposal, whereby submissions will be considered by Members of Parliament.
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## OPTIONS

### Considerations consistent across each option

59. The following matters have been considered as consistent across all options:

#### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

60. The recommended policy decisions for a local bill promote *delivery*. The PIF release is currently used to offset general rates which fund activities that contribute to community outcomes.

#### *Statutory Responsibilities*

61. Local Government Act 2002 obligations apply to this decision. The principles of section 14(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 are particularly important to this decision. Council must act in accordance with a number of principles, including that it should:

- i) “make itself aware of, and should have regard to, the views of all of its communities” (section 14(1)(b));
- ii) take account of “the interests of future as well as current communities” (section 14(1)(c)(ii));
- iii) undertake “any commercial transactions in accordance with sound business practices” (section 14(1)(f));
- iv) periodically “assess the expected returns to the authority from investing in, or undertaking, a commercial activity” and “satisfy itself that the expected returns are likely to outweigh the risks inherent in the investment or activity” (section 14(1)(fa));
- v) “ensure prudent stewardship and the efficient and effective use of its resources in the interests of its district or region, including by planning effectively for the future management of its assets” (section 14(1)(g)); and
- vi) take into account “the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations” (section 14(1)(h)(iii)).

#### *Consistency with Policies and Plans*

62. All options are consistent with existing policies and plans. In particular, all options are consistent with the intention of various documents governing the PIF over time, including the current Governance Deed.

63. Options 1 and 2 may limit future decision-making in regards to policies and plans, and some policies, plans and the Governance Deed may require consequential amendments.

*Participation by Māori*

64. This matter does not directly impact on the relationship of Māori to their culture, traditions, ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, flora and fauna or other taonga. As such, there has been no participation by Māori to date.
65. Officers will send iwi authorities the statement of proposal at the beginning of the consultation period if Council selects option 1 or 2.

*Community Views and Preferences*

66. Officers are aware of a wide-range of community views and preferences in relation to the PIF. There have been submissions (such as during long-term plan consultations) to utilise the capital base of the PIF for certain matters, as well as submissions against using the capital base.
67. Options 1 and 2 both have Council developing a draft bill for consultation with the community. After that consultation, Council would need to consider any submissions, and determine whether to proceed with a bill and, if so, the final content of the bill.

**Option 1**

**Develop the recommended package of draft legislation for community consultation**

68. Under this option, Officers would utilise specialist legal advisers to develop the recommended policy package into a draft bill. Officers would also develop a statement of proposal for community consultation using the special consultative procedure. Council would then consider the submissions it receives, before determining whether to proceed with a bill and, if so, whether any changes should be made before promoting the bill to Parliament.

*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

69. Drafting legislation, and ongoing legal support through the parliamentary process, is currently unbudgeted for in the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031. Costs are likely to be around \$300,000 over the full course of the process. Officers will need to consider whether some or all of these costs can be met within existing budgets, or whether funding will be required through an Annual Plan.
70. The bill will, if enacted, provides limitations on the use of the PIF. While these are in line with the current approach, they would significantly limit the ability of Council to use the PIF in the future. However, similar limitations are currently in place (without the level of protection provided by an Act of Parliament).

71. There will be implementation and future compliance costs. For instance, placing additional requirements on Audit New Zealand in auditing the long-term plan and annual reports may see an increase in audit fees.

#### *Risk Analysis*

72. Local bills are not assured of passage through the House of Representatives. In recent years, two local bills have been introduced but not been enacted,<sup>2</sup> and two other local bills<sup>3</sup> have been substantially amended to garner sufficient support to be enacted. There is, therefore, a risk that the proposed local bill is not enacted or is substantially amended before enactment. Council could respond to amendments to the bill by withdrawing it or seeking support in Parliament to remove or change amendments.
73. There are risks if the proposed bill does not work as intended. It could make it more difficult to manage the PIF, and could increase compliance costs within Council. Council may need to seek a further local bill, or await another appropriate legislative vehicle, to make changes. To mitigate this risk, Officers will utilise specialist legal advisers to develop the draft bill. The recommended package utilises a principle-based approach (rather than a prescriptive approach) for a number of matters, which significantly decreases this risk.

#### *Advantages and Disadvantages*

74. This package provides a balanced approach to the PIF. It ensures that it is only used to benefit the New Plymouth District community. It provides additional measures towards limiting the ability of future Councils from taking a more than sustainable amount, whilst enabling that to occur for significant emergencies. This approach does not fully achieve one of Council's resolved aims which is to ensure the PIF is only used sustainably, but this is because of the implications that would have on Council's credit rating.

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<sup>2</sup> The Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill was introduced in 2018 and was defeated at its first reading in 2019 (note that a similar bill has recently been introduced, passed its First Reading, and gone to the Māori Affairs Committee). The Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill was introduced in 2017, almost completely rewritten by the Governance and Administration Committee in 2018 (including removing Hauraki District Council from the ambit of the Bill), and eventually withdrawn in late 2020.

<sup>3</sup> The New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Bill was heavily amended to create a new Hapū Land Fund for Te Kōwhatu Tū Moana (representing Manukorihi and Otaraua hapū) and to change Taranaki Regional Council's funding towards to the Waitara River. The Wellington Town Belt Bill had a key provision (to prevent the Public Works Act acquisition powers from applying to the Wellington Town Belt) removed.

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## **Option 2**

### **Develop an alternative package of draft legislation for community consultation**

75. Under this option, Officers would utilise specialist legal advisers to develop Council's adopted policy package into a draft bill, including changes to the recommended package as resolved by Council. Officers would also develop a statement of proposal for community consultation using the special consultative procedure. Council would then consider the submissions it receives, before determining whether to proceed with a bill and, if so, whether any changes are required before promoting the bill to Parliament.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

76. Depending on policy decisions, the drafting and Parliamentary processes could require similar, higher, or lower costs as per option 1.
77. Depending on policy decisions, the bill could, if enacted, provide limitations on the use of the PIF. These may or may not be in line with the current approach, and could significantly limit the ability of Council to use the PIF in the future.
78. Depending on policy decisions, there may be similar, higher, or lower implementation and future compliance costs. These will depend on the decisions made.

#### *Risk Analysis*

79. The risks are the same as option 1. The nature of the proposed amendments may increase or decrease the risk of Parliament rejecting or changing the bill, or of the bill not working as intended.

#### *Advantages and Disadvantages*

80. The advantages and disadvantages of this option will be dependent on the nature of the package.

## **Option 3**

### **Do not develop draft legislation**

81. Under this option, Council would determine to take no further action towards a local bill. The status quo would continue.
82. Council could determine to pursue one of the alternative non-legislative options – enhancing the status quo arrangements or establishing a trust. The appropriate course of action would be to seek further advice on one or more of these alternatives.

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*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

- 83. There are no immediate financial or resourcing implications.
- 84. The status quo approach for the PIF will continue.

*Risk Analysis*

- 85. The status quo risks for the PIF will continue. In particular, there will be no assurance that the risk will only benefit the New Plymouth District community if there is local government amalgamation in the future. The status quo provides reasonable limitations to ensure the PIF is only used in a perpetual and sustainable manner.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

- 86. The current status quo does provide barriers to accessing the capital base of the PIF. The status quo does not provide any ability to ring-fence the PIF to the current New Plymouth District boundaries, meaning that any substantial local government amalgamation proposal could see the PIF being used to benefit other areas.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 1: Develop the recommended package of draft legislation for community consultation for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 History (ECM8662009)
- Appendix 2 Is legislation the best route to secure the PIF? (ECM8662008)
- Appendix 3 Contents of legislation (ECM8662007)
- Appendix 4 Supplementary report to Finance, Audit and Risk Committee: Deep-dive on financial and insurance implications (ECM8712541)
- Appendix 5 Standing orders advice (ECM8727212)

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## Paper 1: Perpetual Investment Fund – history

### *Purpose*

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a brief history of the development of the Perpetual Investment Fund. This includes a brief overview of Council's early investments; Council's shareholding and sale of PowerCo; the management of investments; annual release and balance of investments over time; and the establishment of the PIF guardians.

### *PowerCo and the establishment of the PIF*

#### *Early investments*

2. New Plymouth District Council's early investments included Taranaki Energy Limited, Apex consultants, Hobson Investments, New Plymouth airport (a joint-venture with the Crown), four forestry joint-ventures, and Council's own forestry plantations. Council had also inherited staff housing loans and rural housing loans from former authorities at amalgamation in 1989.
3. At the November 2000 Council meeting, the Audit Director of Audit New Zealand was minuted as saying "that New Plymouth District Council stands out from other local authorities because of the complexity of its business portfolio, trading enterprises and joint ventures...[and that]...the management and monitoring standards were excellent and a credit to the Council and management".
4. In Council's 2001/2002 Annual Plan and Funding Policy Council stated that "income from each investment will be applied against current expenditure... at the present time the council contemplates maintaining each of its investments at least for the medium term. If they were to be sold, sale proceeds would be subject to the council's direction at that time".

#### *Council's shareholding of PowerCo*

5. PowerCo arose from the energy reforms of the 1990s. New Plymouth Energy (the electricity division of Council) merged with Taranaki Electricity (former Taranaki Electric Power Board) to become Taranaki Energy Limited (TEL) in April 1993. In 1995 TEL merged with Whanganui-based PowerCo (the former Wanganui Electric Power Board) to become PowerCo Limited. During the 1990s and early 2000s PowerCo acquired a number of North Island network assets and expanded its investments to Australia.
6. Council held 120.67 million shares or 38.2 per cent of the total number of shares in PowerCo. Council was the largest individual shareholder, with the next largest shareholder having an interest of 11.8 per cent. The shareholding in PowerCo included 62.5 per cent cash and 37.5 per cent in Prime Infrastructure Limited securities (SPARCS). The primary purpose of Council's investment in PowerCo was to generate commercial returns, in the form of dividends so as to minimise Council's rating requirement.

7. In 1996/97 Council transferred ownership of its shareholding in PowerCo to Pukeariki Holdings, an investment company that owned and managed Council's shareholdings in PowerCo. Council held 89 per cent of shares in Pukeariki Holdings, with Infratil owning 11 per cent of shares. Pukeariki Holdings was wound up in the 2000/01 year.

*NPEAL*

8. The New Plymouth Equity Advisors Limited (NPEAL) was formed in December 2000 as a Local Authority Trading Enterprise (LATE).
9. NPEAL's purpose included the provision of quality and timely advice to Council on its equity and risk based investments in PowerCo, Apex consultants, Hobson investments, New Plymouth joint venture airport, four joint venture forestry ventures, and Council's own forestry plantations. NPEAL contracted other specialist legal and financial advisors to provide the basis for its advice to Council. The company transitioned to a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) as of 1 July 2003 pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002.
10. The Standard & Poors documentation of 2003 advised that "the above model has worked extremely well and has enabled the Council to deal with the dual responsibilities of proper accountability and effective commercial enquiry / decision-making".

*The process of selling PowerCo shares*

11. Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC) on behalf of NPEAL conducted a periodic hold/sell review in 2003 which considered whether PowerCo shares should continue to be held as an investment. The review, which also considered general options for investment in a more diversified portfolio, led to NPEAL recommending that Council sells its shares in PowerCo.
12. Council's stated objective for the sale of its shareholding in PowerCo and its subsequent re-investment was to "diversify the Council's investment with a view to reducing its exposure to a single company and industry, while maintaining at least a comparable level of investment income."
13. As of 2003 Council, Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET) and PowerCo Wanganui Trust collectively owned 53.65 per cent of the shares in PowerCo Limited, guaranteeing control of the Company to an acquirer.
14. The sales process was managed by PWC and involved a process of marketing, a confidentiality deed poll, and roadshows to interested parties in Australia and Asia. Expressions of interest were sought, followed by indicative bids. These were evaluated and a due diligence process was conducted with short listed bidders. The final takeover notice was issued around 16 August 2004.
15. The proceeds of the sale for Council was made up of 62.5 per cent cash (\$162.144 million) and 37.5 per cent in SPARCS (\$97.286 million).

## ***The Perpetual Investment Fund***

### *Establishment*

16. Given the pending sale of PowerCo shares, PWC advised on a new investment strategy for Council, recommending a structure comprising of an investment management company, not dissimilar to NPEAL, contracting to Council to monitor and manage investments directly owned by Council.
17. PWC considered that this structure allowed for the investment process to be successfully separated from Council, “making it more difficult for its representatives to dictate investment and income policies”. PWC advised that “by having its own investment company, NPDC should be able to manage its investment portfolio at a lower cost than possible through using professional managers”.
18. This advice named the company as the Taranaki Investment Management Company (TIML) and advised that TIML should initially have four directors, all of whom are independent of Council. The existing three directors of NPEAL were recommended, however one had identified impending retirement from the board.
19. The main difference noted between NPEAL and TIML was that TIML had an active decision-making responsibility in the wider investment market and an overall investment objective that required above-average performance.
20. PWC recommended this approach as follows:

“In our view, one way of protecting the funds from future dissipation risk is to create a strong moral obligation to leave the funds untouched. Using the proposed structure, the investment process is successfully separated from the Council, making it more difficult for its representatives to dictate investment and income policies. The use of the Investment Management Company and the ESC [Council's equity subcommittee] to separate the funds from the Council provides a clear demarcation between the Council and the investments”.
21. On 2 November 2004 NPEAL resolved to change its name to TIML and an additional director was appointed the following day.
22. TIML was a CCO of Council, with the role of providing investment management services for the PIF and advisory services for Council's other investments.
23. The PIF was established on 9 November 2004 with the sales of Council's PowerCo shareholdings of \$259.425m. The opening funds of the PIF comprised of \$250.25m capital and \$9.175m in interest-bearing debt.
24. The founding principles of TIML included to establish and maintain the PIF as a pure investment owned by Council for the long term benefit of the people of the New Plymouth District; to deliver at least \$19.3 million in annual income to Council; and to invest and manage the fund on a prudent, commercial, diversified and long term basis that enables the fund to grow in long term value.

25. At its inception, Council put out a press release, with the following quote attributed to the then Chief Executive:

“We’re setting our sights high on this one but when you do the maths it’s definitely an achievable goal.

At present general rates make up around \$45 million per year – some \$20 million from investment income and about \$25 million from ratepayers.

Our advice, and we have some of the best available in the country, is that the Perpetual Rates Reduction Fund is capable of producing gross earnings of 10.65 per cent per year.

On the \$259 million Powerco proceeds, this would achieve a return of more than \$26 million in the first full year of investment – i.e. a \$6 million surplus on our current \$20 million investment income.

This \$6 million would be added to the fund and, assuming we maintained the same levels of return going forward, this surplus would increase year on year.

By 2020 we could have a fund of \$590 million – and this is the point at which, if the council chooses, it would no longer need to ask the ratepayer for the annual \$25 million worth of general rates money.”

*TIML Management of the PIF*

26. TIML’s initial focus was the investment of cash, and the sale and diversification of SPARC (with this largely completed by mid-2006).
27. In 2007, Council instructed TIML to appoint its own Chief Executive and to separate the structure from Council.
28. The initial release rule for the PIF was set in 2004 by resolution as “to deliver at least \$19.3 million in annual income to the Council”. The LTCCP04-14 and LTCCP06-16 both assumed the release would be \$19.3 million inflation-adjusted per annum. This flat release rule (in real terms) meant Council did not receive any additional release as a result of higher returns, but also did not lower its release in light of lower (or negative) returns.
29. The Global Financial Crisis saw a significant decrease in the value of the PIF’s investments. The fund dropped for \$324m in June 2008 to \$259m by June 2009 – a drop of around 20 per cent. However, the 2009/10 release was still around \$22m, in line with the release of the previous four years.
30. Over the coming years Council adopted lower and lower release rules reflective of the lower value of the PIF and the lower returns being received. In 2008 the release rule for the LTP09-19 was set at 5.6% (with 80% smoothing), which was lowered to 4.0% (with 80% smoothing) for the LTP12-22, and then to 3.3% (with 80% smoothing) for the LTP15-25. Each adjustment was reflective of lower expected long-term returns, and the continual downward shifts indicate that the previous

reduction was insufficient. This potentially may be due to the information available at that time about expected future returns.

31. During this 'rebalancing' period, Council made active decisions to not take quarterly payments from the PIF if it appeared Council would not need them because it was heading towards a surplus at year end.<sup>1</sup> These decisions enabled Council to restore the balance of the PIF earlier than would have otherwise occurred.
32. The reduction in the PIF release had a significant impact on Council's overall financial position. The PIF went from subsidising 30 to 40 per cent of general rates down to 10 to 15 per cent.
33. The initial proposition – that PIF releases would allow Council to no longer charge general rates – is now considered unrealistic.

#### *Tasmanian Dairy Farms*

34. TIML purchased 25 farms in Tasmania over a number of years starting in 2008. Initially Tasman Farms was 74.33% owned by Council, when Tasman Farms then owned 98.13% of the Van Diemen's Land Company. Over time, TIML and Council acquired minor shareholdings (including through restructuring and compulsory acquisition), resulting in full 100% ownership of Tasmanian Land Company Limited and the Van Diemen's Land Company.
35. The ownership of the Farms became controversial within Council. Over a number of years there were various calls by Councillors to divest ownership of the Farms. Combined with the GFC impacts on other investments, the Farms became a large concentration risk for the PIF. The Farms accounted for over 60 per cent of the portfolio for a number of years.
36. The Tasmanian Farms investment was sold by Council in November 2015 for A\$280 million (NZ\$307m), although the transfer was not completed until it received foreign investment approval by the then Australian Treasurer Hon Scott Morrison. The net sale proceeds to the PIF was \$187m.

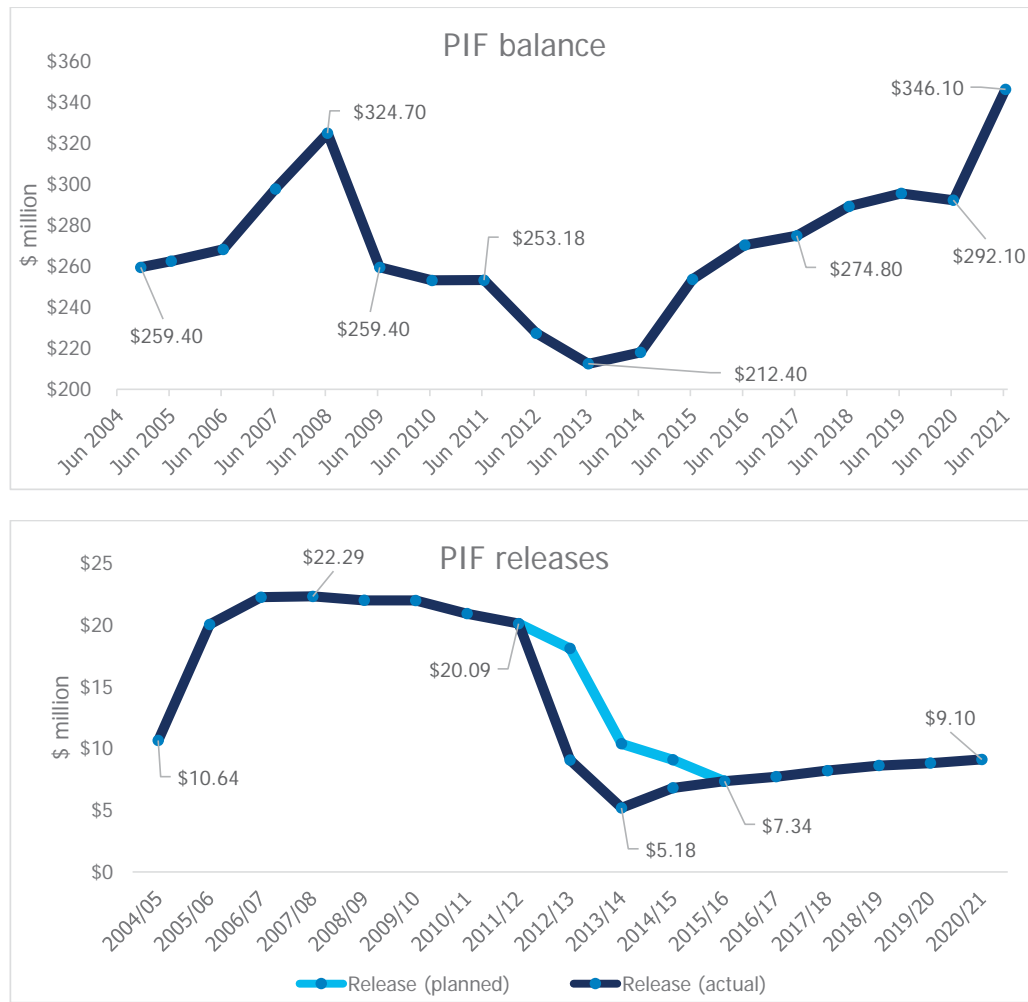
#### ***PIF Guardians***

37. With the sale of Tasman farms and the planned rebalancing of the PIF, Council agreed it would be an appropriate time to review the management model for the PIF. In March 2016, Council contracted Cameron Partners to undertake an independent review of the model for managing the PIF, followed by a more detailed "definition of the PIF organisational architecture 'strawman', and design a tender process to procure outsourced services from Investment Consultants and Outsource agents".
38. With effect from 1 March 2017, Council and TIML terminated the TIML mandate to establish a new structure for the management of the PIF as set out in the PIF Governance Deed. PIF Guardians were appointed as the new directors of TIML, and the name to New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited was approved.

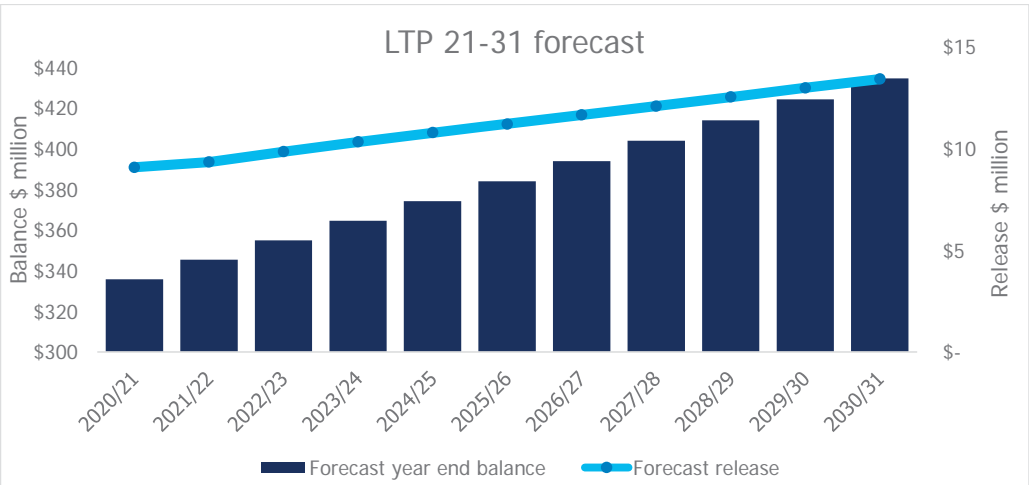
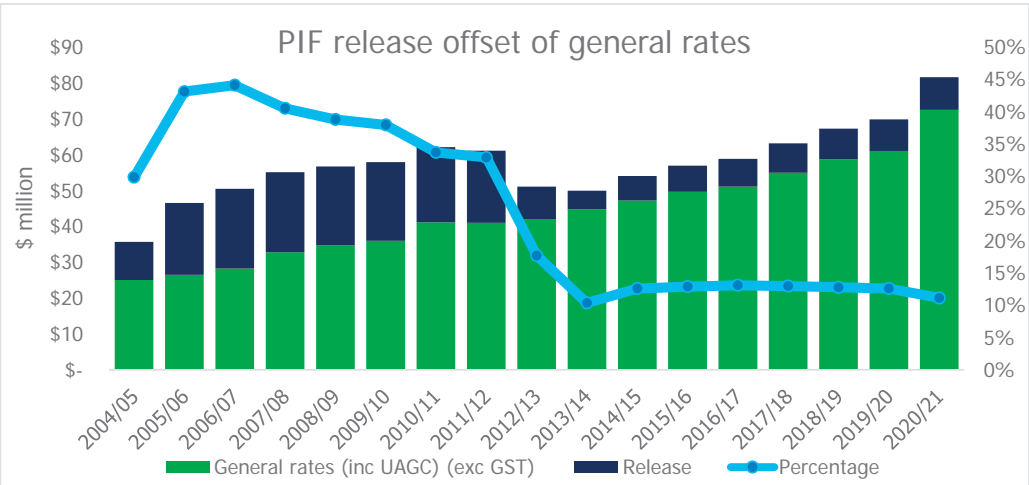
<sup>1</sup> In 2012/13 Council did not accept \$9.03m, in 2013/14 Council did not accept \$5.18m, and in 2014/15 Council did not accept \$2.27m.

39. In December 2016 Mercer NZ Limited were engaged as the full outsource agent (FOA) for the PIF. Being responsible for the managing the investments of the PIF; and providing advice to the PIF Guardians regarding the development of the investment strategy and policies and assisting the guardians in their monitoring role.
40. The Governance Deed between Council and the PIF Guardians sets out the responsibilities between Council and the PIF Guardians. The PIF Guardians are responsible for monitoring the FOA and for setting the release rule. The PIF Guardians have twice reviewed the release rule (for the LTP18-28 and LTP21-31), and both times have kept it at 3.3 per cent (with 80 per cent smoothing).
41. Since the change to the PIF Guardian model, the PIF has largely continued to grow. The value of the PIF decreased between 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 as a result of financial market impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns. However, the PIF value substantially increased the following year reflecting broader financial market trends.



**APPENDIX 1: BALANCE AND RELEASE OF PIF SINCE INCEPTION**

As part of rebalancing the PIF, in 2012/13 Council did not accept \$9.03m, in 2013/14 Council did not accept \$5.18m, and in 2014/15 Council did not accept \$2.27m. Also note that 2004/05 is a part-year release as the PIF was established in November 2004.



The LTP21-31 was completed before the 2020/21 financial year end. The PIF closing balance in the LTP for 2020/21 therefore uses the 31 March 2021 figure, and is approximately \$10m below the actual year end figure.

## Paper 2: Perpetual Investment Fund – Is legislation the best route to secure the PIF?

### *Purpose*

1. The purpose of this paper is to assess whether legislation is the best means for achieving:
  - a. Ring-fencing the Perpetual Investment Fund to ensure it is only used to the benefit of the New Plymouth District community ("geo-fencing").
  - b. Assurances that the Perpetual Investment Fund will be used in a perpetual manner.
2. To that end, this paper assesses alternative options for achieving this.

### *Options and assessment approach*

3. This paper assesses the following options:

| Option                | Description   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1 Status quo          | The New Plymouth PIF Guardians have a Governance Deed with Council (requiring 75 per cent majority of Councillors to amend) that separates out decisions from Council. PIF Guardians provide governance oversight of a third party (presently Mercers) who undertake investment activities. |
| 2 Enhanced status quo | Status quo modified by requiring a 100 per cent vote of Councillors to amend the Governance Deed, and amending the Council's <i>Significance and Engagement Policy</i> to list the Perpetual Investment Fund as a Strategic Asset.  |
| 3 Trust model         | Establish a new trust entity to hold the PIF funds, with trustee obligations to achieve the purposes above, and to provide a release each year to Council.  |
| 4 Legislation         | An Act of Parliament to govern and guide PIF decision-making to achieve its purposes.   |

4. It should be noted that the trust model and legislation would both be subject to further refinement if pursued.
5. The following criteria are used to assess the options:

| Criteria    | Description  |
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| Geo-fencing | Does this option achieve the stated goal of ensuring the PIF is only used to the benefit of the New Plymouth District community? |

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| Assures perpetual nature            | Does this option achieve the stated goal of ensuring the PIF is only used in a perpetual manner?  |
| Credit rating and insurance impacts | Does this option impact on Council's credit rating or insurance approach?   |
| Balance sheet                       | Does this option impact on Council's balance sheet?   |
| Implementation                      | How easy is the option to implement? Will it have costs associated with it?   |
| Flexibility                         | Does this option overly restrict Council in the future in light of changing economic circumstances (such as a different investment market)? |
| Other considerations                | Are there any other issues that need to be taken into account for that particular model?  |

### Assessment

6. The following table provides a high-level assessment of the options against the criteria:

|  | Status quo | Enhanced status quo | Trust model | Legislation |
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| <b>Geo-fencing</b>                         |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Assures perpetual nature</b>            |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Credit rating and insurance impacts</b> |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Balance sheet</b>                       |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Implementation</b>                      |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Flexibility</b>                         |            |                     |             |             |
| <b>Other considerations</b>                |            |                     |             |             |

7. As noted above, the trust model and legislation would require further refinement. This means that issues with these approaches could be addressed to mitigate some or all of their negative elements. However, there are fundamental aspects of these approaches that cannot be changed (for instance, a trust model would require the trust to own the PIF, and there are inherent political challenges with passing legislation).

### Status quo

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| <b>Description</b> | The New Plymouth PIF Guardians have a Governance Deed with Council (requiring 75 per cent majority of Councillors to amend) that separates out decisions from Council. PIF Guardians provide governance oversight of a third party (presently Mercers) who undertake investment activities. |
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| <b>Geo-fencing</b>                         | This option does not place any particular constraints on the use of the PIF to the New Plymouth District community. Standard Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) provisions apply to Council in relation to the PIF (section 12(4)) requires Council to use the PIF wholly or principally for the benefit of the district. However, any future local government entity (e.g. a Taranaki-wide unitary authority) will not necessarily have any restrictions on it to only use the PIF to the benefit of New Plymouth District; its obligations would likely be to benefit its area. This contrasts with the South Taranaki District Council's Long-Term Investment Fund, which, under an Act of Parliament, can only be used to the benefit of the South Taranaki District Council as it was constituted on 1 November 1989, regardless of subsequent local government arrangements.   |
| <b>Assures perpetual nature</b>            | <p>The current approach has been implemented to increase the assurance of the fund being used in a perpetual manner.</p> <p>Decisions on the release rule are set by the PIF Guardians as part of the Statement of Investment Priorities and Objectives (SIPO), not Council. This arrangement for the PIF Guardians to determine the SIPO is set in the Governance Deed. It takes a 75 per cent majority of Councillors present at a Council meeting to amend the Governance Deed. Council requires a 75 per cent majority of Councillors present to amend Standing Orders (cl 27(3), Sch 7, LGA), so it is not legally possible to use a simple majority to subvert this requirement. The Governance Deed is also a legal agreement and requires the PIF Guardians to agree to any amendment to it.</p> <p>However, there is a risk in that Council appoints the directors of the Guardians, and can remove directors. This means a Council could seek to subvert the 75 per cent majority requirement, or the PIF Guardians not agreeing to amendments, through the appointment process. Whilst such a move may be difficult and bring with it considerable risk, it is not impossible.</p> |
| <b>Credit rating and insurance impacts</b> | The current approach enables Council to have a very high credit rating and to lower its insurance premiums. This is because Council could use the PIF's capital base if needed following a significant natural disaster instead of taking on debt, or to repay its debt readily if required to do so. As such, Council is in a strong financial position.   |
| <b>Balance sheet</b>                       | The PIF forms part of Council's balance sheet. The PIF offsets debt in terms of overall equity, meaning Council can show has it negative or low net debt.   |
| <b>Implementation</b>                      | Status quo so already in place.   |
| <b>Flexibility</b>                         | This approach is relatively flexible. It places a high threshold for change (75 per cent of Councillors present at a Council meeting) but at the same time that change can be significant.  |
| <b>Other considerations</b>                |   |

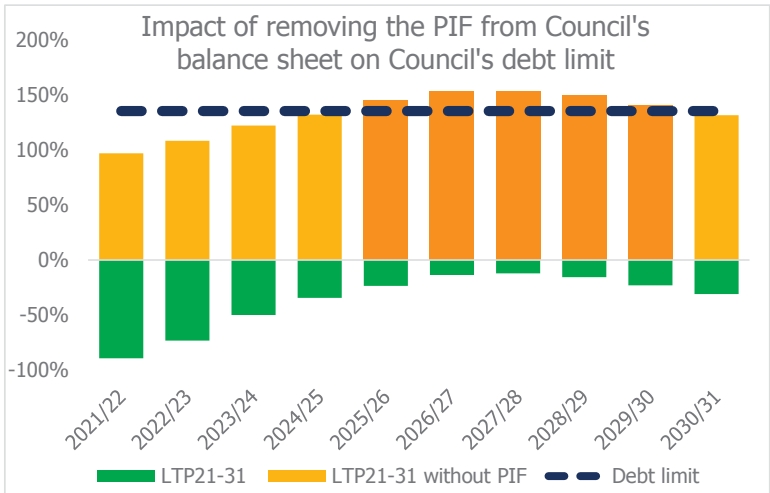
Enhanced status quo

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| <b>Description</b>                         | <p>This option takes the status quo (as above) and makes two changes to it.</p> <p>First, the 75 per cent super majority for Council to approve changes to the Governance Deed would be increased to 100 per cent.</p> <p>Second, the "real capital base" of the PIF would be added to the Strategic Asset list in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.</p>   |
| <b>Geo-fencing</b>                         | These enhancements do not provide any additional protections in this regard.   |
| <b>Assures perpetual nature</b>            | <p>Taking the requirement for changes to the Governance Deed from 75 per cent to 100 per cent (i.e. unanimous) would make it significantly more difficult to change the Governance Deed. This would mean it is significantly harder for Councillors to require a higher release. It would take just one Councillor to oppose such a change to prevent it from happening.</p> <p>However, clause 27(3) of Schedule 7 of the LGA require a 75 per cent majority to change Council's Standing Orders. As this is a legal provision, it may not be possible for Council to impose a higher requirement (this would need legal advice at the time to explore). As such, Council could be subject to challenge by imposing this requirement. It would also mean that a 75 per cent majority could amend Standing Orders to reduce the 100 per cent requirement back to 75 per cent, and then make a change.</p> <p>Adding the real capital value of the PIF to the Strategic Asset list would mean that any decision "to transfer the ownership or control" of the real capital value "to or from" Council would have to be made through an LTP process, including being explicitly provided for in the LTP Consultation Document and LTP itself (section 97 LGA). By listing the "real capital base" it would effectively mean that Council would need to use an LTP process to eat into that base. In other words, for the Council to take a release larger than a sustainable amount would require community consultation and auditing. This would create a significant barrier to taking more than a sustainable amount.</p> |
| <b>Credit rating and insurance impacts</b> | This approach could have a negative impact on Council's credit rating and insurance arrangements as it becomes significantly more difficult to use the PIF's capital base if required.   |
| <b>Balance sheet</b>                       | The PIF forms part of Council's balance sheet. The PIF offsets debt in terms of overall equity, meaning Council can show it has negative or low net debt.  |
| <b>Implementation</b>                      | <p>In order to embed any changes to require a super-majority, Council must agree to that change by that super-majority. This means that Council would have to unanimously agree to increase the voting requirement to 100 per cent.</p> <p>The Council should consult with the community before making any amendment to the Significance and Engagement Policy to add the PIF to the list of Strategic Assets.</p>   |

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|                             | As noted above, there may be legal issues arising from utilising a 100 per cent requirement for voting as it exceeds the LGA's provisions. This means that this could be challenged.   |
| <b>Flexibility</b>          | <p>This approach retains a degree of flexibility. If Council can act unanimously and go through community consultation, then it can make changes as it sees fit.</p> <p>However, while amending the Significance and Engagement Policy is relatively straightforward (provided the Council consults or otherwise has sufficient information about community interests and preferences), achieving unanimous decision-making (such as on changes to the Governance Deed) will be very difficult in a political context.</p>                                   |
| <b>Other considerations</b> | Adding the PIF's real capital base to the Strategic Assets list may have inadvertent impacts. In particular, in any year where returns are low, Council would have to take a significantly lower return than it otherwise would under the current model. This is because the return would effectively have to be funded each year out of the interest earned (less inflation). Council could manage this by either changing how it uses the PIF release or by creating smoothing reserves, but this would significantly limit and constrain decision-making. |

Trust model

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| <b>Description</b>                         | <p>Establish a new trust entity to hold the PIF funds, with trustee obligations to provide a release each year to Council for use within New Plymouth District, and to do so in a perpetual manner.</p> <p>The trust would become a CCO. Council would appoint trustees. The number of trustees would be very small, potentially only requiring one or three trustees.</p> <p>The trust would be separate from the PIF Guardians. In effect, the PIF Guardians would continue to provide oversight of the investments, while the new trust would act as the legal owner of the PIF with its obligations being to own the PIF and provide a release to Council to benefit New Plymouth district. The PIF Guardians would become a subsidiary of the new trust.</p> |
| <b>Geo-fencing</b>                         | The trust arrangement would achieve this requirement. The trust's obligations would mean that it would provide the release each year to Council with an obligation that Council only use it within New Plymouth district. This would constrain any future local authority from using it elsewhere.  |
| <b>Assures perpetual nature</b>            | The trust arrangement would achieve this requirement.   |
| <b>Credit rating and insurance impacts</b> | This would have a more significant impact on Council's credit rating and insurance. This is because Council would have no ability to call upon the funds as needed. The trust arrangement could include ability for Council to request additional funds, but the independence   |

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|                       | of the trust – and their trustee obligations – would mean Council could not be assured of this.   |
| <b>Balance sheet</b>  | <p>To implement this approach Council would have to transfer complete control of the PIF to the trust. This would remove the PIF from Council's balance sheet, although the Council Group balance sheet would be unaffected. This would make Council net debt increase significantly, although not the Group balance sheet.</p> <p>The below graph takes the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031's net debt to income levels against Council's limit,<sup>1</sup> and shows the impact of removing the PIF from Council's balance sheet. It shows that Council would be in breach of its net debt to income limits for five of the ten years of the Long-Term Plan (2025/26 to 2029/30 inclusive), whereas with the PIF Council never breaks into having debt larger than financial assets.</p>  <p>The flow-on impact of a trust model would be that Council would need to significantly reduce its forward capital works programme in order to avoid breaching its debt-to-income ratios.</p> <p>At present, Standard and Poor's assesses Council on a Group basis for its credit rating. However, there is no assurance that this would continue with this approach given the loss of control over the PIF that this would entail.</p> |
| <b>Implementation</b> | <p>This would require establishment of a trust – and that trust would be a CCO. As such, it would require community consultation under the LGA.</p> <p>This would add to the CCO governance requirements, with new appointments, statements of expectations, statements of intent, quarterly reporting, monitoring etc.</p>   |

<sup>1</sup> This is the 'debt affordability' benchmark graph on page 174 of the [Long-Term Plan 2021-2031](#).



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| <b>Flexibility</b>          | Once the trust is established it would become difficult to alter in the future.  |
| <b>Other considerations</b> | <p>Local authorities are generally exempt from income tax (section CW39 Income Tax Act 2007). Legal work would need to occur to understand the tax status of any trust set up. It may depend on whether or not the trust can register as a charity (however, it is unlikely that the trust would meet the 'heads of charity' test).</p> <p>This model would also create significant complexity in managing the PIF, with two CCOs involved in the process.</p> |

### Legislation

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| <b>Description</b>                         | This approach would see Council promote a local Bill in Parliament. The Bill would aim to achieve the stated goals, and potentially other matters. The contents of that Bill is addressed in the next paper in this series.   |
| <b>Geo-fencing</b>                         | Legislation can achieve this. The South Taranaki District Council (Egmont Electricity Limited Sale Proceeds) Act 1999 achieves this.  |
| <b>Assures perpetual nature</b>            | Legislation can achieve this. There are a range of legislative options available in how this can be done, some of which will impact on the criteria below differently. The New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018 achieves this for the Waitara Perpetual Community Fund through requiring the release rule to have the objective of maintaining or increasing the real capital value of the fund.  |
| <b>Credit rating and insurance impacts</b> | <p>The impact will depend on the contents of the legislation itself.</p> <p>A law that provides absolute certainty of perpetual use (such as hard rules) would likely have an impact on Council's credit rating and insurance approach. A law that provides some degree of flexibility (such as through using principles) would be less likely to impact on Council's credit rating and insurance approach.</p>   |
| <b>Balance sheet</b>                       | The PIF would continue as part of Council's balance sheet. The PIF offsets debt in terms of overall equity, meaning Council can show has negative or low net debt. However, rating agencies may perceive this differently depending on the degree of control available.   |
| <b>Implementation</b>                      | Legislation requires an Act of Parliament. There are significant legal costs associated with this, and the outcome is uncertain. In recent years two local bills have not been enacted (one voted down, one withdrawn presumably to avoid being voted down). The New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act was substantially altered by the Māori Affairs Committee and the Committee of the Whole House in order to secure sufficient Parliamentary support for its enactment (noting the amendments were supported by Council). |
| <b>Flexibility</b>                         | <p>Legislation can provide a flexible approach.</p> <p>However, once legislation is passed then it is very difficult to amend in the future. It involves the same process and issues as noted in 'implementation' above.</p>  |
| <b>Other considerations</b>                | Legislation can be used to help achieve other aspects around the PIF. This could include clearing away any legislative fishhooks in other   |

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|  | enactments, or providing legislative controls on other aspects of the PIF. |
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***Recommendation***

8. Only two models achieve the key aspects of Council's resolution – a trust model and legislation. Of those two, legislation provides a better approach in dealing with the other issues at hand, although it is the hardest to implement.

## Paper 3: Perpetual Investment Fund – contents of legislation

### *Purpose*

1. The purpose of this paper is to assess what legislative parameters are best to achieve:
  - a. Ring-fencing the Perpetual Investment Fund to ensure it is only used to the benefit of the New Plymouth District community ("geo-fencing").
  - b. Assurances that the Perpetual Investment Fund will be used in a perpetual manner.
2. To that end, this paper assesses alternative options for achieving this.

### *Options and assessment approach*

3. This paper assesses a range of issues and options. Each issue is assessed against a different set of criteria.

### *Geo-fencing*

4. There are some options around how geo-fencing is done, particularly in relation to whether or not the definition of "New Plymouth District" is easily amended or not.
5. In large part, the options for geo-fencing is to do it or not to do it.
6. The two examples of the [New Plymouth District Council \(Waitara Lands\) Act 2018](#) and the [South Taranaki District Council \(Egmont Electricity Limited Sale Proceeds\) Act 1999](#) both have similar approaches to geo-fencing – the relevant fund has to be used to the 'benefit' of the applicable community. There are differences in drafting. The Waitara Perpetual Community Fund created under section 46 of the Waitara Lands Act is for the benefit of the Waitara community or a part of it; the fund created under the South Taranaki Act is primarily for the benefit of residents and ratepayers of the District (section 3), but they amount to minor stylistic differences and have they the same intention and operation. The only change of significance is that the South Taranaki Act is explicit that that fund cannot be applied towards any work outside of the South Taranaki District, whilst this is arguably implied, but not specified, in the Waitara Lands Act.
7. Officers recommend the proposed legislation states that the PIF may only be used for the benefit of the New Plymouth District community, and cannot be used for activities outside of New Plymouth District. This approach is recommended because it largely replicates the South Taranaki Act, and would mean any future amalgamated Taranaki authority would have the same legal construct for both funds. The Waitara

Lands Act has a specific co-governance board (Te Tai Pari Trust) that controls the distribution of funds to the community, so is not as clear a precedent to follow in this instance.

8. The main issue is whether to provide a fixed definition of "New Plymouth District", or to create some degree of flexibility to it.

| Option   | Description   | Pros   | Cons   |
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| "New Plymouth District" as defined by Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), or any replacement provision(s) | There would be no statutory provision fixing the area to be benefit as the District area that currently exists.   |  | This does not achieve the stated aim. It would mean that the PIF could be used in the future outside of New Plymouth District, should there be some form of local government amalgamation affecting Council.   |
| Firm definition of area  | This would provide a firm requirement that the PIF and its release could only be used within the current New Plymouth District. This would be very similar to that of the South Taranaki Act.   | This limits any use of the PIF to the current New Plymouth District. The boundaries were defined in 1989 and have not changed since. There has been no proposal to alter the boundaries to the Local Government Commission in those 30+ years, and there does not appear to be any significant push to amend the boundaries. | If there are amendments to the boundaries of New Plymouth District in the future, and Parliament does not at the time decide to amend the local Act to reflect this, then Council would need to consider whether to take a further local bill to Parliament to align with the changed boundaries. This would require any future Council to undergo rigorous assessment and be subject to Parliament's independent decision-making. |
| Definition, but amendable within certain parameters as to what constitutes "New Plymouth District"                                 | This would be similar to the first option, but the definition could be amended in the future so long as it is a definition of New Plymouth District. For instance, the Waitara Lands Act provides a definition of "Waitara", and section 63 enables | This approach would enable the definition of New Plymouth District to be amended if the boundaries of New Plymouth District changed. This would cover situations where the boundaries were   | This approach would be intended to only deal with minor changes to District boundaries, but could be subject to attempts to widen the definition of "New Plymouth District"  |

| Option                          | Description   | Pros  | Cons  |
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|                                 | an Order in Council to extend the area, but this must be done on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for the administration of the LGA, in relation to a request by Council, which must follow consultation with specified entities. | shifted (whether an expansion or contraction).      | beyond its intended scope.  |
| Definition, but fully amendable | This option would create a definition, and enable it to be fully amended. This would be by way of an Order-in-Council by Government.  | This is the most flexible for future circumstances. | This undermines the purpose of geo-fencing. It would ultimately be ineffective in providing any controls in the future. |

9. This report recommends that the Bill define the scope to the current New Plymouth District, and not provide any ability to amend the definition of New Plymouth District without passing further legislation. This ensures that any move to alter the area in the future is subject to Parliamentary scrutiny, thus providing a high-degree of assurance of independent decision-making and community consultation (through the select committee process).
10. We note that, if amalgamation did occur, Parliament could choose at the same time to amend the definition of New Plymouth District (possibly in response to a request from Council), without Council needing to pursue another local bill.

### ***Perpetual assurance***

11. There are numerous different ways to provide assurance that the PIF will be used in a perpetual manner. There are also clear criteria that can be applied.

| Criteria                          | Description   |
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| Assures perpetual nature          | Does this approach achieve the stated goal of ensuring the PIF is only used in a perpetual manner?  |
| Credit rating and insurance risks | Does this option impact on Council's credit rating or insurance approach?   |
| Flexibility                       | Does this option overly restrict Council in the future in light of changing economic circumstances (such as a different investment market)? |
| Balance sheet                     | Does this option impact on Council's balance sheet?   |
| Implementation                    | Is the option easy to implement? Will it have costs associated with it?   |
| Other considerations              | Are there any other issues that need to be taken into account for that particular approach?   |

*Status quo*

| Criteria                          | Assessment   |
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| Description                       | At present, there are no special legal provisions.<br><br>The current arrangements do provide a degree of assurance as the New Plymouth PIF Guardians have a Governance Deed with Council (requiring 75 per cent majority of Councillors to amend) that separates out decisions from Council. PIF Guardians provide governance oversight of a third party (presently Mercers) who undertake investment activities. |
| Assures perpetual nature          | The current approach provides a degree of assurance that the PIF will be used in a perpetual manner in that it would require a 75 per cent majority of Councillors present at a meeting to amend the Governance Deed in order to be able to take a more than sustainable amount of funding.  |
| Credit rating and insurance risks | This approach has enabled Council to receive the maximum possible credit rating (limited by whatever the Government is at) and to take a flexible approach to insurance.   |
| Flexibility                       | The main limitation on flexibility is the need for a 75 per cent majority of Councillors.  |
| Balance sheet                     | The PIF is part of Council's balance sheet.  |
| Implementation                    | Not applicable as this is the status quo.  |
| Other considerations              | The main protection mechanism – the 75 per cent majority requirement – could be unwound with a single 75 per cent vote (e.g. amend the Governance Deed to give Council the ability to make decisions on the release rule by simple majority). There is, therefore, a degree of fragility to the system.  |

*Principle-based*

| Criteria                          | Assessment   |
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| Description                       | This approach sets out a range of principles that Council must consider in making decisions, with one of these principles being that the PIF is a perpetual fund for the long-term. It would also outline the counter principle to enable the capital base to be used if required. |
| Assures perpetual nature          | This is not a strong assurance of perpetuity. Council could consider the principles but still make decisions that do not assure perpetuity.  |
| Credit rating and insurance risks | This would have minimal impact as the PIF is still accessible.   |
| Flexibility                       | This approach is highly flexible. Council would have to consider the principles when developing a release rule, but would ultimately be free to make a decision as they see fit.   |
| Balance sheet                     | There would be no impact, the PIF would remain on Council's balance sheet.   |
| Implementation                    | Generally, implementation of principle-based approaches are relatively easy, provided that the principles are clear and easy to apply.   |

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|                      | The PIF Governance Deed may need to be amended upon enactment to reflect this approach.  |
| Other considerations | While a principle-based approach, <i>on its own</i> , is not necessarily sufficient to assure the PIF is used perpetually, it can work <i>alongside</i> other options.<br><br>This would also enable other management principles to be put in place. |

*Perpetuity requirement with exemption process*

| Criteria                          | Assessment  |
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| Description                       | This approach would see the Council be required to manage the PIF in a manner that is perpetual, but with an exemption process. The process for making an exemption could require a high threshold be met.                |
| Assures perpetual nature          | This approach generally provides a degree of assurance that the PIF will be used perpetually, but does enable it to not be used in such a manner if the circumstances arise that mean it is appropriate to use the funds. |
| Credit rating and insurance risks | This approach means Council can access the capital of the PIF if needed, so thereby should not have a significant impact on Council's credit rating or insurance approach.  |
| Flexibility                       | This approach would retain flexibility for Council in how to ensure a perpetual approach, and provide a degree of flexibility in case of significant emergency.   |
| Balance sheet                     | The PIF would still be retained on Council's balance sheet.   |
| Implementation                    | The PIF Governance Deed may need to be amended upon enactment to reflect this approach.   |
| Other considerations              | Ideally, any legislative exemption process should have clear requirements as to what should be considered before making that exemption. The principle-based approach above would provide a useful set of considerations.  |

*Perpetuity requirement with no exemption process*

| Criteria                          | Assessment   |
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| Description                       | This approach would see the Council be required to manage the PIF in a manner that is perpetual.   |
| Assures perpetual nature          | This approach is the strongest at assuring a perpetual nature of all the options.  |
| Credit rating and insurance risks | This approach could impact on Council's credit rating and insurance approach as it would mean the PIF is not able to be used in case of significant emergency. |
| Flexibility                       | This approach could provide some flexibility in how Council sets the release rule, but overall limits flexibility.   |
| Balance sheet                     | The PIF would still be retained on Council's balance sheet.  |
| Implementation                    | The PIF Governance Deed may need to be amended upon enactment to reflect this approach.  |
| Other considerations              |  |

12. This paper recommends a mixture of options 2 and 3 – a principle-based approach as well as a perpetuity requirement (with exemption process).

*What type of perpetuity requirement?*

| Option                  | Description  | Pros  | Cons  |
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| Capital floor           | A requirement that the capital value of the PIF cannot fall below its current point (inflation-adjusted).  | This approach could enable Council to access some additional funds without triggering the exemption process, and thereby could result in a significantly higher threshold for an exemption process. | Markets are fickle and can change significantly. A large decrease in the markets could result in Council being unable to receive a release. Implementation may be difficult as Council would have to keep track of the capital floor each year to compare the PIF's actual balance to.  |
| Release rule set by law | The Bill specifies the release rule as a formula (formulae are used in other legislation).   | Very clear approach to setting the release each year.   | This approach risks the release rule being too high, or too low, if there are significant changes to the investment market horizon. It reduces flexibility in how the rule is set. The release rule has changed over time, reflecting changes to the investment market.<br><br>It is possible to create a more complex formula that takes into account changing expectations in how the financial and investment markets operate. However, this would create an opportunity for manipulation since such expectations are forecasts. |
| Policy requirement      | The Bill requires Council to adopt a policy that must have the objective of maintaining or increasing the real capital value over time. The Policy must be followed. This is | This approach retains flexibility in how the release rule is set, enabling Council to move with best practice.  | There is a risk that Council sets a release rule that does not meet this requirement but it is unchallenged. As such, there needs to be independent assurance that the release rule is  |



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|  | used in the Waitara Lands Act for the Waitara Perpetual Community Fund.   |  | designed to meet the stated objective.   |
| Release set to return level                                | The Bill could provide that Council receives the real increase in the PIF value (i.e. increase less inflation) per annum. | Provides Council with immediate benefit from high performance years.   | <p>The release would swing substantially, with very high releases in some years and very low in others (even negative). Smoothing reserves may be needed for Council to manage this.</p> <p>If there are negative returns in a year then the PIF balance permanently reduces, or Council has to accept lower returns in future years to rebuild.</p> |
| Legislate separation of PIF release decisions from Council | The Bill requires decisions on the PIF release be made separate of Council with a requirement for it to be perpetual      | In effect, this is the status quo as the PIF Guardians determine Statement of Investment Priorities and Objectives (SIPO), which includes the release rule, under the Governance Deed. Council does not approve the SIPO at present. | <p>Determining who makes these decisions could be a path of influence for Council.</p> <p>The use of a statutory exemption process may cause relationship issues between Council and the independent body.</p>   |

*What type of exemption process?*

| Option                                 | Description  | Pros   | Cons   |
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| Council resolution                     | Council could pass a resolution to receive a higher release  | This is the standard LGA threshold.  | This is open to being used to advance short-term political interests.  |
| Council resolution with super-majority | Council could pass a resolution to receive a higher release, with the resolution requiring a 75 per cent majority of present elected members to pass | This sets a high threshold (requiring 12 out of 15 members at present). It effectively aligns with current requirements for amending the PIF Governance Deed, which is required to be amended presently to allow Council to do this. | This can still be used to advance short-term political interests, although a higher threshold protects against this. |

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| Council resolution following specific community consultation               | Council could pass a resolution to receive a higher release, but must have consulted the public beforehand                         | Ensures community is engaged in any decision-making process  | <p>The community may not necessarily understand complex financial implications of decisions, making it a tough process (for this reason, the LGA exempts Councils for having to consult on investment policies). This could strengthen short-term political imperatives against longer-term thinking.</p> <p>This will slow down any process by potentially one to two months. If it were a true emergency situation then this delay could be detrimental to Council.</p>  |
| Council decision through a long term plan (LTP) or by way of LTP amendment | Council could pass an LTP, or amend the LTP, to receive a higher release. This would involve standard LTP/LTP amendment processes. | Ensures community is engaged in any decision-making process, whilst also providing for auditing by Audit New Zealand of decision-making. | <p>The community may not necessarily understand complex financial implications of decisions, making it a tough process (for this reason, the LGA exempts Councils for having to consult on investment policies). This could strengthen any short-term political imperatives against longer-term thinking.</p> <p>LTP processes take time, and even an amendment would take at least four months at minimum (and that would require working at an extremely high pace). If it were a true emergency situation then this delay could be significantly detrimental to Council.</p> <p>Audit New Zealand are ultimately only able to</p> |

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|                                     |   |   | issue an opinion on the LTP/ LTP amendment. This does not stop decision-making.  |
| Central government approval process | Under this option, Council could request to an appropriate part of central government (e.g. Minister of Local Government or Local Government Commission) to approve a release above that set by the normal process. | Provides independent scrutiny of decision-making. | <p>This would subject Council decision-making to an outside body and therefore undermines the principles of local democracy.</p> <p>National politics may interfere with the ability of Council to access funds when needed.</p> <p>Central government processes may not prioritise Council's request, particularly in the case of a national emergency situation. This could create delay in an emergency situation that could be significantly detrimental to Council.</p> |

13. It should be noted that, under all potential approaches, there would always be judicial review rights that attach to any decision-making. It is not recommended that the Bill attempt to restrict judicial review rights, as this would be seen as attempt to avoid judicial scrutiny, it is highly unlikely that Parliament would pass such a provision, and the Courts would be likely to interpret it as narrowly as practicable.

*Recommended approach*

14. The following approach is recommended:
- The Bill should outline a range of principles that Council must take into account when managing the PIF, including principles to ensure it is used perpetually but to also recognise it may be needed as a result of a significant emergency or other event (and other principles identified as below).
  - The Bill to require Council to adopt a release rule that must provide for the PIF to be used perpetually.
  - The Bill to require that the release rule must be followed.
  - The Bill to enable Council, by resolution, to specify a release higher than that provided for by the release rule with a 75% super-majority. If such a

resolution is passed, then this should trigger a review to assess whether rebuilding the capital value is possible and desirable.

- e. Audit New Zealand must consider the objectives of the Bill when auditing LTPs, consultation documents and Annual Reports, and provide a comment in their reports.

*Other aspects of current PIF management that could be incorporated into law*

| Aspect        | Pros of legislating  | Cons of legislating  | Recommendation   |
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| PIF Guardians | The PIF Guardian model represents best practice, and is a well-founded approach. | <p>The model may change from time to time, depending on other aspects (such as statutory powers in relation to Council-controlled Organisations). Legislating a model may limit the ability of Council to use alternative models, that may be better suited to managing the PIF, if they become available in the future or best-practice evolves.</p> <p>The PIF Guardian model is also relatively complex and difficult to accurately set out in a Bill</p> | <p>Include an ability for Council to delegate matters to a Council-controlled Organisation, Committee or officer as required, but do not specify the current arrangements. Also see below.</p> <p>Include a provision that the Council may institute other measures to achieve the principles of the Bill to ensure that the Governance Deed is not challengeable.</p> |

| Aspect                           | Pros of legislating   | Cons of legislating  | Recommendation  |
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| Independent financial management | Council has consistently used some form of independent financial management with the PIF, and it is well supported. Providing some assurance in legislation prevents the potential for political decision-making in investments, which could result in lower returns.   | There are risks about being too detailed about how this should occur, as best-practice on how this can occur may change. | Include principles relating to independent financial management and managing the PIF on a commercial basis.                     |
| Council trustee status           | Legislating the PIF may create a 'statutory trust' situation. This would mean Council's income tax exemption status would not apply as section CW39(3) of the Income Tax Act 2007 provides that income Council derives as a trustee is subject to income tax. Without clear legislative provision, there is a risk that the PIF becomes subject to income tax and therefore Council's earnings are reduced. | None identified.   | The Bill should clearly specify that Council is not a trustee of the PIF and holds the funds as a local authority.              |
| Strategic asset fishhook         | Currently the PIF cannot invest in ports or airports in New Zealand without first providing for this in an LTP or LTP amendment, because these asset classes are automatically strategic assets.  | Exemptions from normal statutory provisions through a local bill are generally unusual.                                  | The Bill should exempt the investments of the PIF from being strategic assets held by the Council, for the purposes of the LGA. |

| Aspect                           | Pros of legislating  | Cons of legislating   | Recommendation   |
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| Responsible investment standards | Legislating responsible investment standards helps Council to minimise potential reputational risks. They are relatively common, particularly within the public sector. The current SIPO includes a responsible investment policy. | Responsible investments standards are changing over time. They have previously been referred to as “ethical” standards, and more recently as “environmental, social and governance” standards.<br><br>The current diversified and indexed approach does make it difficult to avoid certain investments. | The Bill should include a principle investments manage the PIF in way to avoid prejudicing Council's reputation, and the SIPO should be required to include a responsible investment policy that covers these issues. This provides flexibility to address changing standards over time and to reflect the investment approach of the day. |
| General rate subsidy             | Legislation could specify that the PIF release is used to offset general rates. This has consistently been Council's approach since establishment of the PIF and previously with the PowerCo dividend.                             | This limits options for future consideration of the rating system. For instance, some local authorities solely rely on targeted rates and have no general rates. It therefore acts as a constraint on legitimate policy decisions of future Council.  | Do not include in legislation, and continue to enable Council to make decisions on how to use the PIF release through the Revenue and Financing Policy.  |

### *Summary of recommendations*

| Issue            | Recommendation  |
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| Geo-fencing      | Provide that the PIF may only be used for the benefit of the New Plymouth District community, and cannot be used for funding activities outside of New Plymouth District (as per current boundaries).   |
| Perpetual nature | <p>Provide the following principles that Council must consider when dealing with the PIF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PIF should be used in a perpetual manner to benefit both current and future generations.</li> <li>• The PIF's capital base may be used in a significant emergency situation.</li> </ul> <p>Provide that Council must adopt a Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (the SIPO), which must include a release rule. The SIPO must have the objective of maintaining or increasing the real capital value of the PIF.</p> <p>Require the release must be in line with the SIPO. However, a 75 per cent majority of elected members present at a Council meeting may</p> |

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|                    | <p>resolve that the release may be different from that of the release rule. Any such resolution will automatically trigger a review of the SIPO, with the purpose of the review being whether to amend the SIPO so that the real capital value of the PIF is restored to where it would have been without that resolution.</p> <p>Require the Auditor-General to consider whether Council meets the Bill's provisions when making reports on Council's LTPs (including the consultation document) and annual reports.</p>   |
| Other principles   | <p>Provide the following additional principles that Council must consider when dealing with the PIF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PIF's investments should be independently managed.</li> <li>• The PIF's investments should be managed in accordance with a prudent commercial basis.</li> <li>• The PIF's investments should be undertaken in a manner that avoids prejudicing Council's reputation</li> </ul>  |
| Other requirements | <p>Provide for the following additional matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require the SIPO to include a responsible investment policy.</li> <li>• Specify that Council is not a trustee of the PIF.</li> <li>• Exempt the investments of the PIF from the strategic asset provisions of the LGA.</li> <li>• Preserve the ability for Council to delegate matters under the Bill to committees, Officers, or to a Council-controlled organisation – other than the ability to resolve to take a higher release amount than set in the SIPO.</li> <li>• Provide that nothing in the Bill limits the ability of Council to place further controls on the PIF that achieve the principles.</li> </ul> |

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## LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE PERPETUAL INVESTMENT FUND – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT: DEEP-DIVE ON FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS

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### PURPOSE

1. This report provides the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee with additional information to assist in its consideration of the report "*Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund*".

### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

2. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance. The main report has been assessed as critical.

### DISCUSSION

3. This report provides additional information to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee on some of the financial and insurance matters relating to the Perpetual Investment Fund (the PIF) when considering of the report "*Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund*". This enables the Committee to fulfil its functions of advising the full Council on the financial and risk implications of the proposed local bill. This supplementary deep dive therefore builds on the main report, and assumes a degree of familiarity with that main report (including its appendices).

### *A note on analysis in this report – timeframes and risk*

4. This report generally focuses and uses the current position of Council in making its assessment of the implications and risks. However, legislation has a long-term timeframe, potentially over 100 years.<sup>1</sup> Council's overall financial picture is currently very sound, but there is no assurance that it will remain so in the near and/or distant future. There are a number of risks that could mean the issues addressed in this report become more significant into the future than they currently are.

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<sup>1</sup> The oldest operating local legislation affecting Council appears to be the [Inglewood Town Board Leases Validation Act 1904](#). That Act is now 118 years old. There are older local Acts relating to Council that are now 'spent' (have no legal effect) but remain on the statute book, such as the [Taranaki Botanic Garden Act 1876](#) which established a governance board for part of what is now Pukekura Park.

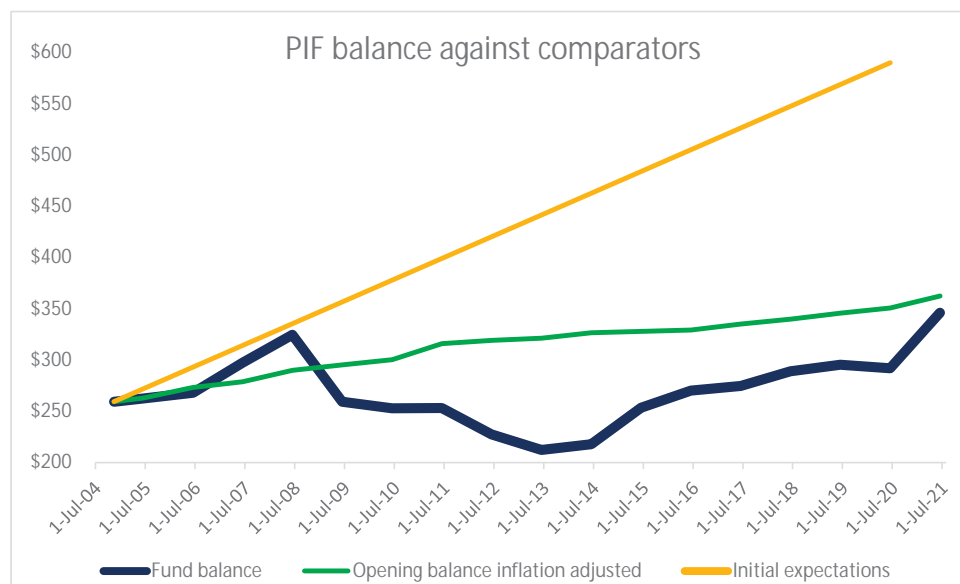
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5. As such, it is important to focus on the longer-term potential for these implications rather than overly focus on the fact that, at present, many of these risks are minor or have insignificant impact.

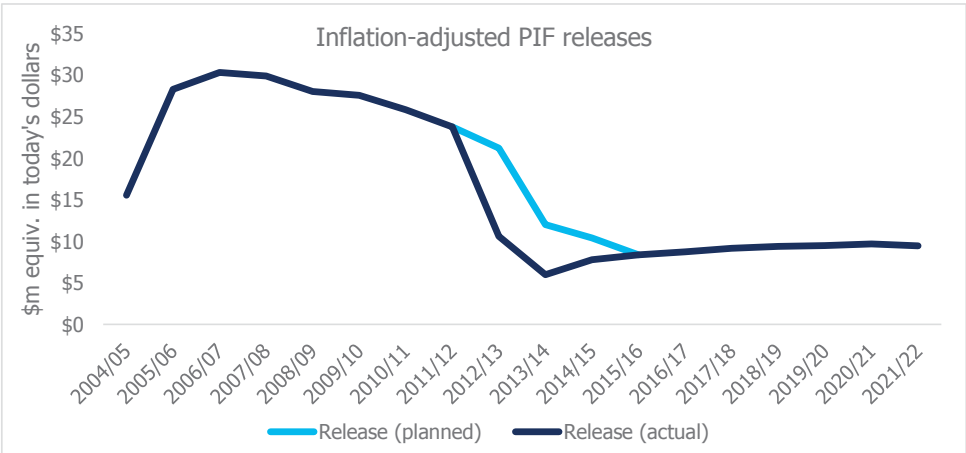
### *Comparisons of the PIF value over time*

6. Councillors sought further information on comparisons of the PIF to other external benchmarks.
7. The below graph shows the PIF balance over time and compares it to Council's initial expectations (of a \$590m fund by 2020), and an inflation-adjusted opening balance. The graph shows that the PIF is significantly below initial expectations of the PIF's size by 2020, which were made during a 'bull' market. The decline in value was a result of the Global Financial Crisis and releases above a sustainable level after that crisis. In recent years the gap between the PIF balance and the inflation-adjusted opening balance has been shrinking.

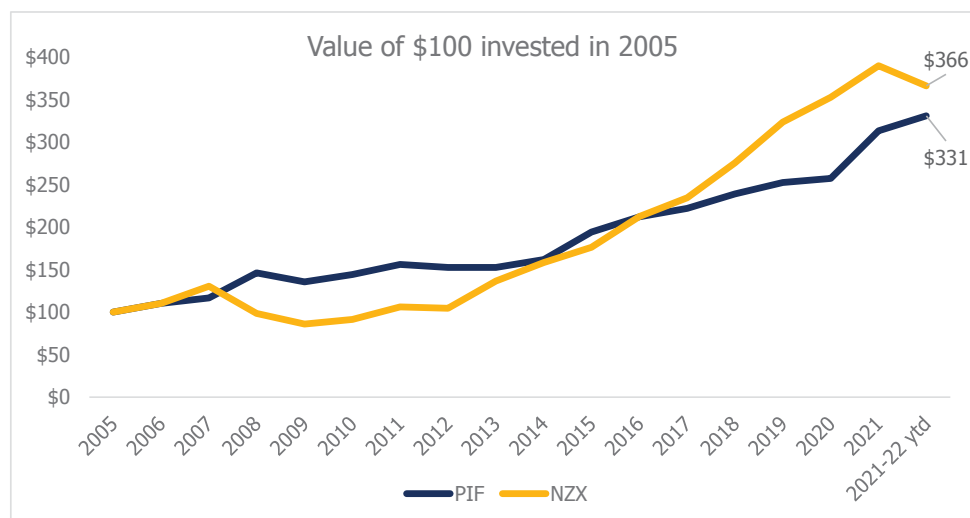


8. The graph only shows the opening balance and then year-end balances. The 31 December 2021 balance was \$367.8m, while the inflation-adjusted opening balance was \$375.9m for the December 2021 quarter. This is a further tightening towards the PIF balance meeting the inflation-adjusted opening balance, despite the current [high inflation](#) environment resulting from Covid-19 associated economic issues.

9. The below graph shows the release over time but inflation-adjusted to today's dollars (i.e. to an equivalent purchasing power). This is a modified version of the graph after paragraph 10 in the main report. It shows that today Council receives only about one-third of the real value of releases than from the early releases. The 2006/07 release (\$22.2m) would have the same purchasing power as \$30.4m would today.



10. Councillors also sought a benchmark against the NZX (New Zealand Stock Exchange). This is a difficult comparison to make. The PIF is deliberately more diversified across multiple international asset classes rather than a single asset class. The NZX should, in the long-run, outperform the PIF as it is a single growth asset class. The PIF also includes lower risk (and therefore lower expected growth) asset classes within its mix. The NZX has a higher expected return and volatility than global shares. The PIF also has to include annual income generating assets, whereas not all stock on the NZX will necessarily issue an annual dividend.
11. With those limitations, the below graph shows what \$100 invested in each of the PIF or NZX in 2005 looks like by using returns before release. The PIF return is only slightly below that of the NZX since 2005, although the NZX outperformed the PIF from 2012 to 2020.



### *Impact of decreasing Council's credit rating*

12. One of the main risks identified within the main report with the perpetual assurance aspect is that a too strong approach could negatively impact Council's credit rating. As noted earlier, this is largely a future risk and issue, rather than an immediate issue.
13. Standard and Poor's current [methodology](#) outlines five individual factors and one national factor. The liquidity assessment "measures the adequacy of internal and external sources of liquidity in the context of debt service needs". They assess internal liquidity and access to external liquidity. Standard and Poor's methodology states they issue a '1' (the best possible result) when "total free cash minus contracted funding (the strongest form of liquidity) covers more than 100% of the forthcoming debt service". Their rating report (attached as appendix 2) for Council states that Council's "total free cash position...is sufficient to cover over 560% of debt service during the next 12 months".
14. Standard and Poor's currently do not factor the overall PIF balance into Council's liquidity assessment. Some of the PIF is not 'free cash' and Council easily exceeds the '1' threshold regardless. However, they do factor in some cash held by Council that is restricted in use, such as the approximately \$20m held as cash in the Hapū Land Fund.<sup>2</sup> Should Standard and Poor's re-consider the use of these restricted reserves, or they are spent on the relevant purpose, then Council could require the PIF balance (or, at least, its cash balance) for credit rating purposes to maintain this high rating.

<sup>2</sup> Established under the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018 for Te Kōwhatu Tū Moana to buy, maintain and develop land in Waitara. Council cannot lawfully spend this Fund for any other purpose.

15. The below table shows the Ratings Score Snapshot from the last three Standard and Poor's Ratings.<sup>3</sup> Council's liquidity is one of two factors reaching the strongest score, the other being institutional framework.<sup>4</sup> Council moved from a '3' to a '4' for debt burden in 2020. In 2021 Council benefited from the Government's credit rating being lifted (as this acts as a cap for Council as per the methodology).

| Rating factor <sup>5</sup> | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Institutional framework    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Economy                    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Financial management       | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Budgetary performance      | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Liquidity                  | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Debt burden                | 3    | 4    | 4    |
| Standalone credit profile  | aa+  | aa+  | aa+  |
| Issuer credit rating       | AA   | AA   | AA+  |

16. Officers acknowledge that there are a number of provisos that would need to occur before Council's liquidity would be reduced. Using the methodology, Officers have assessed the potential impact on Council's credit rating if that occurred. The table below shows that a single or double notch downgrade of Council's liquidity would result in a move from an AA+ to an AA credit rating. A more significant three notch downgrade would result in a move to an AA- credit rating, but this is highly unlikely.

| Rating factor                      | Current | Liquidity movement |     |     |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-----|-----|
|                                    |         | +1                 | +2  | +3  |
| Economy                            | 2       | 2                  | 2   | 2   |
| Financial management               | 2       | 2                  | 2   | 2   |
| Budgetary performance              | 2       | 2                  | 2   | 2   |
| Liquidity                          | 1       | 2                  | 3   | 4   |
| Debt burden                        | 4       | 4                  | 4   | 4   |
| Assessment score                   | 2.2     | 2.4                | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Credit profile <sup>6</sup>        | 2       | 2.5                | 2.5 | 3   |
| Potential standalone credit rating | aa+     | aa                 | aa  | aa- |
| Potential issuer credit rating     | AA+     | AA                 | AA  | AA- |

<sup>3</sup> This system has been used since 2019 and they were presented differently before then.

<sup>4</sup> This is the Government's policy settings around local government in general and is not specific to Council.

<sup>5</sup> A '1' is the strongest score and a '5' is the weakest possible rating (except for institutional framework where a '6' is the weakest).

<sup>6</sup> There are criteria for addressing decimal places within the methodology, however Officers have rounded to the nearest profile score point as these criteria are somewhat subjective (and include rounding).

17. The Standard and Poor's individual rating factors are each weighed the same. Because of this, Council should be aware that the implication of any other factor moving would have similar impacts. For instance, there is a risk that if the local economy enters into a recession then Council may find its credit rating decreases. Should there be multiple impacts (for instance, to both liquidity and economy) then that could have significant impacts. Similarly though, Council could negate the impact of one aspect being downgraded by trying to improve another factor (debt burden would be a logical factor to target as the lowest score and one that recently moved).
18. The impact of such a downgrade will result in an increase to Council's cost of borrowing. The current interest rate market – still being substantially lower than normal of recent history – has no difference between an AA+ or an AA credit rating. This is unusual. However, what it does show is that the difference in rates applied can change as the overall market does. This can make it very difficult to successfully model any impact because a higher base interest rate would likely result in a higher gap.
19. As noted earlier, this is largely a future risk if Council's currently sound financial position should change. Council needs to be cognisant in making long-term decisions that it should not assume that this will always remain the case.

#### ***Local Government Funding Agency covenants***

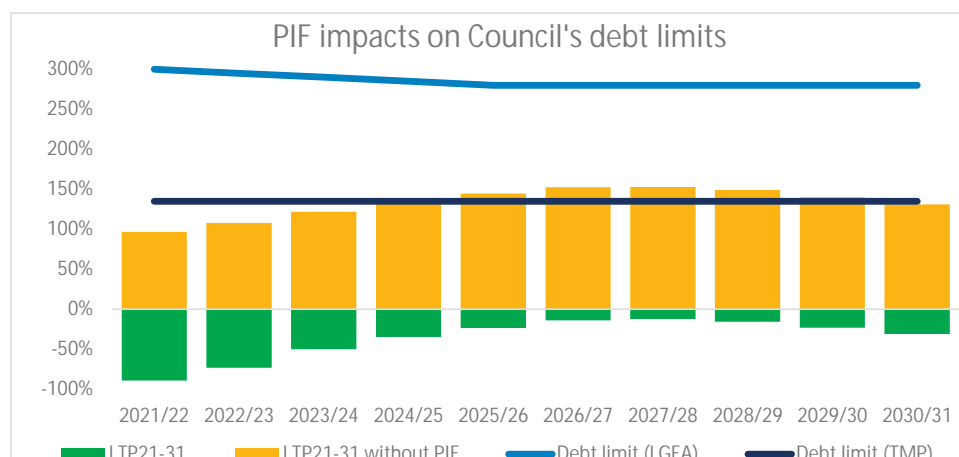
20. Council agreed to join the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) as an Establishing Shareholding Local Authority on 27 September 2011. Council borrows through the LGFA regularly.
21. In borrowing from the LGFA, Council [agreed to certain financial covenants](#). As an authority with a credit rating above 'A', Council has to meet the following:

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Net Debt / Total Revenue*          | <280% |
| Net Interest / Total Revenue       | <20%  |
| Net Interest / Annual Rates Income | <30%  |
| Liquidity                          | >110% |

\*Applies from 30 June 2026 onwards, with 250-300% limits before then annually.  
 Net debt is total debt less liquid financial assets and investments.  
 Liquidity is external debt plus committed loan facilities plus liquid investments divided by external debt.

22. The PIF is important for meeting the first covenant, and therefore for continued access to borrowing from the LGFA.
23. Council deliberately sets its limits well-below that of the LGFA to maintain capacity for borrowing following emergencies. The Treasury Management Policy (TMP) and Long-Term Plan 2021-2031's Financial Strategy (LTP) both set this at 135 per cent.

24. The below graph shows the net debt to total revenue forecast of the LTP (in green) remains below zero per cent, however the gold colour shows the impact if the PIF were discounted. This would breach Council's TMP and LTP (dark blue line) but not the LGFA covenant (light blue line).



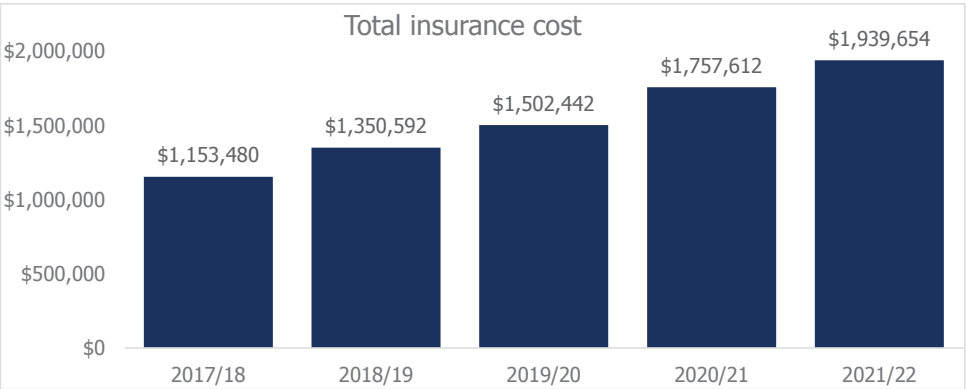
25. If Council were to completely prohibit access to the PIF's capital base then the LGFA would have to consider whether the PIF should be factored in. At present, it would not matter but, again, this is a future risk should Council's current financial position change significantly.

### Insurance

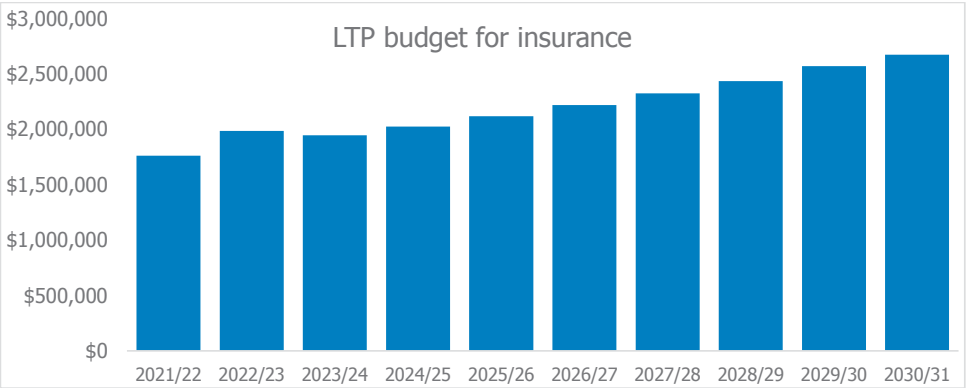
26. The Insurance Framework was adopted by Council on 13 April 2021 ([agenda](#); [minutes](#)). The Insurance Framework is attached as Appendix 1.
27. At present, Council has insurance for most assets, other than the roading network, unsealed Parks' tracks and some minor assets (see the table and footnotes after paragraph 12 in the Framework). Insurance for some assets (particularly underground Three Water infrastructure) is only 'catastrophe' cover, and may not cover all events. There are also risks that Council has undervalued its total assets or not yet obtained insurance cover for a recently built asset.
28. The roading network is the single largest capital asset group, accounting for half of Council's total capital assets, and nearing \$1.5 billion in value (as per the Annual Report 2020/21). Applying a discount reflective of the potential Waka Kotahi NZTA contribution,<sup>7</sup> around one-quarter of total assets are currently uninsured (without accounting for other assets being uninsured).

<sup>7</sup> These rates for 2021-2024 have not been publicly released but [the 2018-2021 rate](#) for emergency works was the standard rate (generally 51 per cent for this Council) plus 20 per cent. Officers have used 71 per cent for this calculation, but note that the Waka Kotahi board may approve bespoke arrangements following significant emergencies.

29. Council also has insurance for non-assets, such as public liability insurance.
30. The cost of insurance has been increasing significantly in recent years. Costs have increased by an average of 14 per cent per annum over the past five years, with increases up to 17 per cent. Costs have increased by 70 per cent, or \$0.8m, in the years 2017/18 to 2021/22.



31. The Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 assumes that insurance premium requirements will increase by an average of five per cent per annum over the life of the LTP. The below graph shows the LTP budgets for insurance reaching \$2.67m in 2030/31, being over 50 per cent higher than the 2021/22 budget. There is also a risk that premiums increase at a rate higher than budgeted for (as has occurred in 2021/22) and potentially more in line with the increase experienced in recent years.



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32. Such a large increase may result in future Councils seeking to rely more on self-insurance as a way of managing costs. In effect, Council would reduce its day-to-day expenses in exchange for accepting a higher degree of risk. Officers have not yet considered this exchange to be prudent (other than for roading assets and some other minor assets), but there may be a point in the future where it becomes the prudent action to take for more assets due to the significant cost increases of premiums.
  33. The Insurance Framework locates the PIF as the last port of call in paying costs relating to a disaster (see paragraph 2 iv of the Framework). A more likely scenario, however, is that a future Council would borrow to fund any insurance shortfall, as acknowledged in the Framework. The liquidity in the PIF is still, however, essential in this circumstance as it enables Council to borrow more than it would otherwise be able to. If the PIF were treated as an illiquid asset (as would occur if there was no way to access the capital base) then Council would have less debt headroom, and would likely have to substantially increase rates to meet net debt-to-income ratios following a large scale disaster. There is risk in this because it is possible that, depending on the nature of the disaster, many ratepayers could be under significant financial pressure in their own personal recovery so may not be able to absorb increased rating requirements to fund community recovery.
  34. Fundamentally, the risk identified in the PIF legislation report is largely a future risk (but not to the same extent as the credit rating impact). Having emergency access to the PIF is one way of managing to self-insure. If insurance costs continue to increase, then Council will need to consider whether to become more reliant on self-insurance methods.
  35. Taking action to limit the use of the PIF to prevent it being used as a result of a disaster would significantly reduce the flexibility of future Councils to prudently manage risk and cost.
  36. The proposed Bill contents would continue to enable access for emergency use. If Council proceeds with legislation, then Officers will work with Council's legal advisers in drafting the Bill to mirror that the PIF should be considered the last port of call following a significant emergency. Officers consider that such drafting is within the scope of the existing recommended resolution.

### ***Implications of partial capital base protection***

37. The main report outlines Officers' recommendation to provide a policy framework that promotes the perpetual use of the PIF, but does not outright prohibit Council from accessing the capital base if required (paragraphs 27-40). Elected members have asked for advice on the implications of firmly protecting part of the capital base so that any emergency access is limited. This could be achieved through a number of means:
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- a) Limiting any extraordinary release to a certain percentage (for instance, 50 per cent) of the total capital base
  - b) Providing a minimum figure that the PIF must not be taken below (for instance, \$200m inflation-adjusted), or
  - c) Providing a maximum figure for an extraordinary release from the PIF (for instance, \$100m inflation-adjusted)
- 38. As a practical matter, the first and third approaches would need controls around them to avoid the potential for multiple resolutions one after the other in order to bypass any limits imposed. As such, the second option is the simplest to implement, although the other two are still viable, just more complex.
  - 39. More significantly, any limitation would have a corresponding impact on Council's liquidity (within the confines noted earlier). Officers anticipate that rating agencies would then have to discount any restricted part from liquidity considerations, if it was so required. There may also be practical issues, such as having separate SIPOs, accounting, balances etc. for the restricted and unrestricted parts of the PIF.
  - 40. The proposed resolution already includes a requirement that, should there be an extraordinary release, Council must initiate a review of the SIPO to consider amendments so that the real capital base is restored. This provides an incentive to minimise the quantum of any extraordinary release to that required. Again, during drafting, Officers can work with legal advisers to clarify and refine this approach to emphasise this requirement.
  - 41. Officers recommend Council not include a firm protection on part of the capital base or to limit any extraordinary release.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

- 42. As noted in the main report, climate change forecasts predict increased likelihood of severe weather events. This has several impacts. Over time, there may be further the pressures on the insurance industry to increase the cost of insurance. There could also be increases to Council costs to maintain assets affected by severe weather events or to increase protection for such events (e.g. sea walls), which could then impact on Council's overall financial position.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- 43. These are outlined in the main report.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

- 44. These are noted in the main report.
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## IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

45. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
  - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
  - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
  - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
  - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
  - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Insurance Framework (ECM 7731773)

Appendix 2 [Standard and Poor's 2021 Rating Report](#)

Appendix 3 Governance Deed (ECM 7254077)

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Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

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# Insurance Framework

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## Introduction

1. As guardians of community assets with a Gross Current Replacement Cost of \$3.5 billion<sup>1</sup> Council is responsible for ensuring that it is adequately protected from a range of perils so critical assets can be repaired or replaced as soon as possible after an event and service delivery is disrupted as little as possible. Those perils include volcanic, earthquake, flood, storm, fire and tsunami hazards.
2. We normally associate insurance with providing the necessary protection by transferring the financial risk of damage or loss to a third party. However, there are other approaches that can be taken to protect Council's balance sheet, and in doing so facilitate a timely return of Council assets and services to their pre-event state. In combination, the following provides comprehensive protection currently:
  - i. Disaster Recovery Reserve – in March 2021 Council's Disaster Recovery Reserve stood at \$1.2 million with the last withdrawal being \$750,000 in 2016/17 to contribute to Council's cost of recovering from the June 2015 storm event. The reserve has previously been built up over a number of years. More detail on the reserve and its current policy settings is provided later in the framework and the appendix.
  - ii. Being a member of the Local Authority Protection Programme (LAPP) mutual fund. LAPP provides some cover for losses of (generally underground) structures in the water, wastewater, stormwater and flood protection networks as a consequence of a natural disaster.
  - iii. Purchasing commercial insurance for other assets, mainly through the Material Damage policy that covers property (commercial, community and residential). Council also purchases Public Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance to cover potential liabilities arising from Council's various activities.
  - iv. The fall back options of relying on a strong balance sheet, significant borrowing capacity, and potentially the Perpetual Investment Fund.
3. While there is some confidence about the adequacy of existing arrangements, Councils operate in a dynamic environment<sup>2</sup> so there is a need to periodically review these arrangements and the mix of coverage (e.g. between the mutual fund and commercial options) to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

<sup>1</sup> The Optimised Depreciated Replacement Cost of those assets is approximately \$2.5 billion. Of that amount, around half is not insured as it is the roading network. The recovery from widespread damage to the network is expected to be assisted by central government.

<sup>2</sup> For example, the Treasury has indicated previously that Councils would need to take more responsibility for covering (through their own reserves and insurance) the cost of damage to underground and flood protection infrastructure from a natural disaster up to a Probable Maximum Loss, as a prerequisite for any central government contribution to the cost of repairing those assets. The potential Three Waters reforms may mean that insurance for those assets is determined by another entity at some point in the future.

4. This framework outlines the elements to consider through such reviews, making it clear what the Council's approach is to retaining risk (through self-insurance or not insuring some assets) and sharing the remaining risk that it would not be prudent to accept (through the purchase of insurance). In that regard, the framework is aligned with Council's Risk Management Framework in that residual risks that are unacceptable (and not able to be mitigated through further controls) are candidates for insurance. The framework also outlines how broking services are to be procured and periodically tested, and the effectiveness of the framework monitored and reported on.

### Principles

5. The primary objective of the framework is to ensure Council is well positioned to return in a timely manner to its pre-event state (or as close to it as possible), regardless of the scale of the event. To that end, the framework provides a structure for future decision making about how we use insurance to provide cover for financial risks that, if realised, Council and the community would be unable to absorb. In developing the framework a key consideration has been defining alternative sources to rates to fund the restoration of community assets after damaging events.
6. When considering the amount of risk to retain, Council aims to minimise the cost of insurance while ensuring adequate cover is in place for mitigating risks to achieving the organisation's objectives as set out in the Long-Term Plan. The framework, therefore, considers Council's ability to, and appetite for, absorbing a level of risk that matches the ability of the organisation's balance sheet to absorb financial losses from a damaging event. Furthermore, decisions relating to cover and deductibles will be informed by sound knowledge of our assets and their likely performance during such an event. Decisions are also based on advice provided by insurance specialists.
7. The framework is to be reviewed every three years to ensure that it remains fit for purpose in the context of changes in the insurance market, Council assets and activities, and the environment. The insurance programme that flows from the framework is renewed each year, and is adjustable to meet Council's needs as identified during any given insurance year and as part of the three yearly review.

### Approach to reviewing the framework

8. The following should be considered when reviewing the framework:

#### Environmental scan

9. The impact of internal and external changes to the environment in which the Council operates needs to be considered as it will influence changes to cover, limits, and deductibles.

10. Internal changes might include those to the structure of the organisation or in the services delivered or investments made. External changes might include legislative amendments that place more responsibilities on local government (or takes them away), or policy changes. This also includes changes in the insurance market brought on by the appearance or disappearance of providers, and the reaction of the market to natural disasters and pandemics e.g. removal of cover or increased premiums at renewal.

#### Risk appetite

11. As part of considering Council's context there is a need to ensure that the insurance programme matches Council's risk appetite. For example, Council currently transfers most of its natural disaster risk to the insurance market. Nevertheless, not all fixed assets are included because it has not been cost effective to do so (e.g. roading network assets). Therefore, this can be seen as a 'balanced' risk appetite. In comparison, a 'tolerant' risk appetite in this situation would involve retaining more risk through 'self-insurance' or not insuring more assets, which would then reduce premiums. However, taking that approach requires the organisation to have:
  - A detailed knowledge of its asset base, especially existing levels of cover in relation to assets of critical importance to continued service delivery and a Probable Maximum Loss;
  - An understanding of how much financial loss Council is prepared to accept by not insuring all assets; and
  - Confidence in the adequacy of other sources of funding available to Council should losses of uninsured assets be suffered.
12. The table below shows, by asset category, what Council's current approach is to either transferring or retaining risk. The table does not include the non-asset categories that are part of Council's insurance programme – Public Liability, Professional Indemnity, Overseas Travel, Statutory and Employers Liability, and Cyber. Nevertheless, the need for these covers and any new ones to address emerging risks is considered each year as part of the renewal process.

| Asset category                       | Insurance status |              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                      | Insured          | Self-insured |
| <b>Three Waters<sup>3</sup></b>      |                  |              |
| Water                                | ✓                |              |
| Wastewater                           | ✓                |              |
| Stormwater                           | ✓                |              |
| Flood protection                     | ✓                |              |
| Resource Recovery                    | ✓                |              |
| <b>Transport</b>                     |                  |              |
| Road network <sup>4</sup>            |                  | ✓            |
| <b>Property</b>                      |                  |              |
| Council facilities <sup>5</sup>      | ✓                |              |
| Community halls <sup>6</sup>         | ✓                |              |
| Forestry Joint Ventures              | ✓                |              |
| Papa Rerangi i Puketapu <sup>7</sup> | ✓                |              |
| <b>Parks</b>                         |                  |              |
| Tracks <sup>8</sup>                  |                  | ✓            |
| Structures <sup>9</sup>              | ✓                |              |
| <b>Arts</b>                          |                  |              |
| Collections <sup>10</sup>            | ✓                |              |
| <b>Other</b>                         |                  |              |
| Motor vehicles                       | ✓                |              |

<sup>3</sup> The 'structures' included here tend to be below or in-ground assets, such as dams, intakes, treatment chambers, storage reservoirs, reticulation networks and outfalls. Although LAPP provides some 'catastrophe' cover, whether this is adequate is assessed in the lead up to the renewal of our insurance programme each year, as informed by work completed previously and underway to identify the Council's Probable Maximum Loss.

<sup>4</sup> Includes the road surface, bridges and other roading infrastructure e.g. culverts. Although these assets are uninsured, as demonstrated during the recovery from the June 2015 flooding event Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) can provide a contribution to the cost of repairs to the roading network.

<sup>5</sup> This covers the main Council facilities such as the Civic Centre, Puke Ariki, Aquatic Centre, and TSB Stadium.

<sup>6</sup> Some community halls come under Council's programme while others arrange their own insurance but apply to Council for a grant to cover that cost.

<sup>7</sup> Although Papa Rerangi i Puketapu is a separate entity its significant assets (e.g. the terminal) come under Council's insurance programme.

<sup>8</sup> Although tracks are generally uninsured, the Coastal Walkway and other sealed tracks are covered under LAPP.

<sup>9</sup> Significant structures are named in the Material Damage schedule e.g. pedestrian bridges.

<sup>10</sup> This includes collections at Puke Ariki and Govett-Brewster/Len Lye Centre, but not art in public spaces.

What to insure and how

13. In reviewing Council's insurance programme the treatment of specific assets needs to be considered so an appropriate response to loss can be applied e.g. replacement (like for like, taking into account building standards and technologies at that time), indemnity (no better or no worse), demolition costs only, or no insurance.
14. Decisions on this are informed by addressing the following questions and insuring buildings on that basis accordingly:
  1. *Which buildings need to be replaced (i.e. those identified as essential assets to the ongoing delivery of services to our community)?*  
  
Replacement value insurance is appropriate.
  2. *Which buildings need to be replaced but by something different (i.e. those identified as desirable but not essential in the short to medium term to the ongoing delivery of services to our community)?*  
  
Functional replacement value (less than actual replacement) or indemnity value are options.
  3. *Which buildings would not be replaced?*  
  
Indemnity value, demolition costs only, or no insurance are options.
  4. *Which buildings need to be held for future projects (e.g. acquired for roading)?*  
  
Demolition costs or no insurance are options.
15. The annual review leading up to renewal of the insurance programme will capture additions or deletions to Council's asset holdings. It is also an opportunity to consider whether there are any significant asset groups e.g. roading, where cover should be implemented when it has not been previously because of the prohibitive cost.
16. Council's fixed assets are formally valued every three years. The most recent valuation was at 30 June 2019. In contrast, insurance valuations have previously been completed every two years. The potential to routinely align both valuations has been investigated and from the 2022 valuation round this approach will be applied. In between valuations, Council must identify a sound basis for calculating a percentage uplift in value, recognising that the insurers will scrutinise the values provided to confirm their accuracy. Insurance valuations for significant assets commissioned between fixed asset valuations will also be needed.
17. An alternative option to insuring for replacement value at asset level is to have a 'loss limit'. However, this approach requires a detailed understanding of Council's



asset base and its ability (and appetite) to absorb potentially significant losses should the limit be proven to be inadequate. This approach was first considered in 2005 and rejected because the premium saving of between \$3,000 and \$10,000 from having a cap of \$100 million did not justify the increased risk Council was taking on. This concept was looked at again in 2018 after risk modelling was completed but dismissed for the same reason.

18. Nevertheless, further risk modelling is underway that will inform a new loss limit. If that loss limit is acceptable to Council, it will be taken to the insurance market to explore whether having that limit results in a material reduction of our premium, to the extent that Council then needs to consider if the risk taken on by adopting that limit comes within Council's risk appetite.

#### The deductible/premium balance

19. Council has a range of deductibles defined for its insurance programme. However, for its Material Damage policy (the most significant policy in terms of premium paid) Council defined its existing \$100,000 deductible as a result of a review in 2005 (increasing it from \$2,500 provided savings of \$100,000 per annum). In 2013, the deductible level was reviewed again with a view to possibly increasing it to \$150,000 or \$200,000, along with the option of not insuring buildings valued at less than \$250,000. No changes were made because premium savings (\$35,000) were outweighed by the financial risk of the assets that would not be insured (\$22 million), and the premium savings of a higher deductible were inadequate.
20. However, given the upward trend of premiums Council will look again at the impact of increasing its deductible above \$100,000 and self-insuring buildings valued below that increased deductible for all perils other than natural disaster. In that review, the categorisation of buildings will follow that from 2013 as below:
  - i. Essential: includes predominately water and wastewater assets, office and administration facilities.
  - ii. High community demand: includes mainly events, aquatic, regulatory and heritage buildings.
  - iii. Moderate community need/commercial obligations: includes camp grounds, parks buildings, toilets and the like.
  - iv. Non-essential: generally housing, rural halls, and clubs.
  - v. Demolish-disposal: includes those assets that are to be sold or are for demolition.

21. For the 2016/17 renewal Council considered reducing our natural disaster deductible from five percent of site sum insured to two and a half percent. In the unlikely scenario that there was a total loss of assets on the asset schedule the difference in deductibles was \$9.5 million. More realistically, if a building such as the Civic Centre was lost then the difference was \$1.1 million. The cost of reducing the deductible was \$43,000. On that basis, the deductible was left at five percent. This option was again explored for 2017/18 but declined on the basis that the cost had almost doubled, mainly as a result of the Kaikoura earthquake. Nevertheless, the cost/benefit of reducing the natural disaster deductible will be explored each year.

#### Membership of LAPP

22. The Council has been a longstanding member of the LAPP mutual fund, which provided cover when commercial alternatives were either unavailable or not cost effective. Previously commercial alternatives had been sought to confirm whether continued membership in LAPP represented best value for money. This was important given the impact on the fund of the Canterbury earthquakes and (to a far lesser extent) the Kaikoura earthquake on the availability of LAPP funds for future events. The LAPP fund is now brokered by Aon, so Council has the benefit of access to Aon expertise while still benefiting from continued membership of LAPP. While this will be considered each year, while there remains a lack of a compelling and cost-competitive alternative Council will remain a LAPP member

#### Aligning asset information with the insurance programme

23. As part of improving its asset management practice generally the Council is gradually improving the quality of its asset information to facilitate more effective management of its assets. This means that we are now better placed to complete the modelling needed to calculate the Probable Maximum Loss that will likely need to be covered (through a mix of insurance (external and self), and borrowing) potentially as a prerequisite for any central government assistance in the event of a natural disaster.
24. Aside from improving decisions around asset maintenance, renewal, upgrade or replacement, higher quality information will lead to a better understanding of how resilient our assets might be during a significant natural event. This will, in turn, help our insurers to define their risk profile in this region and increase their comfort level about the accuracy of that profile.

#### Disaster Recovery Reserve

25. Council maintains a Disaster Recovery Reserve as a 'self-insurance' fund that is called on when uninsured losses are suffered e.g. to the roading network as a result of the June 2015 flooding event. The reserve seeks to smooth the impact on the community when the Council incurs significantly increased operating costs in recovering from a disaster.

26. The reserve has previously grown through a number of methods. The size of the reserve (and therefore its ability to absorb uninsured losses) contributes, along with other considerations such as Council's overall financial position, to decisions about which assets to insure and the level of deductible set. As part of the three-yearly review of the framework the purpose and size of the reserve is also considered to inform decisions about its potential use ahead of a significant event. The current policy settings for how the fund is built up and used are noted in the appendix.

#### Trend analysis

27. In the lead up to renewal of the insurance programme relevant Officers are asked whether their areas have suffered any 'below deductible' losses (when the loss is less than the applicable deductible so no claim is made) during the previous 12 months. This information will be combined with that on claims made to inform the decision about the deductible level set, and to assist with risk management where any trends are identified, especially about losses in a given part of the organisation.

#### **Approach to procuring broking services**

28. Council implements the framework through the placement of the insurance programme annually with insurance brokers. The brokers serve as a crucial conduit between the Council and the insurance market. As such, the procurement and monitoring of the broker's performance will be completed in accordance with the Council and central government's procurement requirements.
29. Since 2010 the Council has obtained insurance through a regional collaboration with South Taranaki and Stratford District Councils, and Taranaki Regional Council. For the majority of the programme the collective uses Marsh to deliver broking services, with Aon providing the same service for LAPP cover. The broker market was tested for non-LAPP covers in 2017 using the All of Government process managed by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. This involved approaching a panel of providers with our required terms and accessing the pricing the Ministry had previously negotiated with them. The selection criteria for the broking service provider included:
- A proven record of placing insurance with local and global insurers for the full range of insurance cover potentially required e.g. natural disaster insurance;
  - A thorough understanding of the risks facing this Council specifically as well as the local government sector generally;
  - A proven record of delivering timely claims management services and responses to ad hoc requests for advice;

- A commitment to monitoring significant movements in providers and market conditions, and advising the Council of threats to existing cover (e.g. a downgrading of an insurer's credit rating) and opportunities that can be taken during the insurance year or at renewal; and
  - The ability to deliver or refer the Council to expert loss modelling services as required.
30. As a result of the tender JLT (which has since merged with Marsh) was awarded the contract for the Taranaki Councils' insurance broker services for three years, which has since been extended to 30 June 2022. The intention is that the broker market will be approached again in time to implement any changes by 1 July 2022.

### Monitoring and review

31. The framework is to be reviewed every three years to ensure that it remains fit for purpose in the context of changes in markets, Council assets and activities, and the operating environment generally.
32. The Group Manager Corporate Services is responsible for implementing the framework and the insurance programme. An annual report will be provided to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee that details the arrangements made in accordance with this framework and any environmental changes that could impact on those arrangements and the level of confidence that they remain appropriate. After each three-yearly review the revised framework will be provided to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee for approval.

### Summary

33. The purpose of the Insurance Framework is to provide a structure for determining the balance between risk retention and sharing, and the cost of doing so. Every three years the framework will be reviewed, considering:
- Changes to Council's operating environment and risk appetite (as informed by changes to its asset base, the amount of loss that can be accepted before insurance is needed, and confidence in other sources of funding);
  - What assets are being insured and on what basis, to enable an informed decision about the deductible/premium balance;
  - Whether to continue membership of LAPP or explore commercial options (noting that if Council withdraws from LAPP a return to LAPP in the future would be unlikely);
  - The alignment between asset information and the insurance programme;
  - The purpose, size, and rules around the use of the Disaster Recovery Reserve as a partial alternative to insurance; and

- Trends from claims history.
34. The insurance programme that flows from this framework will be renewed each year. Furthermore, the market for broking services will be tested every three to five years. This will help to ensure that Council's insurance arrangements effectively enable it and our community to recover to their pre-event state as soon as possible. The results of these reviews will be reported to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

## Appendix – Policy settings for the Disaster Recovery Reserve 2021

1. Every three years, in conjunction with the review of the Insurance Framework, the policy settings for the Disaster Recover Reserve are also reviewed. That review should consider:
  - i. The excesses paid for significant assets to assess if the \$100,000 excess that generally applies to those assets (except for natural disasters, when a five percent of site sum insured excess is applied) is appropriate. Previous experience is that an increase in excess above \$100,000 will deliver only small premium savings relative to the increase in retained risk;
  - ii. The scale of previous uninsured losses e.g. damage to uninsured assets through weather events such as the August 2017 and February 2018 weather events. This will enable an analysis of whether the size of the reserve is adequate for dealing with those events (and potential ones) without impacting on rates or levels of service;
  - iii. Council's overall financial position, including the borrowing facilities available. The level of unplanned expenditure (rates increases) the community could be reasonably expected to absorb will also be considered as the last resort when the Disaster Recovery Reserve and other sources of funding are exhausted; and
  - iv. What level the reserve should be kept at, how that level can be achieved in the first place (e.g. through consistent allocation under the Long-Term Plan as is the case currently), under what circumstances the fund can be drawn on, and how (and how quickly) the fund is to be replenished when drawn on (e.g. one-off application of a surplus or consistent allocation over several years).
2. The current settings are as follows:
  - i. The reserve is only available to smooth the impacts year-on-year on the community when the Council needs to significantly increase operating costs to repair Council assets/facilities after an adverse event.
  - ii. The target level of the reserve should be set at approximately two percent of the Council's total rates take in a year (for the current year this amounts to \$2m but is forecast to be \$3.6m at the end of the Long-Term Plan 2021-31). An increase in rates at this level has been assessed as being the point at which most activity centres, if unable to recoup those costs, would need to reduce their level of service if they are to meet budget.
  - iii. The release of funds to offset operating costs can only be approved by a Council resolution on the recommendation of Officers.
  - iv. In an extraordinary circumstance (e.g. a significant natural event), all funds in the reserve may be released in one payment.

- v. If the reserve falls below the target level then provision should be made equally in each of the following three years to return the balance to the targeted level.
  - vi. If the balance is above the target level then the reserve should remain unadjusted.
3. The results of risk modelling, noting the Probable Maximum Loss, will also inform what level of reserve would be appropriate, along with the other considerations above.

<https://www.npdc.govt.nz/media/sz4fbzti/sps-report-on-npdc-2021.pdf>



**NEW PLYMOUTH PIF GUARDIANS LIMITED  
PIF GOVERNANCE DEED**

**This PIF Governance Deed constitutes a deed dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2017.**

**BETWEEN NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL**, a local authority under the  
Local Government Act 2002 (**Council**)

**AND NEW PLYMOUTH PIF GUARDIANS LIMITED**, a company having its  
registered office in New Plymouth (**NPG**)

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Council currently holds the Perpetual Investment Fund (**PIF**) which is a long-term pure commercial investment fund set up by the Council containing the sale proceeds of the Council's former shareholding in Powerco Limited.
- B. The Council had previously engaged NPG (under the name Taranaki Investment Management Limited) to provide investment management services for the PIF under the terms of an agreement dated 24 May 2011 (**TIML Mandate**).
- C. On 30 September 2016, the Council entered into an agreement (the **Implementation Agreement**) setting out certain preparatory steps which were to be taken prior to the date of this Deed.
- D. In accordance with the Implementation Agreement, the Council and NPG now wish to terminate the TIML Mandate and to establish a new structure for the management of the PIF as set out in this Deed (**PIF Governance Deed**).

**THIS DEED RECORDS THAT:**

**1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

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**1.1 Definitions:** When used in this Deed, capitalised terms:

- (a) defined in the main body of this Deed have the defined meaning throughout this Deed; and
- (b) defined in the Implementation Agreement will, unless otherwise defined, have the meaning given in that agreement.

**1.2 Interpretation:**

- (a) Clause and other headings are for ease of reference only and will not affect this Deed's interpretation.
- (b) References to the singular include the plural and vice versa.

- (c) Any obligation not to do anything includes an obligation not to suffer, permit or cause that thing to be done.
- (d) The term includes or including (or any similar expression) is deemed to be followed by the words without limitation.
- (e) References to any document (however described) are references to that document as modified, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time and in any form, whether on paper or in an electronic form.

## 2. TERMINATION OF TIML MANDATE

The Council and NPG agree that, with immediate effect from the execution, by all parties, of this PIF Governance Deed, the TIML Mandate shall be terminated and both the Council and NPG will irrevocably waive any rights conferred upon that party pursuant to the TIML Mandate (including the right to bring any claim against the other as a result of circumstances arising prior to such termination).

## 3. STRATEGIC PIF OBJECTIVES

**3.1 Objectives for the Management of the PIF:** The parties understand that the Council's objectives (**PIF Objectives**) in relation to the management of the PIF are:

- (a) to at least maintain the real capital of the PIF as a sustainable perpetual investment fund in the long term (the **Founding Principle**) whilst generating a sufficient return to maintain a sustainable release to the Council; and
- (b) to ensure that the following principles underpin the operation of the PIF:
  - (i) all investments are made on purely commercial terms; and
  - (ii) the PIF will be managed on the basis of a prudent, commercial, diversified portfolio investment style and asset allocation, which manages risk to further the Founding Principle.

**3.2 Operation of the PIF:** The parties agree that their obligations under this PIF Governance Deed shall be construed in light of their mutual intention that the PIF Objectives be achieved.

## 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "PIF GUARDIANS"

**4.1 Rationale:** The Council recognises that, given the nature of local authority core business, specialist investment management capabilities (at the Council or within the Councillor group or the Council's staff) may not be available. Accordingly, the Council considers it prudent to appoint an appropriate agent with the necessary capability to:

- (a) provide it with advice; and
- (b) act as its direct agent in connection with the management of the PIF (within certain pre-agreed delegated authorities).

4.2 **PIF Guardians:** The Council believes that the duly constituted board of directors of NPG (together, the **Board** or the **PIF Guardians** and, individually, each a **PIF Guardian**) will provide the necessary capabilities and therefore, subject to the appointment of the PIF Guardians in accordance with clause 4.3 below, intends to appoint NPG as its agent in accordance with the terms of this PIF Governance Deed.

4.3 **Appointment of PIF Guardians:**

- (a) The Council will, at all times, exercise its power as the sole shareholder of NPG to ensure that, to the extent reasonably practicable:
  - (i) there will, at all times, be 4 PIF Guardians;
  - (ii) each PIF Guardian will, at the time of their appointment, be "independent" (i.e. will have no conflict of interest in terms of the PIF Code of Conduct (as defined in clause 6.2 below)) and will not be a past or present member of the Council; and
  - (iii) a senior Council executive (the **Council Observer**) will be entitled to attend and speak at meetings of the Board in a non-voting capacity to provide Council oversight and perspective (and, where necessary, to undertake administration). The Council Observer will be entitled to disclose to the Council (and its employees) any information received by the Council Observer as a result of their attendance at meetings of the Board.
- (b) When appointing a PIF Guardian to the Board, the Council will:
  - (i) ensure that the PIF Guardians have the necessary blend of skills to ensure that the duties and responsibilities of NPG are able to be satisfactorily discharged;
  - (ii) base such appointment on the recommendations of the Council executive and those consultants as are appointed by the Council in connection with the selection of PIF Guardians; and
  - (iii) assess the capability of candidates based on a range of factors including:
    - (A) Character (e.g. demonstrated integrity, pursuit of high performance standards and a willingness to think independently and defend decisions);

- (B) Capability (e.g. proven fund management / commercial expertise; experience with local government and organisations with high levels of public scrutiny; industry credentials / profile; networks and governance experience); and
- (C) Commitment (e.g. level of personal buy-in to the objectives of the PIF; capacity given other roles and commitment to further knowledge development).

#### 4.4 Term of Appointment:

- (a) Subject to clause 4.5, each PIF Guardian will be appointed for a term of 3 years (**Term**).
- (b) On the expiration of the Term of a given PIF Guardian, that PIF Guardian will, subject to (c) below, be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of 3 years.
- (c) No PIF Guardian will be appointed for more than 2 Terms.
- (d) Notwithstanding clauses 4.4(a), (b) and (c) above, in circumstances in which the operation of those clauses would otherwise result, in the reasonable opinion of the Council, in an insufficient number of PIF Guardians remaining on the Board to ensure continuity of management, the Council may vary the terms of appointment of the PIF Guardians to the minimum extent necessary in order to ensure such continuity.

4.5 **Removal of PIF Guardians:** The Council will, from time to time (and in accordance with the constitution of NPG (**Constitution**)), be entitled to remove any PIF Guardian which it believes, acting reasonably, has failed to comply with the role and responsibilities of the PIF Guardians as set out in this PIF Governance Deed.

4.6 **Management of NPG:** There will be no employees of NPG and NPG will act solely through:

- (a) the PIF Guardians; and
- (b) any independent contractor appointed in accordance with clause 5 below.

4.7 **Meetings of the PIF Guardians:** The PIF Guardians will meet 6 to 8 times per annum under normal circumstances and on any more regular basis as is necessary in order to discharge their responsibilities under this PIF Governance Deed.



## 5. THE ROLE OF NPG AND THE "PIF GUARDIANS"

The overarching role of NPG and of the PIF Guardians will be to ensure that the PIF is managed in a prudent, commercial manner in accordance with the SIPO (as defined in the Implementation Agreement), this PIF Governance Deed and the Constitution. The responsibilities of NPG and, from their appointment, the responsibilities of each PIF Guardian will be:

### *Advisors and Architecture*

**5.1 Appointment of Full Outsource Agent:** To select and appoint a third party independent advisor (**Full Outsource Agent**) which will contract with NPG on the Draft Outsource Terms (as defined in the Implementation Agreement). The Full Outsource Agent will have responsibility for 100% of the PIF. It will be the responsibility of the Full Outsource Agent:

- (a) to appoint investment managers to manage the investment of that proportion of the PIF allocated to that investment manager by the Full Outsource Agent on a day to day basis (each an **Investment Manager**);
- (b) to provide detailed reports as to the performance of the PIF on such basis as may be requested by the Council or the PIF Guardians from time to time; and
- (c) to carry out such other activities relating to the PIF as may be agreed between the PIF Guardians and the Full Outsource Agent from time to time.

Each of NPG and the PIF Guardians will use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Full Outsource Agent manages the PIF in accordance with this PIF Governance Deed (including the PIF Objectives). Any fair and reasonable costs incurred by the Full Outsource Agent (including all reasonable fees and expenses of the Full Outsource Agent) will be paid by NPG and reimbursed by the Council. If, at any time, a Full Outsource Agent is removed from (or otherwise ceases to perform) its role, the obligation of NPG and the PIF Guardians shall, in accordance with the provisions of this clause 5.1, be to procure a replacement as soon as reasonably practicable.

**5.2 Removal of Advisors:** To remove any previously appointed advisor or agent or assert such other contractual rights in respect of such third party as shall be considered prudent by the PIF Guardians (acting reasonably and having regard to the PIF Objectives and the responsibilities set out in this PIF Governance Deed).

**5.3 Cost Efficiency:** To manage the PIF (and to procure the management of the PIF, by the Full Outsource Agent and its own agents) in a cost effective manner.

**5.4 Advisor Appraisal:** To set and agree appropriate mechanisms (including benchmarking if appropriate) to allow NPG and the Council to determine the performance of any particular advisor or agent from time to time.

- 5.5 **Advisor Monitoring:** To monitor the performance of advisors and agents appointed in connection with the PIF and to provide such reports and advice to the Council on such reasonable basis as NPG and the Council may request.

#### *SIPO Review*

- 5.6 **Review of SIPO:** To review the SIPO (including the SAA) on a regular basis to ensure that it remains consistent with this PIF Governance Deed (including the PIF Objectives) and, without prejudice to the foregoing, to conduct a detailed review of the SIPO (**SIPO Review**) on an approximate 3 yearly basis. The SIPO Review will be conducted with the intention that the results will be available for consideration in the preparation of the Council's long term plan. The SIPO Review shall include:

- (a) a comprehensive review of the performance of the PIF;
- (b) the preparation and conduct of a workshop for the Council covering, among other things: PIF history; organisational architecture principles; structural arrangements; advisor and agent performance measurement; and monitoring arrangements; and
- (c) recommendations to Council for ratification of existing or revised arrangements with third parties.

Any amendments to the SIPO will be notified to the Council as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### *Advice and Reporting*

- 5.7 **Advice:** To provide advice to the Council on such matters related to the management of the PIF as the Council may, from time to time, request.
- 5.8 **Critical Analysis:** To assess and challenge the advice that NPG and the Council receive from their advisors and agents from time to time in relation to the PIF.
- 5.9 **Investment Consultant:** To provide the Council or its agents (including any investment consultant appointed by the Council) with such information as may reasonably be requested to permit any such person to monitor the performance of the PIF Guardians and those agents appointed by NPG in connection with the PIF.
- 5.10 **Regular Reporting:** To provide such reports, on a quarterly basis (or more frequently if the Council requests), as the Council may, in its absolute discretion, request in connection with the performance of the PIF Guardians' obligations under this PIF Governance Deed.
- 5.11 **Record Keeping:** To procure that the Full Outsource Agent (and its own agents) retain detailed written records of investment decisions and the process relating to those investment decisions.

*Compliance*

- 5.12 **Compliance:** To ensure compliance, by NPG, with all CCO requirements including the preparation of an annual statement of intent.

## 6. CONDUCT OF THE PIF GUARDIANS

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- 6.1 **Integrity and Ethical Behaviour:** Each PIF Guardian must, at all times, comply with the express terms and spirit of their statutory obligations to NPG including acting honestly and in good faith and in what they reasonably believe to be the best interests of NPG.
- 6.2 **Code of Conduct:** Each PIF Guardian must operate in compliance with the code of conduct set out at Schedule 1 (the **PIF Code of Conduct**) which sets out the standards of appropriate ethical and professional conduct for the PIF Guardians.
- 6.3 **Acknowledgement:** Each PIF Guardian will, and NPG will procure that each PIF Guardian will, as soon as reasonably practicable following the date of this Deed, execute, as a deed, an acknowledgement in the form set out in Schedule 2.

## 7. GENERAL

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- 7.1 **Counterparts:** This Deed may be signed in counterparts. All executed counterparts will together constitute one instrument.
- 7.2 **Amendment:** No amendment to (or termination of) this Deed will be effective unless executed by the Council and NPG. The Council may not execute any such amendment (or termination) otherwise than with the authority of a vote of not less than 75% of elected members of the Council.
- 7.3 **Governing Law and Jurisdiction:** This Deed is governed by the laws of New Zealand. The parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts in respect of all matters relating to this Deed.

**EXECUTED AND DELIVERED AS A DEED**

**SIGNED** on behalf of **NEW  
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

  
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Signature of Mayor/Councillor

NEIL HOLDOM  
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Name of Mayor/Councillor

  
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Signature of Mayor/Councillor

Craig Smith  
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**SIGNED** on behalf of **NEW  
PLYMOUTH PIF GUARDIANS  
LIMITED**

  
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Signature of director

Mark Butcher  
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Kirsty Campbell  
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David Rae  
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Tracey Jones  
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Jamie Tuuta  
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Name of director



## SCHEDULE 1 CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1. OBJECTIVES

This Code of Conduct (**Code**) sets out the standards of ethical and professional conduct with which the board of directors of New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited (NPG) (together, the **Board** or the **PIF Guardians** and, individually, each a **PIF Guardian**) are expected to comply.

### 2. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

#### 2.1 Collective Duties of Board: The Board must:

- (a) Act in a manner consistent with the objectives, function and responsibilities of the Board outlined in the PIF Governance Deed.
- (b) Perform its functions efficiently, effectively and consistently with the spirit of service to the public.
- (c) Operate in a financially responsible manner.
- (d) Comply with the legal requirements regarding Council Controlled Organisations.

#### 2.2 Individual Duties of Each PIF Guardian: Each PIF Guardian must ensure that he or she:

- (a) Does not contravene, or cause the contravention of, any of the laws of New Zealand (or any other relevant jurisdiction).
- (b) Acts with honesty and integrity.
- (c) Acts in good faith and does not pursue his or her own interests at the expense of the PIF Guardians' interests.
- (d) Exercises the care, diligence and skill that a reasonable person would exercise in the same circumstances taking into account the nature of the PIF Guardians, the nature of the action, the position of the PIF Guardian and the nature of his or her responsibilities.
- (e) Does not disclose information obtained in his or her capacity as a PIF Guardian. There are limited exceptions to this set out below.

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 3.1 It is acknowledged that the selection criteria for PIF Guardians include the desirability of having PIF Guardians with relevant investment skills and work experience to assist NPG to achieve its objectives. It is recognised therefore that

it is likely the individuals who are appointed to the Board will have obligations to other entities as directors, officers or professional members. It is also recognised that they may have private business or investment interests which could potentially conflict with their duties as a PIF Guardian. This Code has been created, in part, to provide guidance in managing these actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where conflicts of interest may exist. This can arise where a PIF Guardian is in a position to take any action that is, or reasonably appears to be, influenced by considerations other than the best interests of the PIF Guardians or the PIF. This may exist whether or not the PIF Guardian stands to derive a financial benefit. The "interest" concerned could be financial or nonfinancial.
- 3.3 For example, a conflict of interest could arise if a PIF Guardian, or a close family member:
  - (a) has duties to an entity other than the PIF Guardians (e.g. as a director, board member or trustee);
  - (b) has invested in, or has a financial interest in, a company or other entity that has dealings with the PIF Guardians or the PIF, or in which the PIF is invested; or
  - (c) is the beneficiary of a trust which has a financial interest in an entity that has dealings with the PIF Guardians or the PIF, or in which the PIF is invested.
- 3.4 Impartiality and transparency are essential to maintaining the integrity of the PIF Guardians, and the Board should err on the side of caution when deciding whether an involvement or interest gives rise to an interest that needs to be managed. The PIF Guardians need to consider whether there is a reasonable risk that a situation could undermine public trust and confidence in a PIF Guardian or the Board as a whole. Perceptions are particularly important in the public sector, and it is important that PIF Guardians not only act honestly and fairly, but are also clearly seen to be doing so.
- 3.5 The extent to which PIF Guardians should make inquiries as to interests held by close family members, trusts or others which may be of benefit to a PIF Guardian should be considered on a case by case basis. Each case will be assessed with regard to the circumstances, how they might be perceived (including in hindsight) and the desirability of being seen to have acted appropriately.

#### **When interests need to be disclosed**

- 3.6 For the purpose of the sections below, a "matter" means anything done or not done by the PIF Guardians in performance of their functions or exercise of their powers. It also includes an arrangement, agreement or contract entered into, or proposed to be entered into, by the PIF Guardians.

3.7 A PIF Guardian is deemed to have an interest in a matter in which the PIF Guardians are, or intend to become, a party or in which the PIF Guardians are otherwise involved, if the PIF Guardian:

- (a) may derive a financial benefit from the matter;
- (b) is the spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, child or parent of a person who may derive a financial benefit from the matter;
- (c) may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates;
- (d) is a partner, director, officer, board member or trustee of a person who may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates; or
- (e) is otherwise directly or indirectly interested in the matter.

However, a PIF Guardian is not interested in a matter if his or her interest is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him or her in carrying out his or her responsibilities under the PIF Governance Deed.

#### Disclosure of interests

- 3.8 If a PIF Guardian is interested in a matter, they must disclose the nature and extent of the interest and, if capable of being quantified, the monetary value of the interest, in the Board's interests register and to the Board as soon as practicable after the PIF Guardian becomes aware that he or she is interested.
- 3.9 A PIF Guardian may make a standing disclosure (i.e. a disclosure with ongoing effect). A standing disclosure will continue in effect until the nature of the interest materially alters or the extent of the interest materially increases.

#### Consequences of an interest

- 3.10 If a PIF Guardian is interested in a matter, he or she must not:
- (a) vote or participate in any discussion or decision of the Board relating to the matter or otherwise participate in any activity of the PIF Guardians in relation to the matter;
  - (b) sign any document relating to the matter; or
  - (c) be included for the purpose of forming a quorum for the part of any meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board during which a discussion or decision relating to the matter occurs.

#### Consequences of failing to disclose an interest

3.11 The Board must notify the Council of any failure by a PIF Guardian to disclose an interest (and of the acts affected) as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the failure.

3.12 Failure by a PIF Guardian to disclose an interest does not affect the validity of an act or a matter (although this does not limit the right of any person to apply for judicial review).

#### 4. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

4.1 In the course of discharging their responsibilities under the PIF Governance Deed, PIF Guardians will have access to certain confidential information relating to the investment of the PIF. All information concerning the investment of the PIF, or the policies or plans relating to such investment, must be kept confidential and may not be disclosed, or made use of, or acted upon, except:

- (a) in the performance of the PIF Guardian's functions as a PIF Guardian;
- (b) as required by law;
- (c) in complying with the requirement to disclose interests set out above; or
- (d) as agreed by the Board (if the disclosure, use or act will be unlikely to prejudice the PIF).

#### Corporate opportunities

4.2 A PIF Guardian may not:

- (a) use confidential information relating to the PIF for his or her personal gain or for the benefit of any other person; or
- (b) buy or sell (or advise or encourage anyone else to buy or sell) a security or property when in possession of any information through his or her position as a PIF Guardian which may affect the value of that security or property; or
- (c) engage in front-running, or any other practice that seeks to benefit the PIF Guardian (or other persons) through the PIF Guardian's understanding of the activities of the PIF Guardians.

4.3 PIF Guardians must be cognisant of their obligations under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

#### 5. BENEFITS/HOSPITALITY/GIFTS/GRATUITIES

5.1 PIF Guardians will, from time to time, receive offers of hospitality and/or gifts from current or potential service providers. PIF Guardians should use good business judgement and common sense to guide them in determining their



response, and ensure that accepting such an offer would not bring suspicion on their objectivity or impartiality.

- 5.2 As a general guide, PIF Guardians should not accept benefits, entertainment, gifts or favours which create or appear to create a favoured position for another organisation or person who either is or aspires to be a vendor or a supplier to the PIF Guardians or the Council.
- 5.3 As a guiding principle, PIF Guardians must observe the principles of fairness and impartiality in all aspects of their work. No person or organisation may be given preferential treatment in any way over any other individual or organisation. In addition, PIF Guardians should avoid any situation that could directly or indirectly compromise the performance of their duties, or the standing of the organisation.
- 5.4 A PIF Guardian must not abuse his or her position for personal gain. He or she must not solicit or accept gifts, rewards, or benefits which might compromise, or be seen to compromise, his or her integrity or that of the PIF Guardians.
- 5.5 As a general rule, a PIF Guardian should not accept a gift (whatever its nature or value) if the gift could be seen by others as either an inducement or a reward which might place the PIF Guardian under an obligation to a third-party.
- 5.6 Where offers of gifts or inducements are made, they should be reported by the PIF Guardian to the Board, who will determine the appropriate response. Any PIF Guardian who accepts a gift should declare the gift to the Board for a decision on final disposal.
- 5.7 In order to avoid an actual or perceived issue relating to any influence regarding relationships, PIF Guardians are required to:
  - (a) record any gift, of other than a nominal value, in the Gifts/Hospitality Register of the Board;
  - (b) not accept, at any time, any offers of cash, equity holdings, or other payments; and
  - (c) record, in the Gifts/Hospitality Register of the Board all offers of hospitality which have been accepted and where the estimated value is greater than NZ\$50, or where the PIF Guardian has accepted hospitality below this value from a provider more than once in the previous three months. During a competitive tender situation, accepting hospitality is discouraged as it may compromise the perceived independence of the process. All hospitality must be declared in the register during a competitive tender process.



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## **STANDING ORDERS ADVICE: *LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE PERPETUAL INVESTMENT FUND***

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### **PURPOSE**

1. This paper presents advice on the Standing Orders implications for the "*Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund*" report.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

2. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance.

### **DISCUSSION**

3. Council has sought advice about the implications of 75 per cent majority vote requirements under Standing Orders and the PIF Governance Deed as they relate to the "*Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund*" report. These provisions require 75 per cent votes in favour to amend, terminate, or waive Council powers under, the PIF Governance Deed.
4. Officers have obtained legal advice that these requirements do not apply to the proposed decision. Instead the decision must be made on a majority vote (i.e. more than 50 per cent of members present vote in favour), unless Council first amends Standing Orders.
5. The legal advice is attached to this report.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

6. There are no climate change implications from this advice; and it does not change the climate change implications outlined in the main report.

### **NEXT STEPS**

7. The next step is for Council to consider the "*Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund*" report, with a simple majority required to pass a resolution.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

8. Costs for the advice have been met within existing budgets.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

9. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
  - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
  - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
  - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
  - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
  - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Simpson Grierson advice: Super-majority requirements when progressing local bill to protect Perpetual Investment Fund (ECM 8727263)

Report Details

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## Our advice

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### Super-majority requirements when progressing local bill to protect Perpetual Investment Fund

#### Background

The New Plymouth District Council (**Council**) is considering a proposed resolution to develop a local bill to enhance protections for its Perpetual Investment Fund (**PIF**). The proposed resolution includes that the local bill provides that:<sup>1</sup>

a 75 per cent majority of elected members present at a Council meeting may resolve that the release may be different from that of the release rule.

The PIF is presently managed under the PIF Governance Deed (**Governance Deed**) between the Council and New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited. Clause 7.3 states that the Governance Deed cannot be amended or terminated without "*the authority of a vote of not less than 75% of elected members of the Council.*" The 75% majority requirement in this clause has been adopted (but with some variations mentioned at paragraph 4 below) as part of the Council's Standing Orders, in standing order 18.1A.

#### Questions and answers

**Does the proposed resolution trigger either the Governance Deed or Council Standing Orders provisions for a 75 per cent majority? If so, what parts of the proposed resolution?**

The 75% majority requirements do not apply to decisions to progress a local bill, as this does not constitute the Council amending or terminating the Governance Deed.

<sup>1</sup> Greg Stephens *Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund* (New Plymouth District Council, 20 January 2022), at 2.

**Do any common law requirements require that a decision to embed a provision by a super-majority must be made by an equivalent super-majority? If so, does it apply to a decision to promote a local bill that would embed a provision, rather than a decision directly embedding a provision?**

There is common law and constitutional convention relating to Parliament binding itself with a super-majority requirement. Generally, any legislation that includes super-majority requirements to amend or repeal the legislation must themselves be passed by a super-majority of Parliament.

However, this does not displace the Council's ability to, by simple majority, promote a local bill (regardless of whether it includes a super-majority provision), and Parliament's ability to, in turn by simple majority, pass that super-majority provision into law. This is a function of Parliament's sovereignty over the Council, and Council's Standing Orders requiring most decisions (including one to promote a local bill) to be made by simple majority.

**If one or more super-majority requirements apply:**

- **What is the appropriate Council resolution to satisfy these requirements? Is it the initial vote (on the paper under consideration now), the statement of proposal, the hearings/deliberations, or the final adoption of a bill to promote to Parliament?**
- **Are there parts of the resolution, particularly in relation to the proposed local bill content, that do *not* require a super-majority vote?**

Our view is that no super-majority requirements apply to Council decisions to begin development of a local bill, or a final decision to promote that local bill to Parliament.

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| <b>Reasoning (summary)</b>  |      |
| This is because:  |      |
| • The Governance Deed and Standing Orders super-majority provisions do not apply to a decision to progress the development of a local bill  | 3    |
| • There is common law and constitutional convention that applies to Parliamentary super-majorities  | 5    |
| • However, such common law and constitutional convention does not affect the Council's ability to ask Parliament to enact a super majority requirement for future Council decisions | 6    |

## Reasoning explained

**The Governance Deed and Standing Orders super-majority provisions do not apply to a decision to progress the development of a local bill**

1. The Governance Deed sets out strategic objectives for management of the PIF,<sup>2</sup> and governs the establishment and operation of "*the PIF Guardians*", who constitute the board of directors of New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited (**NPG**).<sup>3</sup>
2. In full, clause 7.2 of the Governance Deed provides:  
  

**Amendment:** No amendment to (or termination of) this Deed will be effective unless executed by the Council and NPG. The Council may not execute any such amendment (or termination) otherwise than with the authority of a vote of not less than 75% of elected members of the Council.
3. Clause 7.2 does not, by itself, override the requirement in the Local Government Act 2002 (**LGA 02**) that Council decisions be made by way of a majority of members that are present and voting.<sup>4</sup> However, presumably to ensure that the intent of clause 7.2 is achieved, the Council has amended its Standing Orders (which can expressly override the majority vote requirement)<sup>5</sup> to include standing order 18.1A:  
  

Any decision to amend the terms of, terminate or waive the Council's rights under, the PIF Governance Deed may only be done by a vote of not less than 75% of the members present.
4. Standing order 18.1A largely mirrors clause 7.2, but with additional references to waiving of Council rights, and the super-majority being of "*members present*".
5. The result of the above is that a Council decision that comes within the description in standing order 18.1A will require a 75% majority decision. Decisions to adopt or amend standing orders, temporarily suspend standing orders, or revoke or alter previous resolutions also require a majority of 75% of members present.<sup>6</sup> Any other type of decision must necessarily be determined by a simple majority, in accordance with standing order 18.1 and clause 24(1) of Schedule 7 of the LGA 02.
6. The proposed resolution that is due to go to the Council shortly calls for the Council "*to progress the development of a local bill*" to provide protections for the PIF, and sets out some of the key policy goals for that local bill.<sup>7</sup>

2 New Plymouth District Council and New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited *PIF Governance Deed* (1 March 2017), at [3].

3 At [4.2].

4 See clause 24(1), Schedule 7 of the LGA 02, which contains the requirement for a majority vote. Clause 24(4) makes clear that this requirement applies unless the LGA 02 provides otherwise, or "*the standing orders of the local authority expressly provide otherwise*".

5 See clause 24(4)(b), Schedule 7 of the LGA 02.

6 New Plymouth District Council *Standing Orders [for Council and Committee meetings]* (4 April 2017), standing orders 3.2, 3.5 and 23.5.

7 Greg Stephens *Legislation to Protect the Perpetual Investment Fund* (New Plymouth District Council, 20 January 2022), at 1.

7. The resolution merely provides for the development of the local bill. Once a draft local bill has been developed, we expect that would need to go to the Council for its consideration, and the Council would then make a final decision on whether or not to promote that local bill to Parliament. So, it appears that the proposed resolution merely concerns commencing the development process, and does not necessarily commit the Council to promoting the local bill.
8. Further, on its face, there is nothing in the proposed resolution that constitutes an amendment, termination, or waiver of the Governance Deed. There is not any Council decision to make such changes within the proposed resolution.
9. By way of contrast, the super-majority requirement in standing order 18.1A would apply to decisions to amend or terminate the Governance Deed in the following scenarios:
  - (a) a local bill is passed, and the Council wants to amend the Governance Deed (or Standing Orders) to align with this legislation, and/or terminate the Governance Deed because the legislation has made it defunct; or
  - (b) a local bill is not passed, so the Council wants to instead enhance protections for the PIF by amending the Governance Deed.
10. In terms of the scenario in paragraph (a), if the proposed local bill is passed by Parliament, where there are any inconsistencies between that legislation and the Governance Deed or Council Standing Orders, the legislation will prevail.<sup>8</sup>
11. This itself means that an amendment to (or termination of) the Governance Deed or Standing Orders is not required for the Council to decide to progress a local bill.
12. In our opinion, the super-majority requirement in standing order 18.1A does not apply to the proposed resolution. Rather, the proposed resolution, under the terms of the LGA 02 and the current Standing Orders, must instead be determined by a simple majority.
13. For largely the same reasons, we expect that any final decision to promote the local bill is also not going to trigger standing order 18.1A (although we cannot be absolutely definitive on this point without seeing the final draft local bill and the relevant Council resolution, neither of which yet exist).
14. For completeness, the requirement for the proposed resolution to be determined by a simple majority could be altered only by amending

<sup>8</sup> This is a function of Parliament's sovereignty prevailing over a deed executed, and Standing Orders adopted by the Council, which themselves exists as a result of Parliamentary enactment. Practically, if such a local bill were to be enacted by Parliament, it would be sensible for the Council to amend its Standing Orders to reflect such legislation.

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the Standing Orders themselves, and any such amendment would require "a vote of not less than 75 % of the members present".<sup>9</sup>

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**There is common law and constitutional convention that applies to Parliamentary super-majorities**

15. Parliament's Standing Order 270(1) provides that:
 

A proposal for entrenchment must itself be carried in a committee of the whole House by the majority that it would require for the amendment or repeal of the provision to be entrenched.
  16. "A *proposal or entrenchment*" is defined as:<sup>10</sup>

any provision in a bill or amendment to a bill that would require that that provision or amendment or any other provision can be amended or repealed only by a majority of more than 50 percent plus one of all the members of the House.
  17. The only examples of provisions that have been entrenched in this way into New Zealand law are the "*reserved provisions of the electoral law*".<sup>11</sup>
  18. This Parliamentary standing order would not apply to a bill which requires a super-majority of councillors to approve a release from the PIF that is different from the adopted release rule. The Parliamentary standing order applies only to the actions of the House of Representatives.
  19. There is also common law relating to entrenchment, the history of which is discussed in detail in *Joseph on Constitutional and Administrative Law*.<sup>12</sup>
  20. Philip Joseph charts a "*shift in judicial attitude*" from a clear position in the 1950s that "*Parliament could not bind its successors*", meaning that a present Parliament can bypass a previous Parliament's act of entrenchment, to a current position where entrenchment may be enforceable, and that the courts have a role in ensuring:<sup>13</sup>

that Parliament's entrenchment has a constitutional rationale, is directed at the integrity of democratic process and not substantive legislative policy, and does not offend the distinction between "manner and form" and "substance".
  21. This conclusion is drawn on the basis of clear indications given by New Zealand courts, and the Solicitor-General in oral argument before the Supreme Court,<sup>14</sup> but it is noted that the "*Supreme Court has not given an authoritative ruling on the issue.*" Joseph does,
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<sup>9</sup> New Plymouth District Council *Standing Orders [for Council and Committee meetings]* (4 April 2017), standing order 3.2.

<sup>10</sup> Standing Orders of the House of Representatives 2020, SO 270(2).

<sup>11</sup> David McGee *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand* (4th ed, Oratia, Wellington, 2017), at 445 and 446; and the Electoral Act 1993, section 268.

<sup>12</sup> Philip A Joseph *Joseph on Constitutional and Administrative Law* (5th ed, Thomson Reuters, 2021), chapter 17.

<sup>13</sup> At [17.8.11].

<sup>14</sup> *Ngaronoa v Attorney-General* [2018] NZSC 123, [2019] 1 NZLR 289.

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however, also state that entrenchment "*has conventional or moral force, irrespective of the legal arguments*".<sup>15</sup>

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**Common law and constitutional convention does not affect the Council's ability to ask Parliament to enact a super-majority requirement for future Council decisions**

22. This common law and constitutional convention all relates to Parliament's ability (or otherwise) to bind future iterations *of itself* by entrenchment.
  23. By contrast, what the Council is considering doing is promoting a local bill which would, if enacted by Parliament, impose a super-majority requirement on future Council decisions.
  24. This is not a case of the Council making a decision to bind itself. That decision rests with Parliament, which may pass a local bill as drafted, remove super-majority requirements before passing it, or not pass it all.
  25. The Council, and its powers, exist as a result of Parliament exercising its statutory powers. It is entirely within the bounds of those powers for Parliament to impose a super-majority requirement on future Council decisions through its normal process of passing law, whether or not this has been asked for in the form of the Council promoting a local bill.
  26. A good example of this is clause 27(3) and (4) of Schedule 7 of the LGA 02, where Parliament has imposed super-majority requirements on all local authorities. No super-majorities were required for that provision to be enacted.
  27. Put another way, any convention or common law that supports a requirement that a decision to embed a super-majority must itself be made by that super-majority level:
    - 27.1 has not, to our knowledge, been applied to local authorities in New Zealand;
    - 27.2 should not, therefore, displace the normal functioning of the Council's Standing Orders, mentioned at paragraph 12 above; and
    - 27.3 would, in our view, be trumped by Parliament's sovereignty over local authorities.
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<sup>15</sup> Joseph, at [17.7.2]. See also McGee, at 10.

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## **PURCHASE OF LAND IN INGLEWOOD FOR CONSERVATION INITIATIVE**

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### **MATTER**

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the strategic purchase of approximately 5.9216 hectares of land at 1629 Mountain Road, Inglewood. Part of the land (approximately 1.2 hectares) will be utilised for the establishment of a wildlife rehabilitation centre and kiwi recovery house with the balance held for a 'planting our place' restoration and education project.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council:**

- a) Approves the purchase of 5.9219 hectares of land being 1629 Mountain Road (Proposed Lot 1 DP 532524 subject to title) for \$800,000 (including GST).
- b) Approves bringing forward an allocation of \$800,000 (\$500,000 from year 2, and \$300,000 from year 4) from the Brooklands Zoo planning implementation (known by the project code PK2011) for the land purchase.
- c) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and prepare a Partnership Agreement between Council, East Taranaki Environment Trust and tangata whenua.
- d) Authorises the Property Manager to finalise the sale and purchase agreement.

### **STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Strategy and Operations Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation.

### **INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

3. The Inglewood Community Board endorsed the Strategy and Operations Committee recommendation.

| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |   |
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| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being significant.   |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the purchase of the land.</li> <li>2. Decline the purchase of the land.</li> </ol>   |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are East Taranaki Environment Collective, Pukerangiora hapū and a broader group of Taranaki iwi and hapū involved in taonga species recovery, the general public and ratepayers who may wish to visit and be part of the area and facility (once constructed). |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends <b>Option 1</b> for addressing the matter.   |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | No, the purchase of the land can be funded from an existing budget identified within the Long-Term Plan.  |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No  |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. It is recommended that the Council approves the purchase of 5.9216 hectares of land 1629 Mountain Road to facilitate a collaborative conservation initiative in Inglewood.
5. Taking this approach will result in efficient and improved conservation outcomes that support the Council's climate change mitigation actions and regional taonga species rehabilitation. In addition there will be potential increased employment, economic and domestic tourism opportunities in Inglewood.
6. The purchase of the land will cost \$800,000 (inclusive of GST). An independent valuation confirms the offer reflects the market value based on sales evidence for the area.
7. The next steps are to complete the purchase process, finalise a partnership agreement between East Taranaki Environment Collective, tangata whenua and the Council, undertake a co-designed masterplan process for the land and associated facilities and restoration outcomes and put in place a community lease for the land to be utilised for the wildlife facility.



## BACKGROUND

8. The site is located at the southern entrance to Inglewood on Mountain Road. It contains no buildings and is currently used for grazing. There is a large wetland area within the property. The northern boundary is the Kurapete Stream which is vegetated but with some exotic pines and exotic weed species such as holly. On the western boundary the land adjoins the Joe Gibbs Reserve and the designated railway corridor. To the east and south are smaller rural properties ranging in size from 0.7 hectares – 15 hectares.
9. In 2018 Mr Clark subdivided off 2.06 hectares from the northern and western areas of his 8 hectares site as shown in Figure 1. The purpose of the subdivision was to gift to the people of Inglewood as Recreation Reserve the vegetated areas including a lahar geological feature, adjoining the Joe Gibbs Scenic Reserve and the Kurapete Stream. The subdivision has since been approved (awaiting issue of titles) and Mr Clark has built a new bridge to access the site (that can take vehicles) from Standish Street. Easements were also provided for through the 2019 subdivision to facilitate public access to the Recreation Reserve.



Figure 1 Aerial photograph showing previously gifted land, bridge location, and proposed land purchase area.

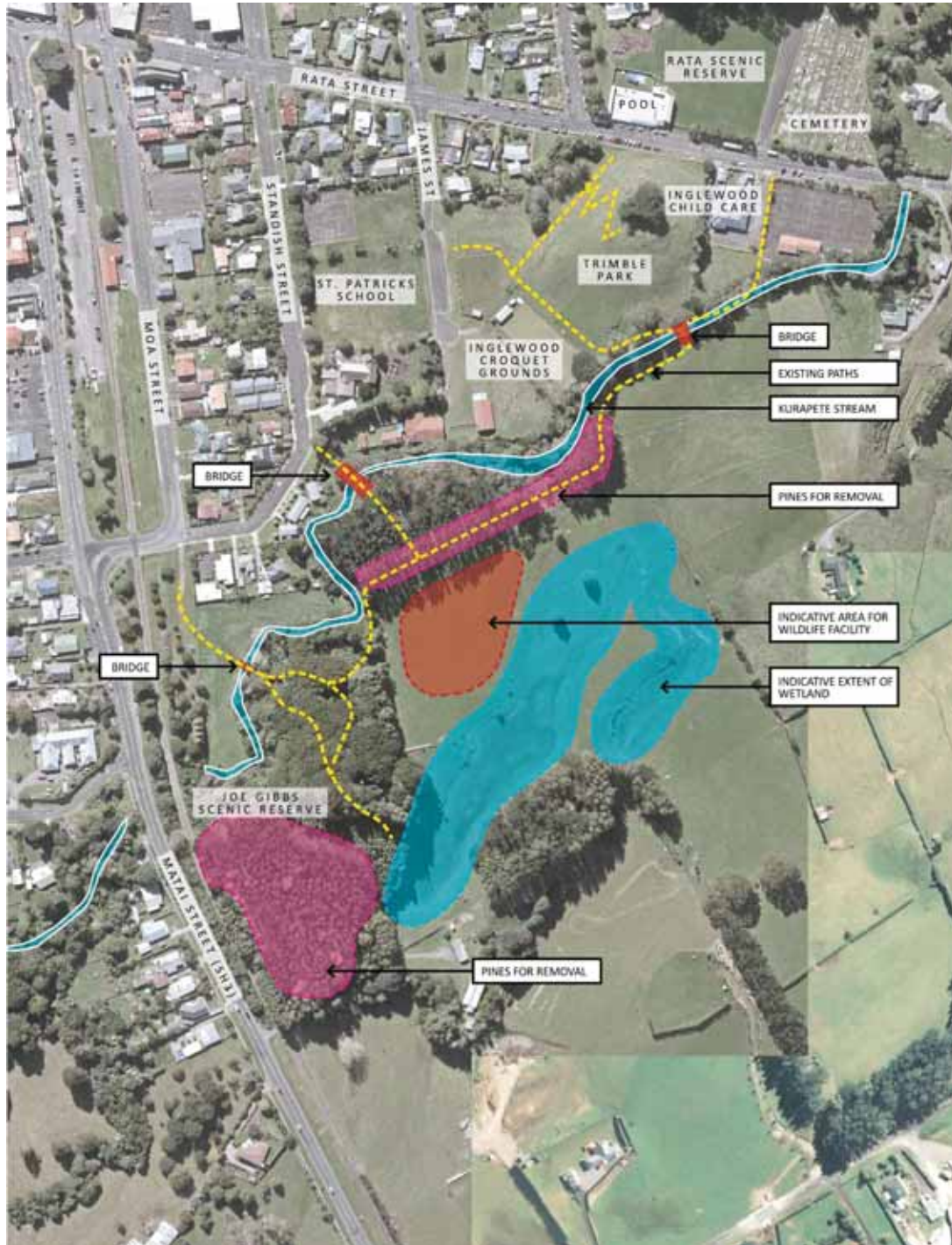


Figure 2 Aerial photograph showing the relationship of the proposed land purchase to other Ingleswood facilities, parks and walkways (full size version in Appendix 1).

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*East Taranaki Environment Trust*

10. The [East Taranaki Environment Trust](#) (ETET) is a Charitable Trust responsible for conservation of 13,000 hectares of land in the upper reaches of the Waitara River at Purangi, East Taranaki. This is delivered through the Trust's main project, known as East Taranaki Environment Collective (ETEC, previously Experience Purangi). Through a significant programme of pest control and advocacy, the Trust has established a recognised, national stronghold for North Island Western Brown Kiwi, turning a declining population into a haven for 4,000 birds. The kiwi are an indicator of the rich biodiversity that has been created in this area, which is now also home to an emerging population of kokako and NZ long tail bats.
  11. One of the key purposes of the Trust is to broaden public knowledge of environmental protection principles and provide access to resources for the community (especially schools, tertiary education sector, interest groups etc) to enable them to get hands-on experience.
  12. The Trust is a hub for volunteer activity in the Inglewood area, providing a place and purpose for a number of volunteers to undertake trap building and maintenance activities.
  13. The work of the Trust and its Te Whakakotahi project has long been seen as a cornerstone of potential commercial activity in Inglewood, a rural town with a general mix of low to medium socio-economic population. Providing opportunities for employment and a 'pride of place' facility in Inglewood are critical to this community, and well supported by local and regional leaders.
  14. The Trust has identified in its 2020 Detailed Business Case the need to develop a visitors and interpretive centre at Inglewood, including:
    - A general visitor display room which showcases the types of flora and fauna species fostered by ETET, and the work of ETET in conservation;
    - A mixed-use education room/workshop space to provide hands-on education about conservation and pest management principles;
    - Potential conversion of the general display and education rooms into a small to medium sized events room (to host small corporate functions and the like);
    - General office space for centralised management of ETET's work;
    - Volunteers' workshop (for trap maintenance etc) which could potentially include public participation facilities;
    - Café and/or shop facilities;
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- A captive kiwi facility including a kiwi house, outdoor facilities, hatching houses and aviaries for other native species;
  - A native bird wildlife rehabilitation and triage facility for shared use by local veterinarians, NPDC zoo staff and volunteers.
15. The initial business case from 2020 identified a preliminary cost estimate for the Inglewood wildlife facility to be in the order of \$10 million. This included an allocation of \$672,000 for land purchase. In addition the estimated yearly operating costs have been estimated in the order of \$1 million.
  16. Discussions that ETET have had with funders to date indicated the preference for land to be secured for the site prior to any funding request for development of the facility.
  17. The Trust has been working with Council Officers over the last year to explore potential Council-owned land that might be suitable for leasing to the Trust for development of the business case outcome described above. Council-owned land available in Inglewood is limited and to date no suitable sites without significant constraints have been identified.

#### *Wildlife Rehabilitation Opportunities*

18. An article published by [www.stuff.co.nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz) on 5 October 2015 (*Wildlife rehabilitation centres needed across NZ to stem native species decline*) identified the need for a greater number of wildlife rehabilitation centres to support the recovery of injured and ill native species. This concern has been further raised by Jo Russell (Manager of Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native Bird Park), who has identified the need to create a co-ordinated network of triage and rehabilitation facilities, particularly across the Waikato region. This creates potential for the ETET, NPDC and mana whenua to partner in a wider programme of rehabilitation.
  19. The proposed wildlife facility would be based on similar concepts such as Wildbase in Palmerston North. There is a significant opportunity to establish a partnership to provide native bird triage and rehabilitation facilities across the upper and/or lower North Island. ETET want to take this further by establishing relationships with NPDC's Brooklands Zoo team and local veterinarian groups to provide recovery facilities for ill and injured native fauna. The rehabilitation centre will include a mix of animal reception and basic hospital areas in one quarter of the main building, and a complex of aviaries to house recovering birds. This provides a unique opportunity for integrated education programmes on wildlife management and recovery, and captive recovery houses.
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20. ETET has worked with New Zealand's co-ordinator of Captive Kiwi Management to understand the constraints and opportunities of establishing a Kiwi Viewing House at Inglewood. Having confirmed the feasibility of this, the concept is to house at least two North Island Western Brown Kiwi in a purpose built facility. This in itself is a significant opportunity to build a cornerstone tourism attraction in Taranaki. The long term plan is to establish a hatchery (with associated permits and facility requirements) so that transport of kiwi eggs to one of the other facilities outside of the region (eg. Taupo or Rainbow Springs) is no longer required.



*Figure 3 Photograph of recently opened Wildbase in Palmerston North.*

#### *Brooklands Zoo Refocus*

21. The 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan (LTP) identified the need to undertake a strategic refocus of Brooklands Zoo. The planning stage of this project is scheduled to begin in June 2022. This includes consideration of the activities provided at the Brooklands location such as wildlife rehabilitation (hospital) and taonga species conservation.
22. Brooklands Zoo is a well-loved community asset in New Plymouth city, owned and operated by NPDC, receiving 113,000+ visitors each year. The zoo provides a range of existing services and products, including a safe play area for children, public toilets, shaded picnic areas, a coffee cart, small scale wildlife rehabilitation, volunteer programmes, keeper talks, educational displays around conservation and sustainability, and training for tertiary students through a Memorandum of Understanding with Unitec.

23. A high level planning exercise undertaken for the zoo in the lead up to the LTP identified some key opportunities for the future of the zoo including:
- Significant potential to enhance the zoos connection to the wider Biodiversity goals of the region and district. New Plymouth is well positioned as the most biodiverse city in New Zealand to accelerate this focus.
  - Better delivery of conservation, biodiversity and education goals, and provision of a boutique visitor experience while maintaining the roles it already fulfils.
  - Improvement in aging facilities at the zoo that are scheduled for renewal (ie: Free Flight Aviary, Monkey Habitat and back of house improvements).
  - There are some existing on-site operational issues with the layout of the zoo that could be managed through a re-design.
  - Some of the animals are reaching end of life and are not scheduled for replacement (i.e. Alpacas). This provides significant scope for a redesign of the zoo.
24. The opportunity presented by ETET is for a collaboration between NPDC's Brooklands Zoo and a new wildlife facility. This would provide an opportunity to support the aspirations of the Zoo to have a stronger input into conservation outcomes with a secondary location (shared with ETET). The 'satellite' location in Inglewood does not have the current challenges that Brooklands does with being alongside a major event venue and associated animal welfare considerations. This would therefore support wildlife rehabilitation and breed/release programmes in a more suitable location.
25. This collaboration/partnership would determine (in principle) the Inglewood site as the main conservation/rehabilitation facility.
26. As such the Brooklands site would no longer require a dedicated rehabilitation facility (hospital). The refocus would therefore consider specific educational, advocacy and exhibits that best fit with the constraints and opportunities at the Brooklands site.
27. This refocus would then align the remaining implementation budget identified in the LTP to upgrades and future investment at the Brooklands site best aligned with the future aspirations and activities at each location.
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*Terms of Sale*

28. The terms of sale conveyed to Mr Clark are as follows:
- a) Purchase price set at \$800,000 (inclusive of GST); and
  - b) Sale subject to approval of elected members.

*Due Diligence*

29. As part of the analysis of the proposed land purchase, Council Officers have undertaken a preliminary assessment of the planning considerations for operating a wildlife facility on the site.
30. The land is zoned rural under the Operative and Proposed District Plans. Located on the urban boundary, adjacent to an existing reserve it is a logical development in this area.
31. Any issues with the facility will be worked through the consent process. There is an opportunity to restore the wetland on the site. The design stage of the project will need to also consider traffic generation and vehicle access. It is important that a relationship with mana whenua is established to guide the design process.

*Reserve Provision in Inglewood*

32. The 2015 [Open Space Sport and Recreation Strategy](#) (the Strategy) identifies the drivers for reserve acquisition within the District. For the Inglewood area the main gap for reserves (as shown in diagram in Figure 4) is located to the mid-south zone of the township in the areas where the new residential development is in progress or planned.
33. The mapping confirms that the area of land proposed for purchase does not meet the trigger for purchase in terms of providing for neighbourhood reserve outcomes.
34. The Strategy does however have a strategic goal that identifies that 'Our biodiversity and cultural heritage is protected and valued as an experience'.
35. Given Council's commitment currently to conservation efforts in regards to Brooklands Zoo (and a desire to increase taonga species conservation efforts in this space) and the Planting Our Place programme, the provision of a dedicated facility on a piece of Council-owned land with strong environmental education outcomes in one of our townships, is considered to be a bespoke response in relation to reserve outcomes that sit outside of the general recreation provisions.
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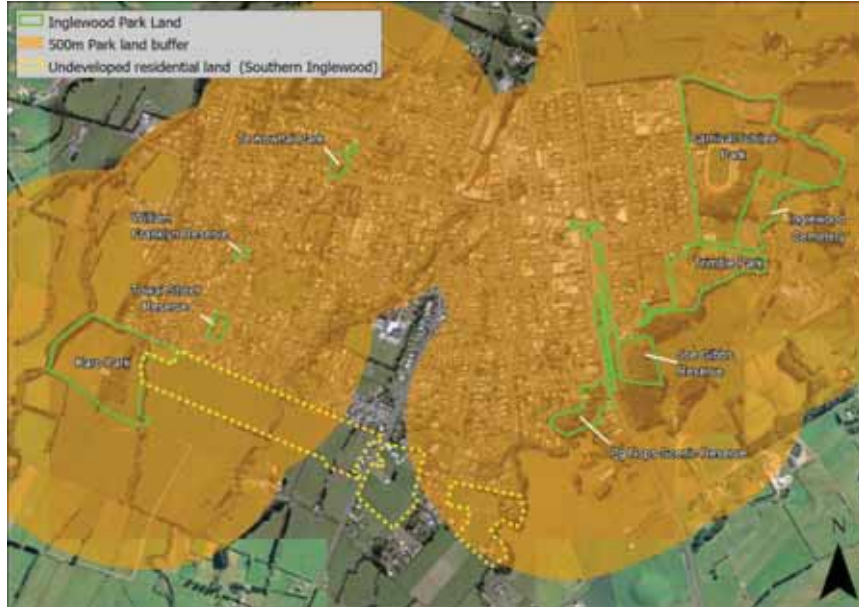


Figure 4 Diagram showing 2021 500m park land buffer map.

## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS

36. The proposed use of the balance land area not part of the wildlife facility as an Inglewood based Planting Our Place initiative will see the restoration of native forest and wetland. This will contribute to the Council's climate mitigation action programme alongside enhanced ecological outcomes. An initial high level estimate based on the Trees that Count carbon calculator indicates that if a minimum of 3 hectares of native trees, shrubs and wetland is restored on site, after 20 years of growth 1838 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> would be sequestered.
37. Additional benefits of the proposal in relation to emission reduction include the facility being locally based, which will ensure that current long-distance travel to and from wildlife and kiwi recovery facilities located outside of the region will no longer be required.

## NEXT STEPS

38. The next steps would be as follows;
  - To complete negotiations and finalise purchase;
  - On settlement, a joint press release on the initiative would be issued to appraise the public of the initiative and likely timelines and how to get involved;



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- Concurrently, a partnership agreement would be entered into with the ETET and mana whenua in regards to development of a masterplan. This will also include any provisions for review if the intended use by ETET does not eventuate;
  - A co-designed masterplan process would be undertaken;
  - Once more refined details of the proposed facility are determined, a further report to the Council providing details of the extent and term of a lease and arrangements with Brooklands Zoo use, will be brought back to Council; and
  - Funding applications progressed for the development of the wildlife facility.
39. In terms of timelines, the best case scenario estimate is that detailed design of the new centre would occur over the coming five months with concepts being completed and funding secured for detailed design by the end of April 2022 with detailed design completed by the end of October 2022.
40. Funding applications over the design timeline for implementation would then (if successful) provide for construction of the facility in the 2022/23 summer. Construction will take approximately 18 months.

#### *Implementation Risks*

41. The main risk associated with the proposal is linked to the ability of ETET to gain the funding required to develop the wildlife facility.
42. Given the level of support that ETET has been given to date for the wildlife facility initiative and a range of potential interested funders that have already been identified, it is considered this risk is low. Retaining the land in freehold title would provide the Council with a range of options if the ETET partnership (for whatever reasons) isn't able to deliver the anticipated outcomes. These options include:
- sale of all of the land;
  - subdivision and sale of part of the land and retention of part to be classified as Reserve;
  - retention of all of the land as Reserve with Planting Our Place forest/wetland restoration; and
  - the Council developing its own satellite facility to support Brooklands Zoo.
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43. If the timeline for implementation of the facility is extended out, there is no particular concerns in relation to holding costs as the land could be leased for grazing by graziers already managing the Council-owned land in the area.
  44. If the intended use by ETET, for any reason, does not eventuate, then a report will be brought back to the Council with options in relation to future use and ownership. In order to ensure options going forward the land will be kept as freehold and not classified under the Reserves Act until long-term project outcomes have been confirmed and an associated report back to the Council is presented.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

45. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance. The matter is considered of some importance because it has an impact on the relationship of Māori to water and other taonga and has a financial cost. However, the matter aligns with previous Council decisions in relation to the LTP.

### **OPTIONS**

#### *Land History*

46. Based on searchable electronic Land Information records, the following details on the history of the land being considered for purchase have been identified.
  47. The land originally comprised part of 87 acres (35 hectares approximately) of land disposed of by the Crown in 1879, under the Taranaki Waste Lands Act 1874, in a freehold estate to William Small under Historic Record of Title TN3/286.
  48. In 1887 Historic Freehold Record of Title TN19/156 was issued over 23 acres (9 hectares approximately) to Herbert Curtis.
  49. In 1937, approximately 3 acres (1.2 hectares) of that land comprising Lot 1 DP 5674, was transferred to the Inglewood Borough Council as an endowment in trust for Town Improvements, (this land now comprises part of the Joe Gibbs Scenic Reserve) and Freehold Record of Title was issued TN143/108 issued on the same date (1937) in favour of John Atkinson over the balance land comprising 19 acres 3 roods and 33 perches (8 hectares approximately).
  50. In 1979 the 8 hectares of land held in current Freehold Record of Title TN143/108, was transferred to John Clark, Ross Clark, and Fiona Clark as tenants in common.
  51. Subsequently in 2011, the 8 hectares held in current Freehold Record of Title TN143/108 was transferred to the current owner John Clark in 2014.
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52. In 2018 John Clark subdivided off 2.06 hectares (Lot 2) and gifted it to NPDC (still awaiting issue of title) that includes the Kurapete Stream and the pines for removal. Easements were also provided for through the 2019 subdivision to facilitate public access to the Recreation Reserve.

*Participation by Māori*

53. The proposed land purchase is located adjacent to the Kurapete Stream, which is a significant waterbody at this site within the rohe of Pukerangiora Hapū. In addition to this, the proposed wildlife facility will involve region-wide iwi and hapū interests (in particular Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Maru) due to the relationship with support of taonga species rehabilitation and housing and breed/release activities with kiwi.
54. Council Officers have discussed the proposed land purchase and conservation initiative with representatives from Pukerangiora Hapū. Early feedback has confirmed in principle support for the proposed land purchase and aspirations for the project which align with tangata whenua values.
55. ETET has been engaging with tangata whenua throughout the work that has occurred to date with kiwi translocations and restoration of taonga species within the protected areas of East Taranaki that are part of the Trust's work.
56. The intention if option 1 is approved would be to include tangata whenua in a partnership agreement and co-design process for the site. ETET would continue to work alongside tangata whenua on their work with taonga species and in development of the wildlife facility.
57. Option 2 would see an area of land adjacent to the Kurapete Stream (culturally significant water body) sold privately, and opportunity for restoration consistent with hapū values and aspirations not able to be progressed. In addition this option would not see the development of a rehabilitation facility to better support taonga species conservation efforts in the region, which is an aspiration supported by tangata whenua within the District.

*Community Views and Preferences*

58. The existing work of ETET supports a range of outcomes for the local residents of Inglewood. The ETET is well engaged with the community of Inglewood and surrounds.
59. Detailed investigations were undertaken in 2019 by ETET to confirm the scope for the proposed Inglewood Native Bird Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre. This included extensive research of other facilities and consultation with key conservation and eco-sanctuary / visitors centre facilities throughout New Zealand. Consultation by ETET to date has included:
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60. Local veterinary groups and NPDC zoological staff to test the viability of the proposed centre and confirm their support. Initial discussions with Ngāti Maru and Pukerangiora on their interest in the project. In addition, the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses were consulted to ensure that sustainable long term sponsorship / support for the operation of the proposed Centre can be obtained. Based on the scope, cost estimates were prepared for initial funding and to identify potential land options in the Inglewood area. Funding has been received to develop the architectural design for the proposed new centre.
61. The Inglewood community requested through submissions to the LTP for the Planting Our Place programme to encompass their township. There has been identified interest in greening the township and enhancing environmental outcomes. It is anticipated that if this option is chosen, that the Planting Our Place initiative will be well supported and provide an opportunity for engagement of the Inglewood community.
62. As the wildlife facility project and associated site developments occur, it is anticipated that there would be further engagement and involvement of the local community in the project.
63. There has been no specific community consultation on this proposed land purchase and/or wildlife rehabilitation facility, however there has been general support for a facility of this nature in the region by a range of community groups and organisations involved in wildlife conservation.

#### **Option 1**

#### **Approve the purchase of the land**

##### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

64. The proposal for purchase of the land facilitates provision of a satellite wildlife facility that can be utilised as part of the Brooklands Zoo conservation initiatives and responds well to an enhanced taonga species conservation services provided by the Zoo and expert staff. This will then guide the re-focus work starting June 2022 for the Brooklands site.
65. It is expected that the remaining budget will cover any improvements to the Brooklands site that are identified as part of the re-focus (including exhibit and facility improvements). As such, it is considered advantageous to use a portion of the Brooklands Zoo planning implementation budget to fund the land acquisition.
66. The LTP budget for Brooklands Zoo planning implementation (PK2011) includes \$3.4 million capital expenditure with the timing mainly in Years 2-4. The PK2011 project is to be debt funded and repaid over 20-30 years (with 14 per cent from Development Contributions for district-wide growth).

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- 67. The Land Purchase proposal would require allocating \$800,000 from PK2011, bringing the timing of the actual expenditure forward (\$500,000 from year 2, and \$300,000 from year 4). NPDC overall debt for the 10 years of the LTP will remain the same. Additional borrowing costs over the three years are ~\$40,000.
  - 68. There are a number of pine trees located on the reserve areas directly adjacent to the proposed land to be purchased. These are now harvestable. If the land purchase was to proceed, then these trees should be scheduled for removal prior to any restoration or development work occurring, as the land in question would need to be used to effectively remove the trees.
  - 69. The removal of these exotic trees will enable the native understorey that is re-establishing to continue to improve and would then be augmented by the 'Planting our Place' work proposed for the site.
  - 70. The main species of exotic trees that need to be removed from site include pines, eucalypts, poplars, lawsonianas, macrocarpa, japanese cedars and willows. An estimate from the Council's forest manager to fell and remove all log wood and chip all debris and leave mulch onsite is in the order of \$100k even after cost recovery for export logs is factored in. All those species can be taken to port as saleable logs except for some of smaller diameter trees and willows but the smaller trees can be sold locally as post wood.
  - 71. There would be a temporary requirement for rates on the land to be paid. This would come out of the parks operating budgets in the interim. In the long-term the requirement to pay rates may be removed if and when the land is classified under the Reserves Act.
  - 72. The leasee (eg ETET) would cover any operating costs for any leased area. The remaining 4.7ha in Council ownership would require an approximate operational cost of \$50k per annum that would cover any track, sign, maintenance. Planting is covered for five years by "Planting our Place" programme budget. After five years, Council officers believe planting should be self-sustaining and any minor maintenance would be covered by the general parks/horticultural operational activity.

#### *Risk Analysis*

- 73. The main risk associated with this option would be in relation to the collaboration/partnership with ETET and either the inability of ETET to secure funding for the development of the wildlife facility and/or the anticipated conservation outcomes for Brooklands Zoo not being able to be achieved through the partnership.
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74. To mitigate this risk, it is recommended that a formal Partnership agreement is negotiated between ETET, NPDC and tangata whenua. This partnership agreement would ensure that the Council is able to achieve its wider objectives for the community.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

75. This option provides outcomes under all of Council's Sustainable Lifestyle Capital goals as follows:

| Goal           | Contribution to Goal  |
|----------------|---|
| Partnerships   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced environmental outcomes as identified by iwi and tangata whenua environmental management plans.</li> <li>Positive opportunity for educational links with marae and kura.</li> <li>Opportunity for employment of tangata whenua in facility.</li> <li>Governance opportunities through partnership agreement for the development of the site.</li> <li>Co-design opportunity and cultural narrative integration.</li> </ul> |
| Delivery       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficient sharing of conservation facilities between the Council and ETET.</li> <li>Reduced duplication of facilities and ensuring aligned strategic outcomes for conservation are developed between Brooklands Zoo and ETET.</li> </ul>   |
| Community      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced recreational and conservation outcomes for Inglewood township with extended walkway.</li> <li>Educational opportunities for local and nearby childcare, kura and schools.</li> <li>Opportunity for local activation in Council's climate mitigation goals through Planting Our Place project on site.</li> </ul>  |
| Sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate mitigation through Planting Our Place project on site.</li> <li>Restored wetland environment with associated educational opportunities.</li> <li>Extended native forest environments and improved riparian and water quality outcomes.</li> </ul>  |
| Prosperity     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment, education and tourism opportunities in Inglewood.</li> </ul>   |

### *Statutory Responsibilities*

76. The Councils statutory responsibilities in relation to this option are to ensure prudent expenditure that the value of the land proposed for sale is consistent with market values.
77. The Council has commissioned a valuation for the proposed land to be purchased. The valuation confirms the \$800,000 offer reflects the market value based on sales evidence for the area.

### *Consistency with Policies and Plans*

78. This option is consistent with the intention within the LTP to explore efficiencies in delivery and improved conservation outcomes for Brooklands Zoo.
79. The purchase of this land for Reserve is not required to fill any gap in reserve provision in Inglewood. However the purchase does support other strategic goals in the [Open Space Sport and Recreation Strategy, particularly](#) "Our biodiversity and cultural heritage is protected and valued as an experience".
80. In addition to the above, this project has strong alignments to the Regional Economic Strategy - environmental and ecological based tourism Tapuae Roa.

### *Advantages and Disadvantages*

81. The following table summarises the assessed advantages and disadvantages of this option:

| <b>Advantages</b>  | <b>Disadvantages</b>   |
|--|------------------------|
| Sharing of facility and provision of satellite conservation location to support Brooklands Zoo.        | Cost of land purchase. |
| Minimum of 3 hectares of land to contribute to Planting Our Place programme within Inglewood township. |                        |
| Additional extended recreation outcomes for Inglewood.   |                        |

**Option 2****Do not proceed with the land purchase***Financial and Resourcing Implications*

82. This option will result in no budget being expended in relation to land purchase.

*Risk Analysis*

83. The main risk with this option is the loss of opportunity for a shared wildlife rehabilitation based facility that responds to early identified needs for Brooklands Zoo. As a result, costs to provide this opportunity by the Council only would likely require significantly increased investment and operational costs.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

84. This option retains status quo and does not promote any additional community outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

85. This option ensures the Council does not expend any additional capital for land acquisition.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

86. No implication for any policies and plans for this option.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

87. The following table summarises the assessed advantages and disadvantages of this option:

| <b>Advantages</b>   | <b>Disadvantages</b>   |
|---------------------|--|
| No cost to Council. | No suitable Council-owned land available to support wildlife rehabilitation facility and therefore impact on potential opportunity for facility to be developed. |
|                     | Loss of large area of restoration within Inglewood to contribute to Planting our Place.  |



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**Recommended Option**

This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Aerial photograph of proposed land purchase area (ECM8704677)

Appendix 2 Aerial photograph of surrounding context (ECM8704685)

Appendix 3 Te Whakakotahi project overview from ETET (ECM8704687)

Appendix 4 Te Whakakotahi project location map from ETET (ECM8704689)

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APPENDIX 1

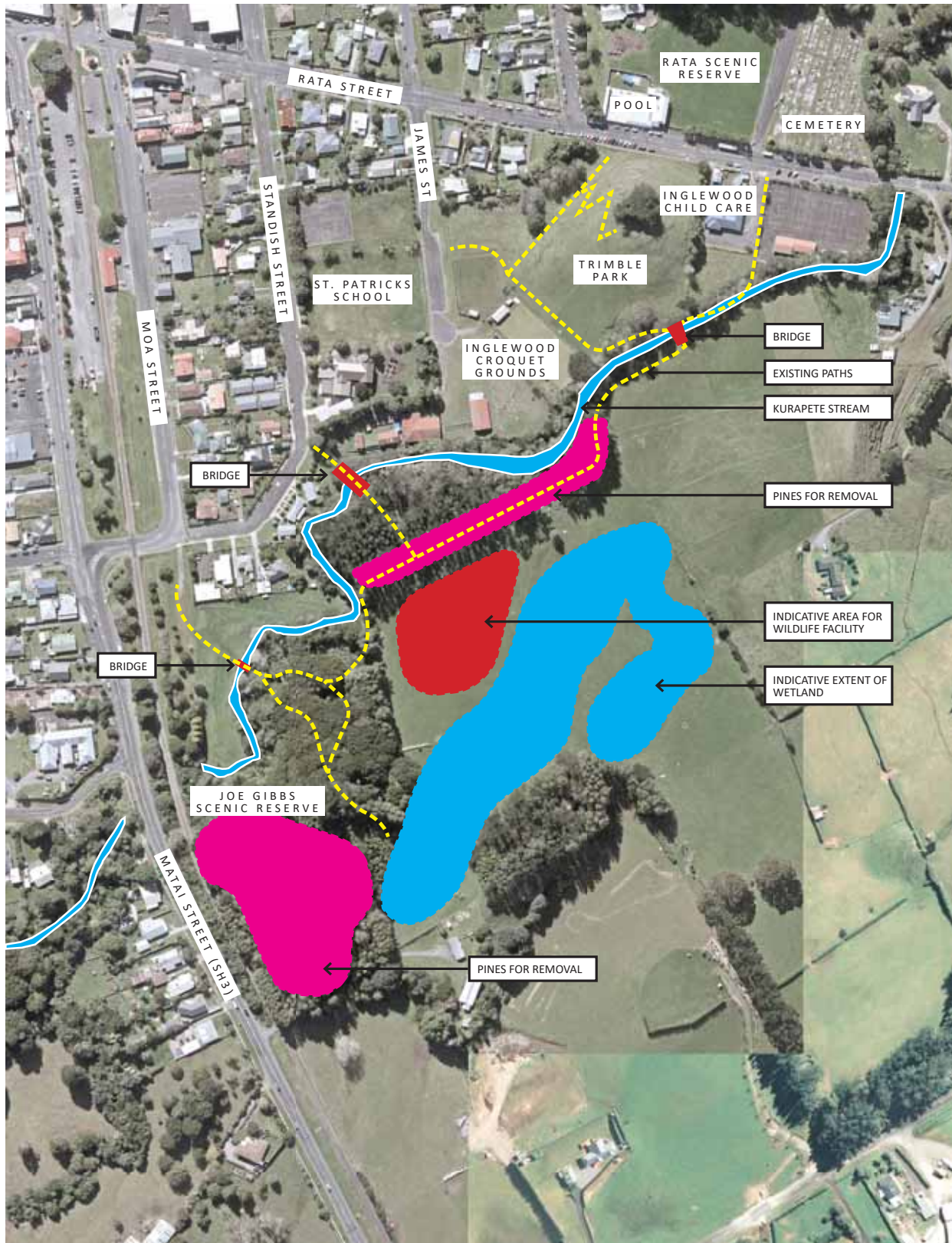


PROPOSED LAND PURCHASE AREA

SCALE: 1:2000 @ A3







CONTEXT DIAGRAM FOR PROPOSED LAND PURCHASE

SCALE: 1:2500 @ A3





## APPENDIX 3



# Te whakakotahi

An infrastructure project bringing together our kiwi, our people and our natural wonders to support our economy in regional Taranaki.



About the Project

The East Taranaki Environment Trust is responsible for conservation of 13,000 hectares of land in the upper reaches of the Waitara River at Purangi, East Taranaki. Through a significant programme of pest control and advocacy, we are now a national stronghold for North Island Western Brown Kiwi, turning a declining population into a haven for 4,000 birds. Our kiwi are an indicator of the rich biodiversity that we have created in this area, which is now also home to an emerging population of kokako and NZ long tail bats.

Over the last 6 years the Trust has identified expansion opportunities to further its conservation work and create stronger relationships with iwi and our local communities. This has led to the development of a project involving three key components:

- The **expansion of our environmental protection area** at Purangi by a further 25,000 ha.
- A **field centre at Purangi** that sustains our field operations and provides significant opportunity to tell the story of the area and its cultural significance.
- A **Native Bird Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre** in Inglewood, focussing on public education that promotes the importance of biodiversity.



Why this Project?

**This project strongly aligns to a range of Taranaki regional strategic initiatives, most notably to bolster the Taranaki tourism economy and enrich Maori engagement.** These strategic initiatives include:

- The Tapuae Roa: Make Way for Taranaki Project (Taranaki Economic Development Plan). The Strategy and Action Plan identifies that the visitor sector is a priority key growth sector, and that Māori partnership is a critical enabler to economic growth. The Action Plan also identifies a short-term action to develop an eco-tourism product. The Trust's proposed project aligns to this.

- Tourism activity and plans for the SH43 / Forgotten World Highway present significant opportunity. There is potential for the Forgotten World Highway, including Purangi, to be a "wellbeing destination", off the back of The New Zealand Cycle Trail designation of the highway, and the increasing popularity of cycling. The creation of a link between the Tongariro and Taranaki Crossings, which will be bolstered by proposed upgrades to the highway, would also benefit this.
- There is an opportunity to establish a wildlife rehabilitation operation, as part of a wider network of triage and rehabilitation facilities.

ETET's Strategic Objectives

1. Tell our story

People are well aware of the Trust's work, the success we've had and the amazing work we do.

2. Develop stakeholder relationships

Key stakeholders understand the purpose of the Trust, are supportive of the work we do, and the partnership is based on mutual respect.

3. Share our knowledge

To educate the young, old and everyone in-between around the work we do, and the value of a biodiverse world.

How this Project Support These

Create places that enhance public engagement, education and create awareness locally and nationally.

The new centres bring clarity to our purpose and value. They offer opportunity for increased community engagement and a sense of shared ownership.

We create a direct "touch-point" for the community that enhances educational experiences and awareness.

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## Purangi Field Centre

To sustain and grow our conservation work, we need to establish field centre facilities. We want this to be a place of interpretation that speaks to our close relationship with Ngati Maru as guardians of this special place.

This includes field offices, accommodation for our ranger programme, and a field education centre. This will provide the platform to expand our environmental protection area by a further 25,000 ha.

To do this, the Trust has undertaken feasibility and concept studies to identify potential locations and the facilities they would hold. Owners of the "Cycle Inn", a mixed farm holding and accommodation facility, have expressed interest to the Trust and Ngati Maru to sell their property. The property provides several unique advantages and underpins the scope of a new field centre at Purangi:

- The property has adequate space to establish a new field centre adjacent to Junction Road. This new building will incorporate:
  - o A visitor's centre and interpretive space, **focussing on the story of Ngati Maru's relationship to the land, Maori guardianship values in conservation, and the role of the Trust in enhancing this biodiversity.**



Old School House at Purangi

- o Offices and support facilities for field management staff.
- o Workshops for trap maintenance.
- o A plant and tools storage facility.
- The existing house can be converted into accommodation for visitors and overnight ranger stays. This would support **a proposed Maori ranger development programme**, and provide a centre for school, corporate and community groups to base during extended project visits.
- Conversion of the old school building on the property back to **a place of education. This would include instruction on bushcraft, practical conservation and the various projects within the environmental protection area.**

The property is directly adjacent to St Peter's Anglican church, which is of historical significance because of the integration in brought of Maori and European cultures. It fuses European and Maori Wharenui architecture. Originally the church had Maori carvings on the front faces, which have been buried alongside the church. We wish for the new field centre to celebrate this rich history and the connection between Maori and Pakeha in the area.

We recognise that one of the key barriers to further enhancing the visitor experience to the area is the unsealed Junction Road. **Our proposal includes to seal approximately 15km of the western section of Junction Road to the proposed field centre location. This will have wider benefits for tourism, farming and log harvesting in the area.**



On the National Cycleway near Purangi.

## Expanding our Protection Area

**Our aim is to increase our project area at Purangi to ensure that we have genetically viable populations of indigenous plants and animals, and to increase the connection between people and the natural environment.**

The Trust has been successfully developing a kiwi habitat in East Taranaki since 2005 and has been recognised nationally for its achievement in increasing the population of kiwi to more than 4500. This population growth has seen the “spill-over” into the neighbouring areas. This expansion will provide them with a place to thrive.

The Connector project will expand our habitat from 13,000 hectares (a mix of public and private land) in two expansion stages:

- **Stage 1** – approximately 24,000 hectares connecting State Highway 3 and State Highway 43
- **Stage 2** – include the Te Wera forest to bring together an area totalling approximately 40,000 to 50,000 hectares. Throughout the Te Wera forest are many areas of indigenous forest, which are home to many native fauna and flora. The inclusion of this area will create education and employment opportunities with a base from Purangi.

### The Benefits

This project will create a landscape scale ecosystem for the protection of a wide range of vegetation habitat types and fauna, including **kiwi, long tailed bats and kokako**.

The enormous community support that has grown for the Trust since the start of the project has been vitally important. The expansion will significantly enhance the connection to other community groups, schools, iwi projects and farmers. Connecting the community to the project by communications, public walkways through part of the project, volunteer opportunities, and expanding the educational aspect collaboratively with iwi provides a unique opportunity.



Stage 1 expansion area.



## Inglewood Native Bird Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre

The ETET have always taken pride in their place in the Inglewood community. Crating a centre at Inglewood would substantially enhance our presence, the sense of community pride of the Trust's work, and create local employment opportunities.

### Interpretive Centre

The Trust has worked extensively to understand the function and operation of other eco-sanctuary facilities around New Zealand. Working with this knowledge, we have developed a concept to build an interpretive facility that includes:

- A general visitor display room which showcases the types of flora and fauna species fostered by the Trust, and its work in conservation. It would also tell the story and connection of the link between Purangi and Taranaki Maunga.
- An education room / workshop to provide hands-on education about conservation and pest management principles;
- Potential co-use of the general display and education rooms into a small to medium sized events room.
- General office space for centralised management of the Trust's work;

- Volunteer's workshop (for trap maintenance etc) which would include public participation facilities.

### Wildlife Rehabilitation

As previously noted, there is an opportunity to establish a partnership to provide native bird triage and rehabilitation facilities across the upper and/or lower North Island. We want to take this further by establishing relationships with local veterinarian groups to provide recovery facilities for ill and injured native fauna. The Trust has already commenced discussions with these groups who have shown great enthusiasm.

The rehabilitation centre will include a mix of animal reception and basic hospital areas in one quarter of the main building, and a complex of aviaries to house recovering birds. This provides a unique opportunity for integrated education programmes on wildlife management and recovery, and captive recovery houses.

### Kiwi Viewing House

In developing our project proposal, the Trust has worked with New Zealand's co-ordinator of Captive Kiwi Management to understand the constraints and opportunities of establishing a Kiwi Viewing House at Inglewood. Having confirmed the feasibility of this, our concept is to house at least two North Island Western Brown Kiwi.

This in itself is a significant opportunity to build a cornerstone tourism attraction in Taranaki.

### Proposed Location

The Trust has identified two probable location options for the proposed facility. An options assessment is underway which will be incorporated into the design.



The Inglewood Native Bird Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre has taken inspiration from other facilities like Wildbase, Palmerston North.





## Implementing the Project

Having identified sites and undertaken detailed planning, the East Taranaki Environment Trust stands ready to commence detailed design and construction in 2020.

The project will be delivered in stages, as follows:

### Stage 1, commencing July 2020:

The first stage is to commence expansion of the environmental protection area, establish the Purangi Field Centre, and commence design of the Inglewood site.

- Engage and employ contractors and employees to establish the environmental protection area expansion, including track building, trap installation and fencing.
- Complete detailed design of the Junction Road sealing project.

- Complete detailed design of the Purangi Field Centre buildings, civil works and building refurbishments.
- Obtain building consent for Purangi Field Centre new buildings and refurbishments.
- Commence building refurbishments at Purangi.
- Investigations at Inglewood site.
- Commence and progress design of the Inglewood Centre.

### Stage 2, commencing October 2020:

- Commence construction of new building for Purangi Field Centre
- Commence area wide treatment and sealing of Junction Road
- Undertake site preparation and contaminated soil remediation at Inglewood Centre location

- Finalise design and order materials for Inglewood Centre,
- Stage 3, commencing March 2021:**
- Commence construction of Inglewood Centre.

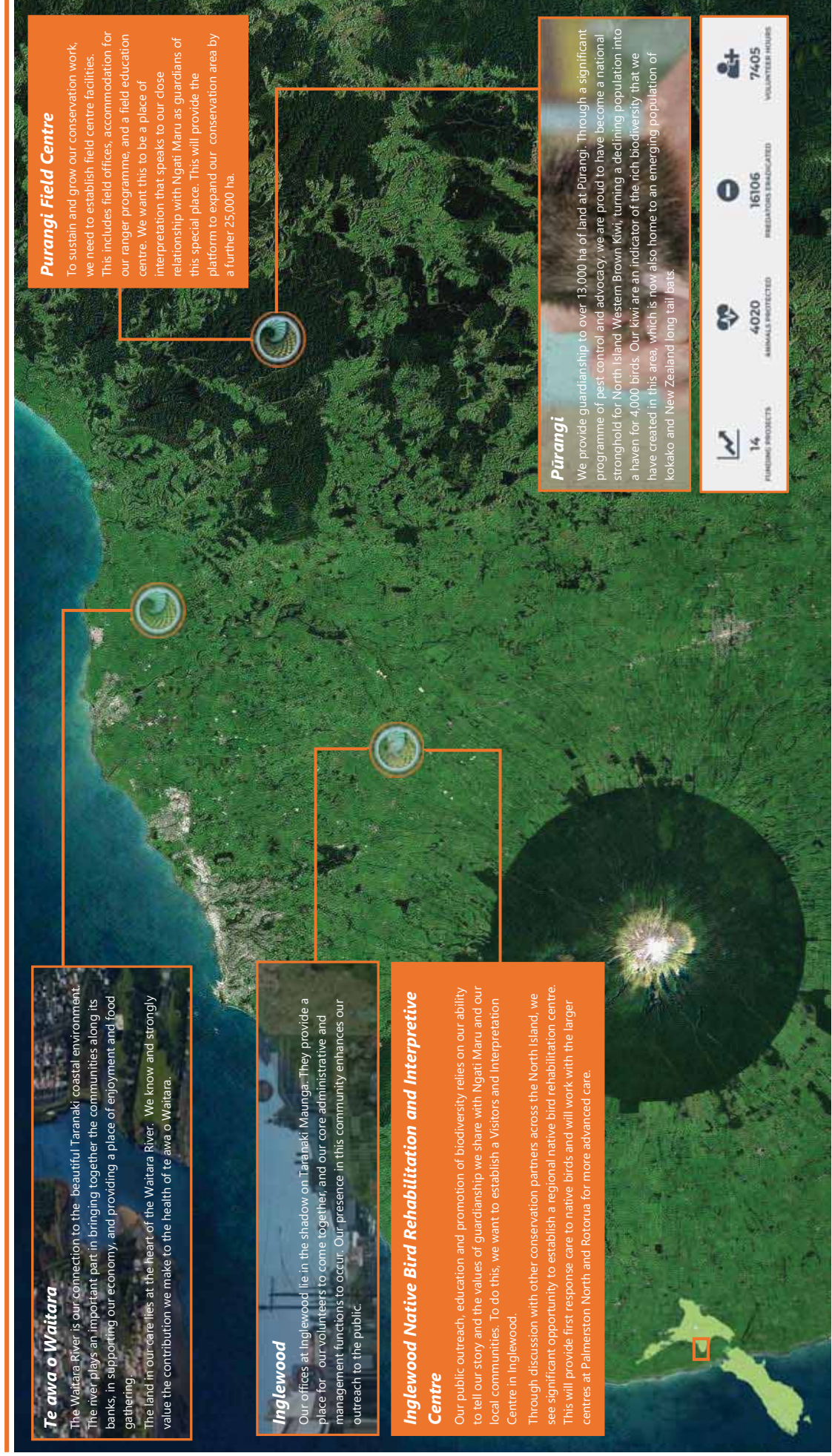
The target date for opening the Purangi Field Centre is March 2021. The proposed new building at Purangi has been designed to enable rapid design and construction through the second half of 2020 by adopting readily available proprietary building systems.

The Inglewood Native Bird Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre is more involved. It is expected that site preparation works will commence in later 2020, in conjunction with the design of the buildings and aviaries. Building and aviary construction will be completed by March 2022.

|  | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | Dec-20 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 | Apr-21 | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 | Aug-21 | Sep-21 | Oct-21 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Finalise plans for conservation area expansion and landowner liaison                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Track laying and trap installation   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design for Junction Road sealing  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Property acquisition - Purangi site  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design and scoping - Purangi accommodation  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Purangi accommodation revamp  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design and scoping - Purangi schoolhouse  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Purangi schoolhouse revamp  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design - Purangi Field Centre foundations and structure                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Building consent - Purangi Field Centre  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Site investigations - Inglewood site   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Land acquisition - Inglewood site  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Purangi Field Centre Foundations  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Purangi Field Centre Structure  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Junction Road sealing   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Ground Works            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Site preparation works - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Detailed design - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Buildings & Structures  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Building consent - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Buildings & Structures |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Foundations                |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Building 1                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Building 2                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction - Inglewood Rehabilitation and Interpretive Centre Aviary Structures          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

## APPENDIX 4

# Project Location Map



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## **DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS, DELIBERATIONS AND ADOPTION**

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### **MATTER**

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 following consultation with the community.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council

- a) Notes that it has considered all 332 submissions to the Council's proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021.
- b) Notes that further community engagement will be undertaken in relation to biodiversity to consider an appropriate balance of education and the potential for additional regulatory provisions that might require the consideration of future amendments to the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.
- c) Determines that it has followed the required special consultative procedure, as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) Determines that the proposed Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- e) Determines under section 155(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 that having determined that a bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the perceived problem that the proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2022 is the most appropriate form of bylaw.
- f) Adopts the proposed Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 included in Appendices 1 and 2.
- g) Approves the commencement date of 9 April 2022 for the Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022, noting that public notice on the making of the Policy and Bylaw will be given prior to this date.
- h) Revokes the existing Dog Control Policy and New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2010 Part 2 Dog Control on 9 April 2022.

- i) **Consider the provision of additional beach access to the coastal walkway between the Record Street beach access and Waiwhakaiho Groyne in the vicinity of the timber wetland bridge.**

| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |  |
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| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being significant.  |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022.</li> <li>2. Adopt an amended Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022.</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are dog owners, breeders and other dog related businesses and the general public.   |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends <b>Option 1</b> for addressing the matter.  |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | Yes, future budget considerations for signage and additional resources.  |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No.  |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. We recommend that Council adopts the Dog Control Policy 2022 (the proposed Policy) and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 (the proposed Bylaw) in order to ensure that the proposed Bylaw is operational before 9 April 2022 when the existing New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2010 Part 2 Dog Control (the existing Bylaw) will lapse. Taking this approach will provide a clear framework to continue the management and regulation of dogs in the district.
3. The key changes to dog control within the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw include:
  - Removing the current prohibition and replacing it with leash control (with the exception of dangerous and menacing dogs) in the New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA).
  - Protection of wildlife (and dogs) at Back Beach's northern end, Back Beach lower carpark and adjacent area, sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream.

- Prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the Back Beach lower carpark.
  - Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches.
  - Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe.
  - Leashed control for Council cemeteries with the exception of Te Henui (an amendment arising from submissions) that would remain leash free and under control.
4. A key risk relates to the wide range of views in relation to dog regulation as reflected within the submissions received and considered. The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw seek to address this risk through a balanced approach to the perceived problems posed by dogs while also recognising the exercise and recreational needs of dogs.
  5. Another risk is the increased calls to protect wildlife from nuisance and danger from dogs. The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw introduce some new dog control restrictions at three locations to further protect wildlife. It is also noted that further community engagement will be undertaken in relation to biodiversity to consider an appropriate balance of education and the potential for additional regulatory provisions that might require the consideration of further amendments to the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.
  6. The next steps would be to give public notice of the adoption of the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw and ensuring that the policy and bylaw is updated on the Council's website. Submitters will be informed of the Council decisions regarding their submissions.

## **BACKGROUND**

7. On 9 November 2021, Council determined that the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems relating to dogs was through a bylaw. At this meeting, the Council also adopted the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021 Statement of Proposal for public consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure, which ran from 13 November to 14 December 2021.
  8. Council heard submitters present their views on 10 February 2022.
  9. This report assesses the submissions received on the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw and recommends adoption of the Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 included in Appendices 1 and 2.
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### Submissions overview

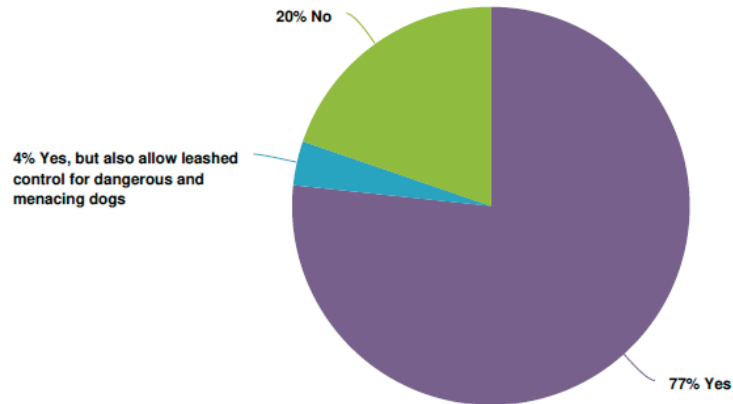
10. Council received 332 submissions on a range of issues within the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw.
11. The consultation highlighted eight key proposals for consideration by the community and extensive and varied feedback was received from the submitters. Assessment of the wide range of comments received in submissions has led to a themed based approach to the representation of the submissions in this report. These themes are summarised for each key proposal to ensure they provide a good representation of the feedback received. Consideration of the themes, as well as the percentage results for or against each proposal, is essential to provide context to understanding the feedback by submitters.
12. The key proposals in the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw looked to address nuisances and problems regarding dog control in the district whilst seeking to strike a balance between protecting people from the dangers posed by dogs and recognising the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
13. A full copy of all submissions is included in Appendix 3.

### Feedback received on key proposals for dog control

14. This section provides details of the submissions received under the eight key proposals highlighted for consultation. The section also includes an Officer response and recommendations in relation to the submissions received.

#### ***Key proposal: New Plymouth Central Business Area – removing the current prohibition and replacing it with leash control***

15. Current Bylaw: Dogs are currently prohibited from the CBA.
16. Proposed Bylaw: The notified Bylaw proposed removing this prohibition to allow dogs (excluding dangerous and menacing dogs) in the CBA under leashed control. This proposal has stemmed from public requests for dogs to be permitted in the CBA and was supported by the results of the pre-consultation survey (72 per cent support for allowing leashed control dogs in the CBA).
17. Consultation results: Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leash control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?



18. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported allowing dogs in the CBA included:
- Dogs are important to people, part of family and have a companionship role with people. Good for socialisation for dogs and people.
  - Dogs would add vibrancy, this supports council's aim to urbanise the central city which is good for the economy. People could enjoy outdoor dining with their dogs and by allowing dogs it would be good for those who live in or commute through the CBA.
  - Allowing dogs in the CBA is common in other towns, and long overdue in the CBA therefore New Plymouth was perceived as being anti-dog.
  - Retaining the prohibition for dangerous and menacing dogs was seen as a good risk averse approach as some submitters considered that owners couldn't control these dogs.
  - Submitters in favour of allowing dangerous and menacing dogs in the CBA noted that it was good socialisation for these dogs. Also, that they must be under control and recommended more education and training for owners of these dogs. The SPCA supported the inclusion of dogs with a menacing classification in particular to help improve their socialisation.
19. Although there was strong support for allowing leashed control dogs in the CBA, submitters highlighted some additional regulatory considerations for the council that included:
- That owners are responsible and dogs are kept under control.
  - Some people would feel uncomfortable with dogs in the CBA.

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- Dangerous and menacing dogs were clearly defined and the rules understood.
  - Adequate Council supply of dog poo bags and bins. The submission from the TDHB recommended a review of waste disposal facilities for dog faeces in the CBA given that dogs have not previously been permitted in the area.
  - That dogs are not restrained outside shops.
  - Providing good education, monitoring and enforcement to ensure understand of the rules.
  - Consideration of the outcomes and any issues from the trial of dogs in the CBA.
20. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported maintaining the prohibition of dogs in the CBA included:
- That it is not necessary to have dogs in the CBA, they can be left at home for a few hours.
  - Recognising that there are people who are afraid or uncomfortable around dogs or allergic to dogs.
  - Concern that owners would not be in control of their dogs or follow the leashed control rules leading to nuisance behaviour including barking, sniffing people, excrement and associated mess and smell, dog fights, and the potential for people to be harmed by dogs.
  - There was concern that the CBA is not set up for dogs as it's too busy with people and leashed control dogs could be a trip hazard. Submitters questioned whether the Council would enforce a fixed lead rule as extendable leads could be hazardous. It was also suggested that people on devices (skateboards etc.) being towed by dogs should be prohibited in the CBA.
  - There wasn't enough enforcement of dogs in the CBA at the moment and monitoring and enforcement of leash control dogs in the CBA would require extra resources with flow on implications to dog registration fees. It was also questioned whether Council would provide infrastructure to cater for dogs including posts and shade for leashing dogs outside shops.
  - Enabling dogs to be lead through (transit through) the CBA instead of allowing leash control access in the CBA.
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- Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust did not support the proposal because of the potential nuisance dogs can create including mess and also to ensure that people are able to use the CBA without the potential impact of dogs.
21. Trial of dogs in the CBA: In addition to the submissions received, Council ran a trial of the uplifting of the prohibition of dogs in the CBA, to allow leashed control dogs (excluding those classified as dangerous or menacing) in the CBA. The trial ran from 12 November to 12 December 2021. There was one incident recorded over the trial period relating to dog excrement in the CBA.
  22. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a greater level of support to that of opposition. Bylaw regulation seeks to find the most appropriate approach to a perceived problem. A trial was held to help the Animal Control Team understand the proposal with minimal issues and concerns raised. The Animal Control Team recommends that the leashed control (with the exception of dangerous or menacing dogs) is preferred over total prohibition for the CBA as the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem. Noting that leashed control means that the dog is kept on a secure leash held by a person who is in total control of the dog at all times so as to prevent it being a nuisance or annoyance.
  23. Recommendation: Adopt the proposal to remove the current prohibition of dogs in the New Plymouth CBA and replace it with leashed control, excluding dangerous and menacing dogs which remain prohibited.

***Key proposal: Protection of wildlife (and dogs)***

24. Under the current Bylaw, Council has a number of restrictions in place to protect wildlife (and dogs) on the coast during the breeding season from August to April (Bell Block Beach, Wai-iti Beach, Tapuae Marine Reserve and Parininihi Marine Reserve).
25. Council engaged with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) to further identify the need for wildlife to be protected from dogs in the district. It is recognised and acknowledged that there has been a significant shift in the recognition and proactive approach to the protection of biodiversity within the district since the bylaw was last reviewed and adopted in 2010.

26. Unfortunately the limited timeframe available to adopt a new bylaw has not provided sufficient time to allow for the community engagement required to adequately consider the most appropriate response to the perceived problem. The proposed approach was to consider a few initial improvements to biodiversity focused regulation while committing to further community engagement in relation to biodiversity to consider an appropriate balance of education and the potential for additional regulatory provisions. This resulted in the inclusion of two additional locations in the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw to further enhance the protection of wildlife (and dogs) in those areas. The areas included were parts of Back Beach and the rockwall and sand dunes from the Te Henui Stream to the Waikwhakaiho Groyne.

#### Back Beach

27. Current Bylaw: Under the current Bylaw, dogs must be under leashed control between Tapuae Steam to the Herekawe Stream (Tapuae Marine Reserve) between August and April (for the breeding season). Council consulted on introducing leashed control at Back Beach's northern end and Back Beach's southern end.
28. There are three new dog control restrictions proposed at Back Beach. Two to protect wildlife, the other restriction is to protect other beach users from dogs and is covered later in the report.

#### Back Beach northern end

29. Proposed Bylaw: Leashed control at Back Beach's northern end carpark and adjoining reserve, sand dune and beach area between the bottom of the access steps, Round Rock and Paritutu (refer Map 4 in the proposed Bylaw in Appendix 2). The rationale for this leashed control area is to protect seals, as it is an important seal haul out area (where seals rest on rocks). Under the current Bylaw there are no restrictions for dogs in this area.

30. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?



31. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach included:

- Submitters stated that there was a need to protect wildlife and that this should be given priority. A leashed control area was considered a reasonable method for stopping dogs approaching wildlife. DOC noted that they had received two reports of dog attacks on seals in this area in the last six months. Other submitters suggested further leashed control measures to protect wildlife along the whole of Back Beach.
- The proposal was supported by various organisations including TRC, DOC, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust, Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society, Dotterel Defenders and the SPCA, which also provided a variety of supporting evidence.
- Dotterel Defenders suggested a prohibited dog area around Paritutu Rock and nearby islands accessible via the beach at low tide. They noted that there is a New Zealand fur seal breeding colony close by and seals are often on the rocks in this area. This is supported by the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society and other submitters.
- Concern was raised that dog owners don't have effective control over their dogs and some submitters have had incidents with dogs at the beach. They identified this area as having a lot of dogs off leash with some submitters suggesting that many of the dogs were dangerous. Other submitters raised concerns that dog owners don't follow leash control rules and doubt owners would comply with the new leashed control restriction.

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32. Submitters who supported the leashed control proposal also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:

- Consideration that good signage and guidelines were required to help prevent future issues and to improve public understanding as many people may be unaware of the wildlife in the area and the risks posed by dogs. Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust highlighted the importance of providing educational public signage including description of the habitat and species present and ways to keep whanau and pets safe when sharing the beach. They also encouraged community monitoring with volunteers and a hotline number to report breaches.
- Identifying that there are few other beaches dogs can be unleashed during summer and that it was important to retain an off leash area for dogs at Back Beach.
- Providing that there are other dog walking alternatives if the proposal went ahead, including a dog park and opening other green areas for dogs.

33. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach included:

- Too much emphasis on wildlife as some submitters stated they had never seen wildlife in this area. Other submitters questioned how much wildlife had been attacked by dogs in the area as they had never seen attacks by dogs on wildlife. Some submitters stated that there was no evidence that dogs disturb wildlife and that clear evidence was needed to prove dogs are a threat to wildlife.
- Concern was raised that Back Beach should be retained for off-leash dogs, as this is an important off-leash dog exercise and socialisation beach and that dog owners were the biggest users of the beach. Concern was also raised that there is not enough off-leash areas in New Plymouth and that back beach is one of the few off-leash area for dogs.
- Owners' control of their dogs was sufficient control. Submitters stated that dog owner's respect other users including wildlife and that most owners are responsible and look out for wildlife. Owners should have verbal control of their dogs so the proposed leash control area was not required.

34. Submitters who did not support the leashed control proposal also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:

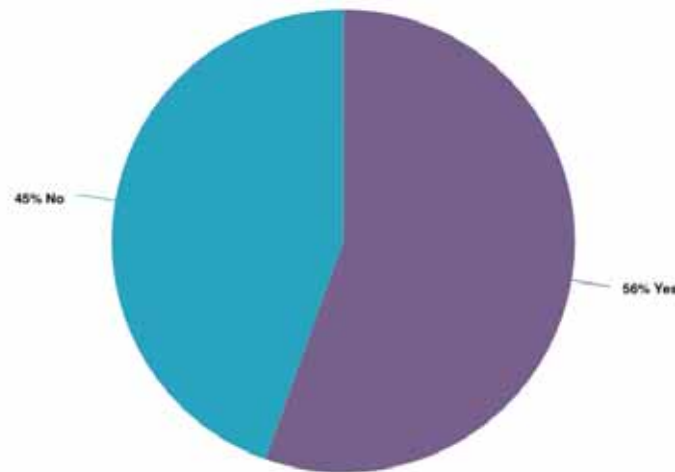
- Consideration that informative signage was required regarding the wildlife at the beach.
  - Providing dog walking alternatives if the proposal went ahead, including a dog park and designating other beach areas as off-leash.
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- Concern was raised that there would be reduced off-leash areas at high tide and that improved beach access was required. Some submitters only supported leash control in certain parts of the proposal such as support for leash-control for the dune and carpark area only, or support for leash-control for the beach area adjacent to Paritutu only.
  - Some submitter's comments were in relation to the Back Beach's southern end dog control proposals.
35. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a slightly greater level of support to that of opposition. While many submitters in opposition indicated that they had not observed wildlife in this area it is considered that clear evidence of the existence of, and attacks on, wildlife from dogs. Some submissions also appeared to mistakenly perceive that controls were proposed for all of Back Beach. The proposal seeks to minimise the regulation by restricting the requirement for leash control to the immediate north-eastern area where the perceived problem is greatest. Off-leash provision would be maintained from the access steps to the west and the greater expanse of Back Beach. The proposal is therefore considered to be the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem.
36. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed leashed control restrictions at the northern end of Back Beach (refer Map 4 in the proposed Bylaw in Appendix 2).

*Back Beach lower car park and adjacent area*

37. Proposed Bylaw: Leashed control area at Back Beach lower car park, including the adjoining reserve and stream (refer Map 4 in the proposed Bylaw in Appendix 2). The rationale for this leashed control area is to protect blue penguins and other wildlife in response to previous dog attacks on blue penguins, a grey faced petrel and a shag in this area. Under the current Bylaw there are no restrictions for dogs in this area.

38. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed leash control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?



39. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach included:

- Submitters stated that there was a need to protect wildlife and that this should be given priority. A leashed control area was considered a reasonable method for stopping dogs approaching wildlife. Dotterel Defenders supported leashed control in this area given the number of dead kororā reported at the Herekawe Stream mouth. This is further supported by the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society. Other submitters suggested further leashed control measures that cover all of Back Beach to protect wildlife.
- To improve safety for both people and dogs submitters stated that it is difficult to control excited dogs and that the car park was congested and busy and was not a good place for excited dogs to run off leash. Leashed control in this area was considered to eliminate conflict between users.
- The proposal was supported by various organisations including TRC, DOC, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust, Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society, Dotterel Defenders and the SPCA, which also provided a variety of supporting evidence.

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40. Submitters who supported the leashed control proposal also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Good signage and clear guidelines for dog control were required to prevent future dog control issues in the area. Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust recommended educational public signage with description of habitat and species present and ways to keep whanau and pets safe when sharing the beach. They also encouraged community monitoring.
  - Retaining off-leash areas at Back Beach and providing alternative off-leash opportunities for dog exercise.
  - One submitter queried if there was a possibility of having muzzled dogs instead of having areas off limits to dogs and another submitter questioned if there would be leniency in the enforcement approach.
41. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach included:
- Too much emphasis on wildlife with some submitters stating they had never seen wildlife in this area. Other submitters questioned how much wildlife had been attacked by dogs in the area and that they had never seen attacks by dogs on wildlife. Some submitters stated that there was no evidence that dogs disturb the wildlife and that clear evidence was needed to prove that dogs are a threat to wildlife.
  - Concern was raised that Back Beach should be retained for off-leash dogs, submitters stated that southern Back Beach was a good place to walk dogs and that we should have some places for dogs to be off-leash. Submitters questioned where this would leave off-leash exercise on Back Beach as it is an important off-leash dog exercise and socialisation area and dog owners were the biggest users of the beach. Concern was also raised that there isn't enough off-leash areas in New Plymouth and that Back Beach is one of the few areas for off-leash dogs.
  - Owners' control of their dogs was sufficient control. Submitters stated that dogs need to be supervised and under verbal control in this area ensuring that they are not running around on their own. It was considered that majority of dog owners were responsible, but more education and training was required for some owners and dogs to ensure they are under control.
42. Submitters who did not support the leashed control proposal also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- That dogs needed to access the stream for drinking water, to clean sand off dogs and for recreational purposes when the sea was too rough.
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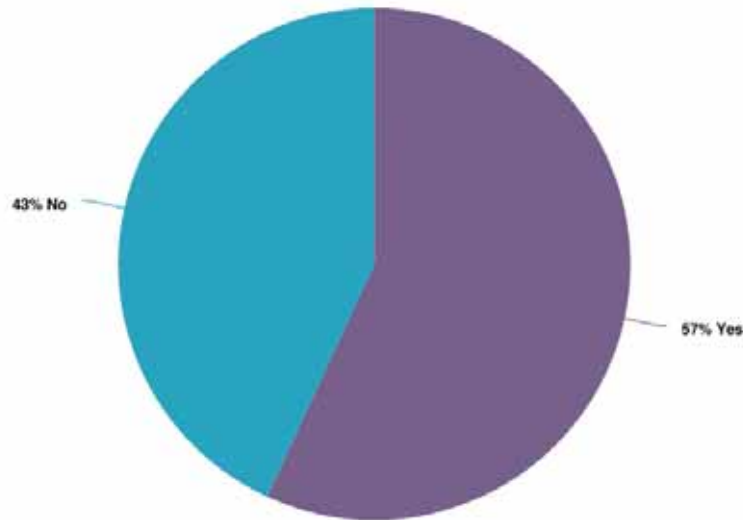
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- An alternative could be to use the temporary wildlife provisions and temporary signage as needed as a blanket rule was not required.
  - Another alternative was to use better signage to promote dog control and raise awareness of wildlife protection.
  - Submitters also suggested that if the proposal went ahead then a dog park or other alternative off-leash dog exercise areas were required.
43. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a slightly greater level of support to that of opposition. While many submitters in opposition indicated that they had not observed wildlife in this area it is considered there was clear evidence of the existence of and attacks on wildlife from dogs. Some submissions also appeared to mistakenly perceive that controls were proposed for all of Back Beach. The proposal seeks to minimise the regulation by restricting the requirement for leash control to the lower car park and the immediately adjacent area where the perceived problem is greatest. Access to the stream is still available. Off-leash provision would still be maintained along the greater expanse of Back Beach. The proposal is therefore considered to be the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem.
44. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed leashed control restrictions around the lower car park at Back Beach.

*Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream – sand dunes and rock wall area*

45. Proposed Bylaw: The rockwall between Te Henui Stream and East End Beach and the sand dune area between East End Beach and the Waiwhakaiho Groyne, bordered on the landward side of the Coastal Walkway (refer Map 3 in the proposed Bylaw in Appendix 2). The rationale for this prohibition is to protect blue penguins that nest in this area year round. Under the current Bylaw there are no regulations regarding the protection of wildlife for this area.
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46. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?



47. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream included:

- Submitters stated that there was a need to protect wildlife and penguin nesting success can be compromised by a disturbance from dogs. Submitters also considered that people shouldn't be on the dunes, as there was plenty of room on the beach so dogs don't need to be in the dunes. It was considered that this is a good balance between allowing dogs in the area and also ensuring the necessary wildlife protection.
- Dotterel Defenders noted that Kororā are known to nest in the Fitzroy and East End areas with sites of higher burrow density in the rock walls at Waiwhakaiho Groyne and Te Henui Stream mouth. Kororā also nest amongst the vegetation and under buildings in this area. The coastal scrub and dune area between East End and Waiwhakaiho provides an ideal natural habitat where penguins nest. Penguins nesting amongst the vegetation are more vulnerable to dog attack than those in the rock walls. They also noted dog attacks on kororā are frequent in this area. They consider that regulation and enforcement of the proposed dog control areas, together with increased education, advocacy and signage should reduce dog attacks at this location. They also suggest suitable measures to prevent dog attacks on kororā between dusk and dawn are needed. The suggestions made by Dotterel Defenders are supported by the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society.

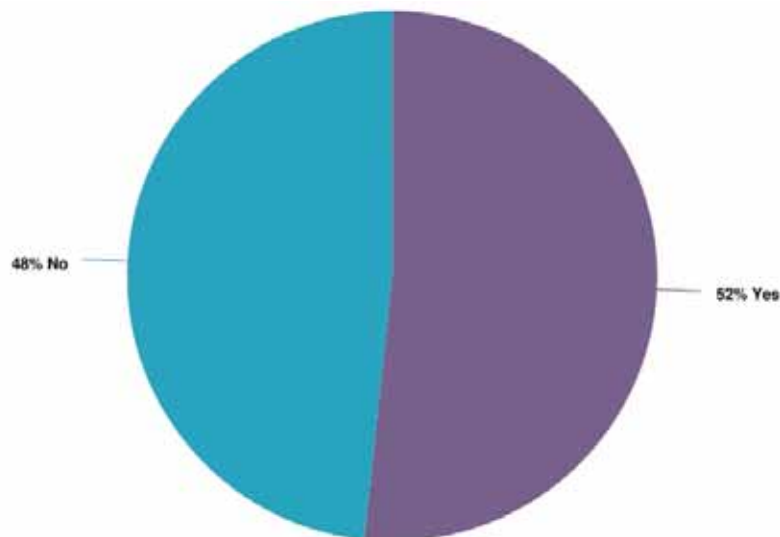
- The proposal was supported by various organisations including TRC, DOC, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust, Ngamotu Marine Reserve Society, Dotterel Defenders and the SPCA, which also provided a variety of supporting evidence.
48. Submitters who supported the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Concern was raised that it was important to ensure off leash dog walking on the beach was retained and that beach access points can still be used. One submitter suggested retaining access down the rockwall to the Te Henui Stream between the pedestrian bridge and the river mouth.
  - Submitter's highlighted support for this proposal if there was genuine need to protect wildlife in the area and clear evidence showing that dogs threaten the wildlife. Some submitters suggested applying this proposal when wildlife is at risk or present in the area.
  - Dotterel Defenders recommended that the Waiwhakaiho Groyne becomes a leash control area due to the presence of nesting kororā.
  - Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust submitted that in addition to the new prohibited area, a leashed control area should be imposed along the beach adjoining the proposed new prohibited area. They consider that Kororā need to feed and the proposed leash control in this area, a known habitat of kororā, will provide further protection.
49. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream included:
- Submitters commented that they had never seen any wildlife in the area including penguins and had never seen dogs attacking wildlife. Submitters queried how much wildlife has been attacked by dogs in this area and considered that the ducks and seagulls present in the area didn't need further protection.
  - Concern was raised about prohibiting dogs at the beach and that this would mean there would be no off-leash beaches for walking dogs. Submitters recognised it as a popular stretch of beach and it was big enough for everyone to share including dog walkers. The beach was identified as a nice beach to walk a dog off-leash in winter. Concern was also raised that the prohibition removes the ability for dog walkers to move away from the general traffic on the beach.
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- Submitters suggested allowing leashed dogs as an alternative or allowing owners to control their own dogs as it was considered that most owners are responsible.
  - Concern was raised with ensuring there was access to the beach for dogs walkers. One submitter also commented that high tides force dog walkers into the dune area and this could cause a problem with beach access.
50. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a slightly greater level of support to that of opposition. While many submitters in opposition indicated that they had not observed wildlife in this area there is clear evidence of attacks on wildlife from dogs in this area. Some submissions appeared to mistakenly perceive that controls were proposed for all of the beach area. The proposal seeks to minimise the regulation by restricting the prohibition to the rock wall and vegetated dune area only where the perceived problem is greatest. With the exception of other seasonal restrictions off-leash provision would be maintained for access steps and the greater expanse of beach area. The proposal is therefore considered to be the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem. It is also recognised that high tides can result in the removal of accessible beach below the vegetated dune between the Record Street beach access and Waiwhakaiho Groyne. This can result in people walking on top of the vegetated dune. It is recommended Council agree to the prohibition, that it should also consider the provision of additional beach access to the coastal walkway between the Record Street beach access and Waiwhakaiho Groyne in the vicinity of the timber wetland bridge.
51. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed prohibition in relation to the rockwall and vegetated dune area between the Te Henui Stream and the Waiwhakaiho River.
52. Further biodiversity work to be undertaken: It is recognised and acknowledged that there has been a significant shift in the recognition and proactive approach to the protection of biodiversity within the district since the bylaw was last reviewed and adopted in 2010. There has been a significant amount of biodiversity information provided within submissions reflecting a passion for this in the community. Therefore in response the Council is committing to further community engagement in relation to biodiversity to consider an appropriate balance of education and potential additional regulatory provisions. Any additional regulatory provisions would be required to be considered through formal consultation regarding potential amendments to the Policy and the Bylaw.
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***Key proposal: Prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the Back Beach lower carpark***

53. Current Bylaw: Other than the seasonal leashed control related to the Tapuae Marine Reserve (to the southwest of the Herekawe Stream), there are no restrictions for dogs at Back Beach under the current Policy and Bylaw.
54. Proposed Bylaw: The notified Bylaw proposed a new prohibited area with leashed control walk through on the beach area immediately adjacent to the Back Beach lower car park (refer Map 4 in the proposed Bylaw in Appendix 2). This prohibition was proposed from 10am to 6pm from Labour weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday. The rationale for this proposal is that the beach area is a seasonally very high congestion point for people and dogs, so has a significantly increased potential for dog control issues. The proposed prohibition is consistent with the approach taken at other popular beach locations in the district and seeks to reduce the danger, distress, nuisance and intimidation that dogs can have on the public. Under this proposal, dogs would still be permitted to be walked off-leash along the greater beach area.
55. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed seasonal prohibition\* (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park? \*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday.



56. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed seasonal prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park included:
- Submitters stated that the area was popular with other beach users during summer months and they considered the area would be safer for families and especially young children to use by ensuring dogs are under leashed control. It was also considered that dogs have no consideration for personal space and can be a nuisance on beaches when off-leash.
  - Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust stated that Back Beach was a popular beach with whānau and other recreational users including walkers, dog walkers and surfers and the proposed prohibited area is often crowded in the peak summer months. They considered that the proposal also recognises the majority of the greater Back Beach area is suitable for dogs without the need for regulatory control with the exception of the seasonal leashed control related to Tapuae Marine Reserve.
57. Submitters who supported the proposed seasonal prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Ensuring that off-leash areas were available for dog walking at Back Beach. Concern was raised that a total ban at this location would mean that dog walkers would have to use the Paritutu steps to access the beach for dog walking which are difficult to use for those with mobility issues.
  - Submitters suggested alternatives to the daily and seasonal prohibitions. Changing the daily hours to 10am to 5pm was suggested as most families have left the beach by 5pm and that this approach is consistent with other regions. It was also considered that the restrictions were very conservative and there were options to shorten the daily and seasonal prohibitions.
  - Having clear signage was also identified as very important for this location.
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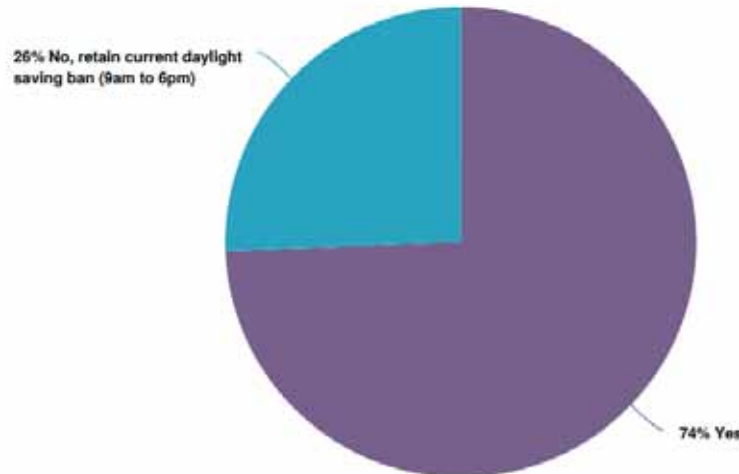
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58. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed seasonal prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park included:
- Concern was raised that Back Beach should be retained for off-leash dogs. Submitters stated that it was a popular year round location for dog walking and that there were no issues with dogs off-leash in this area. It was noted that Back Beach was the only beach with no restrictions and that one beach should be open all-year round for dogs. Submitters also noted that this beach was not a recognised or safe swimming beach and was not patrolled by lifeguards and as a result there shouldn't be the expectation of a dog-free swimming area during summer. It was suggested that there were other dog-free beaches available for people to go to who do not want to be around dogs.
  - Submitters suggested allowing leashed dogs as an alternative or allowing owners to control their own dogs as it was considered that most owners are responsible. Improved signage promoting dog control and respect of other beach users was also suggested as a good approach.
  - Concern was raised that the prohibition would limit access to Back Beach for people with mobility issues. Submitters considered that some dog owners cannot walk far and the area covered by the prohibition is easily accessible for dog walking. The alternative access using the Paritutu steps was considered difficult access for those with mobility issues. Submitters also stated that other off-leash areas at Back Beach were not often accessible and that the prohibition would limit dog walking access during high tides.
59. Submitters who did not support the proposed seasonal prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Submitters suggested alternatives to the daily and seasonal prohibitions including limiting the period to school holidays and weekends only as the area was usually only busy during weekends. December to March was another suggested period for the prohibition as it was considered Labour Weekend was too early in the season to start the prohibition.
  - Concern was raised that the rules were confusing and too complicated for dog owners. Having one rule year round was suggested as an alternative to the seasonal prohibition.
  - Submitters stated that if the prohibition was to go ahead then alternative locations for off-leash dog walking should be made available. Suggestions included a dog park or designating another beach area as off-leash.
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60. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a slightly greater level of support to that of opposition. Some submissions also appeared to mistakenly perceive that the prohibition was proposed for all of the Back Beach area. The proposal seeks to address concerns regarding dog control within only the most congested area while recognising and maintaining access to and provision of off-leash control for the greater Back Beach area. The Animal Control Team supports the proposal as the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem.
61. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed seasonal prohibition with leashed control walk through for the Back Beach area adjacent to the lower car park.

***Key proposal: Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches***

62. Current Bylaw: Under the current Bylaw, dogs are prohibited from specific areas at East End / Fitzroy Beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park / Ōākura River area and Onaero between 9am and 6pm during daylight saving (last weekend of September to first weekend of April).
63. Proposed Bylaw: The notified Bylaw proposed to reduce the prohibition time to 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday. This proposal provides dog walkers an extra hour in the morning before the prohibition begins each day and an approximate four week reduction in the duration of the seasonal prohibition in spring. It is noted that changing the autumn ending date will have some years with a longer prohibition where Easter falls after the first weekend in April.
64. This proposal was in response to the large amount of feedback received from the pre-consultation survey, which noted that the current prohibition period and hours are too long, and that the beach areas are not highly used before December. The surf lifesaving clubs at East End, Fitzroy and Ōākura have indicated the proposed changes are consistent with their patrols and therefore the potential for peak public use.
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65. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero beach? \*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday.



66. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed seasonal prohibitions at popular beaches included:
- Improves dog walking opportunities at the beaches. Submitters considered that the changes made the beaches more accessible in the mornings and easier for dog walking and allows dog owners extra time by not having to leave the beach by 9am. Submitters considered it struck a fair balance, leaving most of the day time hours for other beach users whilst allowing dog owners time to walk their dogs in the mornings and evenings.
  - New daily period aligned well with other users of the beach. Submitters considered that the extra hour for dog walking in the morning fits with the use of the beach by other users as families are not usually on the beach before 10am.
  - The proposal was supported by the East End Surf Life Saving Club noting the changes to daily and seasonal prohibition did not affect or impact the club on an operation basis. No submission was received from the other clubs.



- The proposal was supported from a wildlife protection perspective. Dotterel Defenders and Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society supported reducing daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches as daylight bans at these locations encourages dog walking at night when kororā are most vulnerable to attack. They also advocated for dusk until dawn dog control at locations where kororā are known to nest.
67. Submitters who supported the proposed seasonal prohibitions at popular beaches also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Submitters suggested alternatives to the daily and seasonal prohibitions including reducing the daily prohibition to finish at 4pm or 5pm noting that most other beach users have left the beach by this time and that many dog owners will not be able to take advantage of the extra hour in the morning due to work. Submitters suggested various changes to the prohibition period including:
    - Ending on a set date instead of Easter Monday;
    - Shortening the period to November to March recognising that the weather is unreliable outside of these months and beach use is lower;
    - Shortening the period to be from December to Taranaki Anniversary;
    - Aligning the period to the school holidays;
    - Having weekend only restrictions;
    - Removing the weekday prohibitions outside of school holidays recognising that the beach was used less by other users during these times; and
    - Having a less variable end date with a suggestion of finishing on the first Sunday in April each year.
  - There was also a suggestion to allow a leashed walkthrough of the prohibited area similar to the proposal for Back Beach to enable dog walkers to extend their walk along the beach.
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68. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed seasonal prohibitions at popular beaches and wished to retain the current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm) included:
- No reason to change the current prohibition. Submitters considered that the current rules were sufficient and working, they also considered that the beaches were busy by 9am so the earlier start of the prohibition warranted retaining. More reinforcement of the current rules were suggested.
  - Requiring leashed control of dogs instead of the prohibition. Submitters commented that dogs should be allowed on leash in the beach areas.
  - Other submitters wanted more stringent restrictions including leash control at all times for all beaches stating that dogs have no consideration of personal space when off leash. Also suggestions to extend the prohibition to year round as it was considered that the loosening of the prohibition was favouring dog owners who disregard and disrespect the rights of other beach users who want to enjoy the beaches without being disturbed by dogs.
69. The submission by Cherry Smith on behalf of Belgravia NZ (lessees of Onaero campground) did not support the proposal nor did it support retaining the current daylight savings prohibition. They raised concerns regarding the protection of wildlife in the area and proposed other options to improve protection to the taonga species present at the location. The submission from Te Runanga o Ngāti Mutunga supported a complete ban on dogs within the Onaero Campground and at the river mouth and beach front in response to important nesting sites for wildlife within the Ngāti Mutunga rohe.
70. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a greater level of support to that of opposition. The proposal is considered to seek balance in providing more time for dogs in the mornings and spring while maintaining the prohibition during the peak summer period of people using beaches. In relation to Onaero, the proposed change is considered to be minor in nature to ensure consistency in relation to the seasonal prohibitions. It is also intended to undertake a community conversation regarding the regulation of dogs at Onaero with potential for changes to be considered through future amendments to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.
71. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed reduction in length of the seasonal prohibitions at popular beaches. Note the intent to undertake further community discussions regarding dog control at Onaero and adopt the proposed variations to seasonal beach prohibitions.
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***Key proposal: Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe***

72. Current Bylaw: Under the current Bylaw dogs are prohibited in Lake Mangamahoe and the land within 200 metres of the lake. This prohibition is to protect the water and the wildlife in and around the water.
73. Proposed Bylaw: The notified Bylaw proposed to continue prohibiting dogs from the open water of the lake while allowing for a dog walking circuit around the lake consisting of leashed control along the access road and off-leash on the walking tracks. Dogs will continue to be prohibited on all land lake ward of both the access road and the lower walking tracks around the lake. This change is proposed to allow dog walkers to complete a circuit loop walk of the lake through a mix of leashed control and off-leash areas, it ensures that wildlife using the grassed areas adjacent to the lake continue to be protected from the impact of dogs. The proposal provides more clarity for dog walkers and regulatory staff enforcing the rule.
74. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?



75. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed changes to dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe included:
- This was considered a great addition to dog walking options in the district and a great place to exercise dogs. Submitters suggested it would open up the place for dog walkers and gives everyone the opportunity to go there. It was considered that the lake is an underutilised resource and the circuit route around the lake would be attractive to dog walkers.

76. Submitters who supported the proposed changes to dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:

- The current rules are unclear and do not work. Submitters suggested ensuring that the rules are clear to follow and have clearly marked dog tracks.
- Consideration of requiring leashed control for all areas at all times would be safer for wildlife and other users. One submitter suggested consideration of leashed control in spring when ducklings are present at the lake.
- Concern was raised regarding faeces removal with submitters querying how it will be enforced and that the place should be respected by making sure owners clean up after their dogs. Installing poo bins at exit points was suggested.

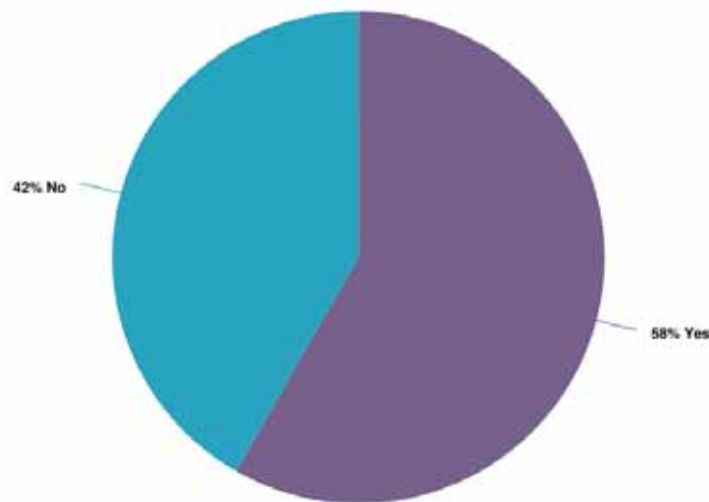
77. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed changes to dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe included:

- Concern for wildlife with submitters highlighting that the lake has so much bird life and dogs are a threat to wildlife.
- It is nice to do walks without the presence of dogs. Some submitters stated that they fear for their safety around dogs and others not wanting dogs in their personal space. Concern was also raised about safety considerations for dogs, horses on bridle trails and mountain bikers.
- Submitters commented that they would only support the lake circuit route for dogs if it was leash control only and enforced.
- Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust did not support the proposal stating that Lake Mangamahoe and the surrounding area provide habitat to several taonga species, which could be disrupted through the introduction of dogs. They highlighted that there are ample opportunities for dog walking elsewhere in the district. Their first preference is for the existing prohibition to remain in place for dogs in or within 200 metres of Lake Mangamahoe. The second preference is to provide the proposed leashed control area near Lake Mangamahoe, with off-leash dogs remaining prohibited.

78. Officer Response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a greater level of support to that of opposition. The current bylaw provisions are considered to be unclear and potentially confusing to interpret. The proposal seeks to balance requirement for regulation to protect water quality and wildlife while also providing for clarity in relation to access for dogs and where leash control is required. The Animal Control Team supports the proposal as the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem.
79. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed regulations in relation to Lake Mangamahoe.

***Key proposal: Leashed control for Council cemeteries***

80. Current Bylaw: Under the current Bylaw all Council cemeteries are off-leash and under control areas for dogs. Dogs are required to be under leashed control in the area of land defined as the Taranaki Crematorium.
81. Proposed Bylaw: The notified Bylaw proposed a change for all cemeteries from off-leash and under control to leashed control. The rationale was to allow people to visit cemeteries with their dogs, while also respecting the use of the cemeteries by other members of the community. The Parks and Open Spaces Team and Animal Control Team receive dog nuisance complaints relating to cemeteries.
82. Consultation results: Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?



83. Submissions in support of the proposal: Reasons why submitters supported the proposed leashed control in all cemeteries included:
- Considered a respectful approach. Submitters commented that they have seen dogs and owners disrespecting graves and mourners. People do not want dogs running up to them when visiting cemeteries. Submitters also noted that this allows for visits to cemeteries while dog walking and it's nice to be able to take your dog along to visit a loved one's grave and that dogs are part of the family and can provide comfort and psychological benefits to families visiting the recently deceased.
84. Submitters who supported the proposal to require leashed control in cemeteries also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Concern about the importance of keeping the area clean from dog mess and ensuring that there is enforcement and fines for those that don't pick up after their dog. Submitters also suggested more dog poo bins were required at cemeteries.
  - The need to provide alternative off leash locations for dog walking if the leash control restriction in cemeteries went ahead, including the need for a dog park.
  - Some submitters wanted dogs banned from all cemeteries.
85. Submissions against the proposal: Reasons why submitters did not support the proposed leashed control in all cemeteries included:
- Cemeteries are well used by dog walkers, not highly used areas by other people and are safe environments to walk dogs. Submitters stated that they had never seen any issues with dogs in cemeteries and considered it would be a shame to lose more off-leash dog walking areas. It was also suggested that requiring leashed control in cemeteries would reduce their use by dog walkers.
  - Owner responsibility for dog control was suggested instead of leashed control. Submitters considered that off-leash and under control is sufficient as long as the owners were responsible. Concern was raised that this restriction was penalising responsible dog owners for the actions of a few less responsible owners and dogs and was considered to be an overreaction to a small number of complaints. Owners' education and appropriate signage was suggested promoting respectful use of the areas and ensuring wide berth of any mourners.
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86. Submitters who did not support the proposal to require leashed control in cemeteries also highlighted some additional considerations and concerns including:
- Some submitters suggested having leashed control for just new cemeteries where burials still took place and off-leash for older cemeteries. Off-leash was also suggested when no burials were taking place. Other submitters wanted leash control for just the Awanui Cemetery while other submitters considered that dogs off-leash in Awanui Cemetery would not be a problem.
87. Many submitters commented specifically on Te Henui Cemetery. Submitters considered that leash control was not necessary for this cemetery stating that Te Henui is an old cemetery that is now closed, there are rarely mourners or new burials in the cemetery. Submitters also commented that a large number of dog walkers enjoy taking their dog for an off-leash walk in Te Henui Cemetery and that it is not highly used by other people other than dog walkers. Submitters considered there to be very seldom (if ever) any issues seen in this area and that dog owners are respectful of other users of the cemetery.
88. Officer response: It is recognised that there is both support and opposition to this proposal with submissions indicating a greater level of support to that of opposition. The Council has received ten complaints since 2018 regarding dogs in cemeteries. The proposal seeks to balance the perceived problem by providing for leash control. In light of the submissions received it is recommended to exclude Te Henui Cemetery from requiring leashed control for dogs. The Parks and Open Space Team and Animal Control Team support the proposal as the most appropriate approach to the perceived problem.
89. Recommendation: Adopt the proposed leashed control provisions in relation to cemeteries excluding Te Henui Cemetery which will remain off-leash and under control.

***Improving education and awareness through signage***

90. Improving education and awareness through signage was a key theme throughout many submissions. Feedback considered that many dog walkers and the general public were unaware of dog control restrictions at locations across the district. It was suggested that signage could be used to promote control, raise awareness of wildlife in an area, and to promote respect for other beach users. Submitters also highlighted that signage should be clear, understandable and consistent across the district. Signage improvements were recommended in general across the district and at specific sites including Onaero and Pukekura Park to improve understanding and awareness of the rules.
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91. Officer response: It is recognised that signage is important in raising awareness and prompting compliance with dog control requirements. Once the proposed Bylaw is adopted, all current dog control signage will be updated to reflect the new Bylaw. Signage requirements for other key hotspot locations will also be identified and provided with appropriate signage. It is proposed that new signage will follow a traffic light system to identify dog control restrictions to ensure the signs are universally understandable to dog walkers and other users of each location. Joint signage will be developed with external agencies to cover all pertinent information and penalties. The cost of signage replacement and new signage will be undertaken within existing budgets.

***Monitoring and enforcement improvements***

92. Increasing monitoring and enforcement of dog control rules was a key theme throughout the submissions. Feedback suggested that more monitoring and enforcement of the dog control restrictions and requirements was needed to ensure that owners understood the rules. Submitters also recommended more monitoring and enforcement for specific matters and locations including the removal of dog mess and increased presence on the coast for the protection of wildlife and beach restrictions.
93. Officer response: The Animal Control Team operates with five officers, one part-time pound officer and a team leader. The team works a roster that rotates through a duty and on call 24/7 roster. The Animal Control Team responds to approximately 4,000 service requests per year, from Mohakatino to Ōkato. They respond to urgent service requests within two hours. Service requests include 'nuisance' matters such as barking and wandering dogs, to high risk dog attacks which require a rapid response to ensure the safety of the community. Due to the high volume of service requests the officers generally operate in a reactive state. Wherever possible, the team work in a preventative space undertaking the following activities:
- Preventative patrolling of the highly valued public spaces within the district.
  - Prosecution – of dog owners for dog attacks.
  - Select Owner scheme - introduced in 2019/20, focused on rewarding good owners.
  - Dog safety programmes with school age children, adults in the work place that are required to enter properties, and dog training sessions.
  - Staff training.
94. The changes in the proposed Bylaw will have implications on resourcing. The newly regulated locations (coastal areas and the CBA) will require the team to increase its presence in these areas and to respond to service requests.



95. If these changes in regulatory approach are approved an additional animal control officer and 0.5 administration officer would be recommended within the Annual Plan 2022/23, starting 1 July 2022. This would allow the team to undertake a more dedicated monitoring regime and also ensure educational work is undertaken. It is considered that any additional resourcing can be funded through the increasing numbers of dog registrations and infringements. It is noted that offences will occur in the newly proposed locations and enforcement work, such as impoundment, infringements and prosecutions will result.

**Other suggestions from submissions – general comments on other policy and bylaw aspects**

96. Submitters had the opportunity to provide additional comments on any other aspect of the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw and dog control in the district. Many of the comments related to themes included in one of the key proposals as previously detailed in this report. Other feedback of note from submitters included:
- Having leashed control as a default in public places rather than off-leash and under control.
  - Providing more information in the bylaw, on the website and on other communication educating owners on the meaning of and expectations of control of their dogs.
  - Making more reference to dog welfare and the Animal Welfare Act and Code of Welfare (Dogs) 2018 in the proposed Policy.
  - Providing owners of dogs classified as menacing due to behaviour with an opportunity to have their dog's classification reviewed if certain behavioural and training requirements are met.
  - There was strong support for the new provision in clause 12 of the proposed Bylaw to enable the temporary urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife.
97. Officer response: The additional comments and suggestions from submitters are noted. The suggestions relating to improving owner understanding of dog control requirements will be considered in the Animal Control Team's communication process with registered dog owners. Suggestions for amending the policy relating to menacing dogs and making more reference to dog welfare would require further assessment to determine suitability for inclusion. These could be considered at a later stage to feed into a subsequent reviews of the policy and bylaw.
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***Community demand for a Dog Park(s)***

98. Many submissions identified the need for a dog park in the district. Submitters considered that a dedicated dog park was required to provide a place where dogs could socialise and be exercised off-leash. Concern was raised that there was a lack of dog-friendly places in the district where dogs could be exercised off-leash. Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust suggested establishing a dog park specifically for dogs as many of the district's public places are sensitive natural environments where particularly off-leash dogs are inappropriate. The SCPA considered that in light of the proposed changes which will see the removal of areas where dogs and owners currently enjoy off-leash access, the Council should consider the creation or designation of new dog exercise areas.
99. Officer response: The matter for consideration in this report is the Dog Policy and Dog Bylaw and not the provision of a dog park. Submissions have reconfirmed there is ongoing demand from the community for a dog park(s) within the district. While the Dog Control Act 1996 enables the designation of specified areas as dog exercise areas in a bylaw, the determination of establishing a dog park(s) is a level of service consideration in relation to Parks and Reserves planning and is required to be considered in the Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan processes to ensure financial and resourcing requirements are considered. The Dog Control Policy and Bylaw would be updated in a timely manner to reflect any future council decisions relating to the establishment of a dog park(s).

**New Zealand Bill of Rights Act**

100. Before adopting the proposed Bylaw, Council must consider whether there are any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA). The 9 November Council meeting previously considered any implications the notified Bylaw had under the NZBORA, and determined there were no implications arising under the NZBORA.
101. It is appropriate to review the Council's previous NZBORA consideration in light of the recommended changes to the notified Bylaw as a result of the public consultation process. It is considered that the recommended change to exclude Te Henui Cemetery from requiring leashed control dogs within the proposed Bylaw as a result of public consultation has no NZBORA implications.

**CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

102. There are no impacts on climate change adaptation and mitigation regarding this matter.

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## NEXT STEPS

103. The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw recommended for adoption are included in Appendices 1 and 2 and would replace the existing Dog Control Policy and New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2010: Part 2 Dog Control. This new bylaw would, once adopted, become a standalone bylaw.
104. The next step would be to public notify the new Policy and Bylaw and update all relevant Council information portals with the new documents.

## SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

105. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being significant, because:
  - Without adopting the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw, the existing Bylaw will lapse and be revoked under section 160a of the LGA on 9 April 2022.
  - The high public interest with approximately 8,500 registered dog owners of 11,065 dogs who will be interested and affected by the matter.
  - The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw provide a tool in the form of a bylaw for the Council to respond to nuisance from dogs and to maintain public health and safety.
  - Not having an up to date policy and bylaw on this matter will be contrary to the historic position of the Council.
106. The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw have undergone a special consultative procedure as per the requirements under the LGA. Additionally, pre-consultation was undertaken with feedback and advice sought from key stakeholders including DOC and the TRC.

## OPTIONS

### Option 1

#### **Adopt the Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022**

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

107. Adopting the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw will have implications on resourcing. The newly regulated locations (coastal areas and the CBA) will require the Regulatory Team to increase its presence in these areas and to respond to service requests. An additional animal control officer and 0.5 administration officer are recommended within the Annual Plan 2022/23, starting 1 July 2022.

*Risk Analysis*

108. The key risks associated with the adoption of the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw is that not all submitters will be happy with the outcome given the wide range of views and the increasing calls for greater protection of wildlife. These risks are considered to be addressed through the proposed Policy and Bylaw seeking balance within the regulation as the most appropriate approach to the perceived problems and with the commitment to further engagement regarding biodiversity.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

109. The proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw primarily help to promote and achieve the Community and Sustainability Community Outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

110. Council must adopt a policy in respect of dogs in the district under section 10 of the Dog Control Act. The proposed Bylaw relies on bylaw-making powers under sections 145 and 146 of the LGA and section 20 of the Dog Control Act.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

111. This option is consistent with Council's Policies and Plans. Any reserve management plans that are inconsistent with the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw should be updated to ensure alignment with dog control information.

*Participation by Māori*

112. The notified Policy and notified Bylaw were available for Māori to comment on and engage with as part of the public consultation process.

*Community Views and Preferences*

113. Along with some initial pre-engagement with key stakeholders, community consultation via a special consultative procedure was undertaken on the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw. Key stakeholders were notified of the consultation.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

114. The advantage of adopting the proposed Policy and proposed Bylaw is that they are considered to provide a good balance between ensuring people are protected from nuisance caused by dogs and that there are sufficient public places available to meet the exercise needs of dogs and their owners.
115. There are no disadvantages to this option.
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**Option 2**

**Adopt an amended Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

116. The financial and resourcing implications of any amendments would need to be considered.

*Risk Analysis*

117. Amendments would have to be assessed for any risks. Any significant amendments should only be made in light of the submissions received.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

118. Any amendments would have to be assessed for their promotion of the Community Outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

119. Any amendments would need to be assessed for their significance and their justification against the submissions received. If any significant amendments are proposed that do not relate to the submissions then further consultation may be required.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

120. Any amendments would have to be assessed for their consistency with policies and plans.

*Participation by Māori*

121. Any amendments would have to be assessed for their significance to Māori.

*Community Views and Preferences*

122. Community views and preferences may not be known on any amendments.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

123. The disadvantage of this option is that any amendments would require further assessment. This could take additional resources and would impact on meeting statutory timeframes for completing bylaw reviews.
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**Recommended Option**

This report recommends **Option 1:** Adopt the Dog Control Policy 2022 and Dog Control Bylaw 2022 for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Dog Control Policy 2022 (ECM 8722367)

Appendix 2 Dog Control Bylaw 2022 (ECM 8722368)

Appendix 3 Submissions (ECM 8708534)

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# New Plymouth District Council

## Proposed Dog Control Policy 2022

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to outline how the Council will regulate the keeping of dogs for the protection of the health and safety of the public.
- 1.2. This policy meets the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996 ('the Act'). The Council is required to adopt a Dog Control Policy under section 10 of the Act.
- 1.3. The Council's obligations in relation to dog control are set out in the Act, and this policy should be read in conjunction with the Act.

*Note: This Policy will be supplied to the owner of every registered dog.*

### 2. Scope

- 2.1. The policy applies to all dogs within the district, including those not registered by the New Plymouth District Council.
- 2.2. The policy should be read and implemented concurrently with the Dog Control Bylaw 2021.

### 3. Application of the Bylaw

- 3.1. The Council gives effect to this policy by adopting the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2021 ('the Bylaw').
- 3.2. The Bylaw includes the following provisions:
  - a) Keeping of dogs.
  - b) Off-leash areas.
  - c) Leashed control areas.
  - d) Prohibited areas.
  - e) No exercising dogs with vehicles.
  - f) Menacing dogs.
  - g) Urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife.
  - h) Temporary exemptions from dog controls.
  - i) Nuisances.
  - j) Fouling in public places.
  - k) Offences and penalties.

*Note: The Council will report on the administration of this Policy annually and will make this report publicly available.*

## 4. Definitions

- 4.1. In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

**Act** means the Dog Control Act 1996.

**Animal** means any member of the animal kingdom, including birds, reptiles, livestock and poultry, but it does not include human beings.

**Beach** means the foreshore and any adjacent area that can reasonably be considered part of the beach environment including areas of sand, pebbles, shingle, dunes or coastal vegetation, but not including any grassed areas or other green spaces that are adjacent to the beach. For clarification, estuary areas that fit this definition are considered a beach under this policy.

**Bylaw** means the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2021.

**Council** means the New Plymouth District Council.

**Dog Control Officer** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act.

**Dog Ranger** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act.

**Owner** – in relation to any dog, has the same meaning given to that term in section 2 of the Act.

**Policy** means the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Policy 2021.

**Protected wildlife** includes the definition of 'protected wildlife vulnerable to dogs' in the Conservation Act 1987.

**Public place** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act and, to provide certainty, includes any road under the control of the Council.

**Reserve** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Reserves Act 1977.

**Under control** means having a dog off leash under command control of a person (for example, by voice, signal, whistle or other similar means) who is in fact controlling the dog so as to prevent it being an annoyance or a nuisance.

## 5. Fees and Infringement Notices

- 5.1. Fees for the registration of dogs are set by the New Plymouth District Council from time to time, pursuant to sections 37 and 38 of the Dog Control Act 1996. When setting fees, the Council may take into consideration the following outcomes:
- a) Promoting responsible ownership by all dog owners.



- b) Recognising and rewarding good behaviour in dogs.
  - c) Recognising that working dogs are an integral and necessary part of the rural community and setting the fees accordingly.
  - d) Encouraging owners to de-sex their animals to reduce the incidence of roaming, aggressive behaviour and abandoned dogs.
  - e) Supporting the funding of the animal control activities of the Council primarily from the registration fee for dogs, while recognising that rates funding is appropriate for those costs which should not be borne by registered dog owners or where there is a direct community benefit from the activities.
- 5.2. Pound fees are set by the New Plymouth District Council from time to time, pursuant to section 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996. These fees can include:
- a) The seizure of dogs by dog control officers or dog rangers.
  - b) The sustenance of any dog impounded under this Act.
  - c) The destruction of any dog impounded under this Act.
- 5.3. In setting pound fees the New Plymouth District Council may:
- a) Set different fees for registered and unregistered dogs;
  - b) Set a graduated scale of fees for the repeated impounding of the same dog;
  - c) Require the fee to be paid before the dog is released from the pound.
- 5.4. The New Plymouth District Council considers the issuing of infringement notices to be a valuable tool toward encouraging responsible ownership and control of dogs. The use of infringement notices is to be used additional to or in place of Court action alternatives. Infringement fees are set out in Schedule 1 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

## **6. Objectives**

### **Objective 1**

- 6.1. Encourage responsible dog ownership.

### **Objective 2**

- 6.2. Minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally.

### **Objective 3**

- 6.3. Avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children.

### **Objective 4**

- 6.4. Enable as far as is practicable the public to use the streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs.

**Objective 5**

- 6.5. Minimise the negative impact of dogs on protected wildlife and their habitats, including in coastal areas.

**Objective 6**

- 6.6. Recognise the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

**7. Policy Statements**

**7.1. Welfare of Dogs**

- 7.1.1 The New Plymouth District Council recognises the benefits of good and proper dog care. Owners have an obligation to ensure their dog is kept within the minimum standards as described in the Bylaw. This includes a requirement of dog owners to provide a dog with:
- a) Adequate housing;
  - b) Access to sufficient food and clean water at all times; and
  - c) Regular and adequate exercise.
- 7.1.2 Where vehicles are driven into or through dog prohibited areas, and dogs are therefore not allowed out of vehicles, consideration should be given to the welfare of dogs left in vehicles and whether it would be more appropriate to leave the dog(s) at home.
- 7.1.3 All dog owners are expected to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog(s) in anticipation of an emergency. While a state of emergency is in place dog owners must keep their dog under effective control at all times and ensure that their dog(s) does not injure, endanger or cause distress to any person.

**7.2. Responsible dog ownership**

- 7.2.1 The Council will encourage responsible dog ownership within the New Plymouth District through public education and enforcement of the Council's Bylaw, and other relevant legislation.
- 7.2.2 Responsible ownership requires owners to have an understanding of how to appropriately care for their dogs and how to control their dogs in public places as to not cause a nuisance or risk to the safety of other animals, or members of the public.
- 7.2.3 The Council encourages dog obedience courses to dog owners.
- 7.2.4 New Plymouth District is a carry leash community. This means every dog owner in a public place with a dog must carry a leash with them at all times. This includes in off-leash areas.
- 7.2.5 The Act sets out specific obligations of all dog owners. These are also enforced through the Bylaw. In summary, every dog owner is obligated to ensure the dog:
- a) is registered;
  - b) is under control at all times;

- c) has proper care, attention, food, water, and shelter;
- d) has adequate exercise
- e) does not cause a nuisance;
- f) does not injure, endanger, intimidate or distress any person; and
- g) does not injure, endanger or distress animals.

### **7.3. Areas of dog control in public places**

- 7.3.1 The New Plymouth District Council may designate dog exercise areas (off-leash areas) for the adequate recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners. Dogs in exercise areas must at all times be kept under control of a person responsible for the dog.

*Note: At the time of writing there are no designated dog exercise areas.*

- 7.3.2 All public places are designated as off-leash exercise areas, unless they are specified as leashed control or prohibited areas in Schedule 1 of the Bylaw.
- 7.3.3 The Council designates specific public places within the District where dogs must be kept on a leash at all times (leashed control areas). This is for the safety of the public and protected wildlife, and to ensure dogs do not cause an unnecessary nuisance. Dogs in leashed control areas must at all times be kept under control of a person responsible for the dog.
- 7.3.4 The Council designates specific areas within the district where dogs are prohibited (prohibited areas) This is for the protection of public safety, to ensure dogs do not cause a public nuisance in areas of high community use, and to safeguard protected wildlife. Dogs must not be allowed within prohibited areas.
- 7.3.5 General areas where dogs are prohibited, where dogs must be on leash, or are designated as off leash dog exercise areas are listed in the table at Appendix 1.
- 7.3.6 The Bylaw gives effect to these controls stipulated for each of the areas.

### **7.4. Temporary changes to dog controls**

- 7.4.1 The Council recognises that protected wildlife may not always be in the areas we expect them to be. As a result, the Council may need to temporarily alter the dog control areas to ensure adequate protection of protected wildlife. The Council may, in accordance with clause 12 of the Bylaw, install temporary dog restrictions in areas for the urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife.
- 7.4.2 From time to time, it may be desirable to make temporary changes to dog control rules in specific areas to hold specific events. The Council may, in accordance with clause 13 of the Bylaw, lift certain dog controls, or introduce new dog controls, for a limited period of time.
- 7.4.3 Any person is able to apply to the Council for a temporary change to dog control area rules. The process for doing this is outlined in the Dog Control Bylaw clause 13.

### **Identification of 'Controlled' and 'Open' dog areas**

7.4.4 The Council recognises the need to inform all dog owners of lands administered by the Department of Conservation which may be declared as:

- a) A controlled dog area, where dogs are banned unless provided with a permit from the Department of Conservation. National Parks are controlled dog areas.
- b) An open dog area, where permits are not required, but conditions may be imposed.

7.4.5 For clarity, Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) is a National Park and is a controlled dog area.

### **7.5. Control of menacing dogs**

*Note: Problems exist with a small section of the dog population, which pose a significant threat to the community through aggressive behaviour. These are dogs that attack or threaten people, animals, or protected wildlife. It is important to the Council that where dogs are identified as menacing, the appropriate actions are taken to control them.*

7.5.1 The Council must classify those dogs listed in Schedule 4 of the Act as menacing.

7.5.2 Dogs that are identified and classified as menacing by the New Plymouth District Council may be required to be neutered.

7.5.3 Dogs that are identified and classified as menacing by another territorial authority may be required to be neutered once they become registered within the New Plymouth District boundary, or are found to be residing within the boundary without being registered.

7.5.4 When deciding whether or not to require a menacing dog to be neutered, the Council will take into account the following matters:

- a) Whether the Council considers that the dog may pose a threat to any person animal, or protected wildlife because of:
  - i) Any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
  - ii) Any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.
- b) the history of the owner of the dog, including (but not limited to) any relevant history about the behaviour of dogs kept by the owner, any impounding records, and any previous offences under the Dog Control Bylaw;
- c) any safety risk posed to the public by the dog; and
- d) anything else the Council considers relevant.

## **8. Review of Policy**

8.1. This policy shall be reviewed from time to time in accordance with the Act, including any time that the Bylaw is reviewed.

## Appendix 1: Area Rules

The table below lists general areas of dog control in the District. The Bylaw gives effect to these controls for each of the areas.

*Note: Refer to Dog Control Policy clause 4 for relevant definitions including beach, public place, and reserve.*

| Area and description   | Rules                       |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>District wide</b>   |                             |
| All public places not described elsewhere in this table  | Off leash and under control |
| Playgrounds – as defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited                  |
| Sports parks – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control             |
| Cemeteries and Crematorium – as defined in the Bylaw (excluding the Te Henui Cemetery which remains off-leash and under control) | Leashed control             |
| <b>New Plymouth</b>  |                             |
| New Plymouth Central Business Area – as defined in the Bylaw – dangerous and menacing dogs                                       | Prohibited                  |
| New Plymouth Central Business Area – as defined in the Bylaw – all other dogs, excluding dangerous and menacing dogs             | Leashed control             |
| Coastal Walkway areas - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Lake Rotomanu - the island in the middle of Lake Rotomanu  | Prohibited                  |
| Peringa Park/Lake Rotomanu wetlands – the area defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Lake Mangamahoe – lake waters and grassland as defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited                  |
| Lake Mangamahoe - Lake Mangamahoe Road (the access road near the lake)   | Leashed control             |
| Te Henui Walkway – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control             |
| Fitzroy shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Moturoa shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Westown shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Pukekura Park/Brooklands Park – playgrounds and event areas - as defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited                  |
| Pukekura Park/Brooklands Park – all other areas as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |
| Rotokare (Barrett) Domain – pond and wetland areas as defined in the Bylaw   | Prohibited                  |
| Rotokare (Barrett) Domain – access road as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control             |

| Area and description   | Rules  |
|--|--|
| <b>Fitzroy</b>   |  |
| Fitzroy Seaside Park swimming pool and adjacent playground – the area defined in the Bylaw | Prohibited   |
| Fitzroy and East End beaches – foreshore and beach area defined in the Bylaw               | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Fitzroy and East End beaches – dune area as defined in the Bylaw                           | Prohibited   |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park</b>  |  |
| Back Beach - the beach area as defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Back Beach – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park to Tapuae Stream</b>   |  |
| Tapuae Marine Reserve – the area defined in the Bylaw                                      | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Port Taranaki</b>   |  |
| Ngāmotu Beach and Reserve – the area defined in the Bylaw                                  | Prohibited   |
| Lee Breakwater/Port area – as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Bell Block</b>  |  |
| Hickford Park cycling facilities – area as defined in the Bylaw                            | Prohibited   |
| Bell Block shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| Bell Block Beach – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Waitara</b>   |  |
| Waitara main shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw                                       | Leashed control  |
| <b>Inglewood</b>   |  |
| Inglewood shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control  |
| <b>Ōākura</b>  |  |
| Ōākura Beach – foreshore and beach area as defined in the Bylaw                            | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Ōākura River/Corbett Park – the area defined in the Bylaw                                  | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Ōākura shopping area as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Ōkato</b>   |  |
| Ōkato shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control  |

| Area and description   | Rules  |
|--|--|
| <b>Onaero</b>  |  |
| Onaero Domain and adjoining beach – the area defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| <b>Pukearuhe</b>   |  |
| Parininihi Marine Reserve – the area defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Urenui</b>  |  |
| Urenui Domain and beach – the area defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited   |
| <b>Waiiti</b>  |  |
| Waiiti Beach – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Tongapōrutu</b>   |  |
| Tongapōrutu Domain – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park)</b>   |  |
| Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) – the area defined in the Bylaw<br><i>Note: Dogs are banned from Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) under the National Parks Act 1980, administered by the Department of Conservation</i> | Prohibited   |

New Plymouth District Council

# Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2022

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Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth  
District Council**



## New Plymouth District Council

# Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2022

*The purpose of this bylaw is to give effect to the Council's Dog Control Policy by regulating the keeping of dogs for the protection of the health and safety of the public.*

### 1. Title and commencement

- 1.1. This bylaw is the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2022.
- 1.2. This bylaw comes into force on [date].
- 1.3. This bylaw is due to be reviewed in accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002 by [date].

### 2. Authority

- 2.1. This bylaw is made under:
  - a) Section 20 of the Dog Control Act 1996; and
  - b) Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.2. This bylaw should be read in conjunction with the Act and all other relevant bylaws of the Council. It is not intended to restrict, limit, or constrain any obligations and responsibilities under the Act.
- 2.3. Consistent with section 20(2) of the Act, this bylaw does not confer any power of entry onto any land or premises without the occupier's consent to any dog control officer, dog ranger or other person.

### 3. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to give effect to the Policy by regulating the keeping of dogs for the protection of the health and safety of the public.

- 3.1. More specifically, this bylaw also has the following purposes:
  - a) conserve public health and prevent or abate nuisances;
  - b) regulate and control dogs in public places;
  - c) prescribe minimum standards for the accommodation of dogs;
  - d) require the owner of any dog that defecates in a public place to immediately remove the faeces;
  - e) provide for the impounding of dogs; and
  - f) provide for any other purpose necessary or desirable to further the control of dogs.

#### **4. Application of this bylaw**

- 4.1. This bylaw applies to the Council's entire District.
- 4.2. Despite clause 4.1, this bylaw does not apply to reserves that are administered, managed and controlled, and maintained by the Department of Conservation.

#### **5. Interpretation**

##### **Definitions**

- 5.1. In this part unless the context otherwise requires:

**Act** means the Dog Control Act 1996.

**Animal** means any member of the animal kingdom, including birds, reptiles, livestock and poultry, but does not include human beings.

**Beach** means the foreshore and any adjacent area that can reasonably be considered part of the beach environment, including areas of sand, pebbles, shingle, dunes or coastal vegetation, but not including any grassed areas or other green spaces that are adjacent to the beach. For clarification, estuary areas that fit this definition are considered a beach under this bylaw.

**Building** has the meaning given to that term by sections 8 and 9 of the Building Act 2004.

**Bylaw** means the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2022.

**Car park** means the off street area set aside to park vehicles and all buildings, equipment, signs, access ways, land, fences, chattels and structures used or connected in any way with the area.

**Council** means the New Plymouth District Council.

**Disability assist dog** means a dog trained, or in training, to assist a person with a disability, as certified by one of the following organisations:

- a) Assistance Dogs New Zealand;
- b) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand;
- c) K9 Medical Detection New Zealand;
- d) K9 Search Medical Detection;
- e) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust;
- f) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Incorporated;
- g) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust;
- h) Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust; or
- i) an organisation specified in an Order in Council made under section 78D of the Act.

**District** means the district of the Council.

**Dog control officer** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act.

**Dog ranger** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act.

**Dwelling** means any separately occupied household unit used in whole or in part for human habitation, and includes:

- a) any building, tent, vehicle or other structure, whether permanent or temporary, and whether attached to the soil or not; and
- b) any land associated with the dwelling.

**Footpath** means as much of any street or public place that is laid out or constructed by authority of the Council for pedestrian use.

**Leashed control** means that the dog is kept on a secure leash held by a person who is in total control of the dog at all times so as to prevent it being a nuisance or annoyance.

**Month** means a calendar month.

**Motor vehicle** has the meaning given to that term in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

**Nuisance** means any unreasonable interference with a person or property, and includes a statutory nuisance as defined in section 29 of the Health Act 1956.

**Occupier** means the inhabitant of any premises or, in any case where any premises are uninhabited, the owner of those premises.

**Owner**

- a) in relation to any dog, has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act; and
- b) in relation to any land or premises, means any person who would be entitled to receive the rack rent of the property, if the property was let to a tenant at a rack rent, and where any person is absent from New Zealand, includes that person's attorney or agent, or any other person acting on their behalf.

**Policy** means the New Plymouth District Council Dog Control Policy.

**Premises** means all or part of:

- a) a property or allotment which is held under a separate record of title or for which a separate record of title may be issued and in respect to which a building consent has been or may be issued; or
- b) a building that has been defined as an individual unit by a cross-lease, unit title or company lease and for which a record of title is available; or
- c) land held in public ownership (reserve) for a particular purpose; or
- d) individual units in buildings which are separately leased.

**Public notice** has the meaning given to that term by section 13 of the Legislation Act 2019.

**Public place** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Act and, to provide certainty, includes any road under the control of the Council.

**Reserve** has the meaning given to that term by section 2 of the Reserves Act 1977.

**Road** has the meaning given to that term in section 315 of the Local Government Act 1974.

**Temporary dog prohibited area** means a public place that is subject to a current designation under clause 12.1 of this bylaw and for which public notice has been given under clause 12.3(a) of this bylaw.

**Under control** means having a dog off leash under command control of a person (for example, by voice, signal, whistle or other similar means) who is in fact controlling the dog so as to prevent it being an annoyance or a nuisance.

**Urban** means any land contained within New Plymouth, Bell Block, Waitara, Inglewood, Ōākura, Ōkato, Lepperton, Egmont Village, Onaero and Urenui, and that has reticulation services for water supply, sewage, or stormwater disposal available to it (even if the services are not currently connected or used).

**Working dog** has the meaning given to that term in section 2 of the Act, which includes a disability assist dog.

- 5.2. Any undefined words, phrases or expressions in this bylaw have the same meaning as in the Act or the Local Government Act 2002, unless the context plainly requires a different meaning.
- 5.3. Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2019 applies to the interpretation of this bylaw.
- 5.4. Every schedule to this bylaw forms part of this bylaw.
- 5.5. Every appendix to this bylaw does not form part of this bylaw, and may be inserted, amended, or removed at any time without any formal process. Appendices are provided for information purposes only, and may include a copy of statutory definitions referenced in clause 5.1.

## **6. Keeping of dogs**

### **Minimum Standards**

- 6.1. The owner of any dog must provide a kennel or place of shelter that, at a minimum, is:
  - a) of sufficient height and size to allow the dog to freely stand, move, stretch out, recline and lie down in a natural position;
  - b) fully shaded, dry and ventilated;
  - c) able to protect the dog from extreme heat and cold;
  - d) built on dry ground;
  - e) provided with a floor at or above ground level;
  - f) built so that surfaces can be easily cleaned;

- g) kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition, including not allowing accumulation of faeces and urine;
- h) kept supplied with clean water at all times; and
- i) situated no closer than one metre from the boundary and in such a position that when the dog is confined, it cannot get closer than one metre to the boundary of any adjoining property.

**Bitch in season**

- 6.2. The owner of every bitch shall, whilst the bitch is in season, ensure that:
- a) the bitch is adequately confined on the owner's premises; and
  - b) when taken from the premises for any reason, the bitch is kept under leashed control at all times.

**Limit on dogs in urban area**

- 6.3. No person may keep a dog that is over the age of three months at a dwelling in an urban area so as to exceed the maximum number of dogs permitted under clause 6.4 or a consent granted under clause 6.7, whichever is the greater.
- 6.4. Except as authorised under clause 6.7, no more than two dogs may be kept at a dwelling at any one time.
- 6.5. Any person may apply to the Council for its consent to keep more than two dogs at a dwelling.
- 6.6. The application under clause 6.5 must be in writing, accompanied by any prescribed fee, and include:
- a) information about how the dogs will be housed or sheltered, exercised, and confined to the dwelling;
  - b) information about other control measures to ensure the prevention of a nuisance;
  - c) identification of neighbouring owners and occupiers who could be affected by the proposal, and the results of any consultation or discussion that has taken place with those persons;
  - d) information about the owner's history with dogs, including any previous welfare or nuisance issues, which may have occurred in the Council's District or elsewhere;
  - e) information about any particular needs of any of the dogs to be kept at the dwelling; and
  - f) any other information that the Council considers relevant.
- 6.7. Within 20 working days of receiving an application (with complete supporting information), the Council may grant, in writing, a consent to keep more than two dogs at a dwelling and impose any conditions on the consent that it considers appropriate.

- 6.8. In considering whether to grant a consent under clause 6.7, the Council must have regard to:
- a) the adequacy of the kennel or place of shelter that will be provided, provision for exercise, and measures for confining the dogs at the dwelling;
  - b) the likelihood of noise, waste or other nuisance being created by keeping of more than two dogs;
  - c) the views and preferences of neighbouring owners and occupiers;
  - d) the history of the owner of the dog, including (but not limited to) any relevant history about the welfare of other dogs kept by the owner, and any nuisance created by dogs kept by the owner (for example, noise, faecal deposits, wandering or threatening behaviour of dogs), and any impounding records;
  - e) any particular needs of any of the dogs to be kept at the dwelling; and
  - f) anything else the Council considers relevant.

## **7. Off-leash areas**

- 7.1. An off-leash area is any public place (or part) that is not a leashed control area under clause 8.1, a prohibited area under clause 9.1, or a temporary dog prohibited area under clause 12.1.
- 7.2. No owner of a dog may allow the dog to be in an off-leash area unless:
- a) the dog is kept under control by the owner;
  - b) the owner carries a leash (if the dog is not under leashed control); and
  - c) all other lawful requirements are met (including, but not limited to, relevant requirements in the Act, the Conservation Act 1987, and the Wildlife Act 1953).
- 7.3. Clause 7.2 does not apply to:
- a) any dog contained or securely confined within or on any motor vehicle so as to not constitute a nuisance or endanger any person; or
  - b) any event for which an exemption has been granted under clause 13.
- 7.4. Clause 7.2(b) does not apply to any working dog carrying out its duties.

## **8. Leashed control areas**

- 8.1. A leashed control area is any public place (or part) identified as a leashed control area in the Schedule during the dates and times set out in the Schedule, but does not include a temporary dog prohibited area under clause 12.1.
- 8.2. No owner of a dog may allow the dog to be in a leashed control area unless:
- a) the dog is kept under leashed control; and
  - b) all other lawful requirements are met (including, but not limited to, relevant requirements in the Act, the Conservation Act 1987, and the Wildlife Act 1953).

- 8.3. Clause 8.2 does not apply to:
- a) any dog contained or securely confined within or on any motor vehicle so as to not constitute a nuisance or endanger any person;
  - b) any event for which an exemption has been granted under clause 13.
- 8.4. Clause 8.2(a) does not apply to any working dog carrying out its duties.

## **9. Prohibited areas**

- 9.1. A prohibited area is any public place (or part) identified as a prohibited area in the Schedule during the dates and times set out in the Schedule.
- 9.2. No owner of a dog may allow the dog to be in a prohibited area.
- 9.3. Clause 9.2 does not apply to:
- a) any dog contained or securely confined within or on any vehicle so as to not constitute a nuisance or endanger any person;
  - b) any disability assist dog carrying out its duties;
  - c) any event for which an exemption has been granted under clause 13.

## **10. No exercising dogs with motor vehicles**

- 10.1. No owner of a dog may travel in a motor vehicle in a public place and allow the dog to run or walk behind, beside or in front of that motor vehicle.

## **11. Menacing dogs**

- 11.1. If the Council or another territorial authority has classified a dog as menacing under section 33C of the Act (due to the dog belonging wholly or predominantly to one or more breed or type of dog listed in Schedule 4 of the Act), the Council must, in a written notice, require the owner of the dog to have the dog neutered.
- 11.2. If the Council or another territorial authority has classified a dog as menacing under section 33A of the Act (due to the actions of the dog), the Council may, in a written notice, require the owner of the dog to have the dog neutered.
- 11.3. Any owner who receives a written notice from the Council under clause 11.1 or 11.2 must, by the date specified in the Council's notice:
- a) comply with the notice and provide to the Council a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying that the dog has been neutered; or
  - b) provide the Council with a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying that, for the reasons specified in that certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in that certificate.

## **12. Urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife**

- 12.1. The Council may, from time to time, designate a public place to be a temporary dog prohibited area for the urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife for a period of up to 60 days from the date that public notice is given under clause 12.3(a).
- 12.2. The Council may designate a public place to be a temporary dog prohibited area under clause 12.1 only where:
  - a) the public place is either an off-leash area or leashed control area (not a prohibited area);
  - b) protected wildlife is present in the public place (for example, nesting in the public place);
  - c) the presence of dogs in the public place would pose a serious risk to the welfare of the protected wildlife; and
  - d) the risk is urgent and cannot reasonably wait to be addressed through the establishment of a new prohibited area.
- 12.3. Where it designates a public place to be a temporary dog prohibited area under clause 12.1, the Council:
  - a) must give public notice of the temporary dog prohibited area, and the length of time the prohibition will remain in place; and
  - b) may, where practicable, install temporary signage, barriers or fencing around some or all of the public place.
- 12.4. No owner of a dog may permit the dog to be present in a temporary dog prohibited area.
- 12.5. A dog control officer or dog ranger may direct the owner of a dog to immediately remove the dog from a temporary dog prohibited area.
- 12.6. An owner of a dog who receives a direction from a dog control officer or dog ranger under clause 12.5 must immediately comply with that direction.

## **13. Temporary exemptions from dog controls**

- 13.1. Any person may apply to the Council for an exemption from clauses 7.2, 8.2 or 9.2 for the purposes of holding an event.
- 13.2. The application under clause 13.1 must:
  - a) be in writing;
  - b) be made at least 21 working days before the proposed event;
  - c) be accompanied by any prescribed fee;
  - d) include details of the proposed event, including its dates and times; and
  - e) provide any other information that the Council considers relevant.
- 13.3. Within 20 working days of receiving an application (with complete supporting information), the Council may grant, in writing, an exemption to clauses 7.2, 8.2 or 9.2 and impose any conditions on the exemption that it considers appropriate.



13.4. In considering whether to grant an exemption under clause 13.3, the Council must have regard to:

- a) whether the application is consistent with and gives effect to the Policy, placing particular weight on:
  - i) Objective 2 (minimising danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally);
  - ii) Objective 5 (minimising the negative impact of dogs on protected wildlife and their habitats); and
  - iii) Objective 6 (recognising the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners);
- b) the views of any owners or occupiers of the land on which the event will be held or of any neighbouring land;
- c) how the applicant proposes to manage any effects arising from the event; and
- d) any other relevant information.

#### **14. Nuisances**

14.1. Every owner of a dog must ensure that the dog does not create a nuisance, including, without limitation, by:

- a) **Roaming**  
roaming or otherwise being at large, including on any private property, without the consent of the occupier or person in charge of the land or premises concerned;
- b) **Obstructing people**  
obstructing the lawful passage of any person in a public place or on private property;
- c) **Distress to people**  
rushing at, chasing, frightening, intimidating or causing any person in a public place or lawfully on private property to suffer injury or distress;
- d) **Refuse**  
destroying, tearing or otherwise interfering with any refuse container, whether the container is on private property or in a public place;
- e) **Property**  
interfering with any other person's property, whether on private property or in a public place;
- f) **Nuisance to animals**  
rushing at, chasing, frightening, obstructing or causing injury or distress to any animal, including protected wildlife, whether on private property or in a public place;
- g) **Noise**  
barking, howling and/or whining in a persistent and loud manner; or
- h) **Vehicles**  
rushing at any vehicle.

**15. Fouling in public places**

- 15.1. The owner of any dog that defecates in a public place or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner must immediately remove the faeces from that place and dispose of it in a sanitary manner into a suitable receptacle.

**16. Offences and penalties**

- 16.1. A failure to comply with any prohibition, obligation, or other requirement in this bylaw constitutes a breach.
- 16.2. Any person who breaches this bylaw commits an offence under section 20(5) of the Act, and at the Council's discretion may be:
- a) proceeded against by filing a charging document under section 14 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 and be liable for a fine not exceeding \$20,000; or
  - b) served with an infringement notice providing for a \$300 infringement fee.
- 16.3. A dog control officer or dog ranger may impound a dog, if the dog is found at large in breach of this bylaw, whether or not they are wearing a collar with the proper label or disc attached.
- 16.4. Taking action under clause 16.2 or 16.3 will not necessarily prevent further action being undertaken by a dog control officer or dog ranger in accordance with the provisions of the Act. These actions may include, but are not limited to, issuing an abatement notice, seizing and impounding the dog, and, in some cases, destroying the dog.

### Schedule 1: Area Rules

| Area and description   | At all dates and times      | At specific dates and times |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>District wide</b>   |                             |                             |
| All public places not described elsewhere in this schedule   | Off leash and under control |                             |
| Playgrounds, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any area set aside as a children's play area by the Council, for the recreation of children.</li> <li>Play equipment for this purpose.</li> </ul>   | Prohibited                  |                             |
| <b>Sports parks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That part of a sports park being used during an organised event by players, spectators, and other associated activities (including training) undertaken by a recognised club, school, or organisation.</li> </ul> <i>Note: When there are no organised events dogs are permitted to be off leash and under control.</i>   | Leashed control             |                             |
| <b>Cemeteries and Crematorium</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cemeteries controlled by the Council (excluding the Te Henui Cemetery which remains off-leash and under control).</li> <li>The area of land defined as the Taranaki Crematorium.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Dogs may be permitted inside the Taranaki Crematorium building subject to Council approval.</i>  | Leashed control             |                             |
| <b>New Plymouth</b>  |                             |                             |
| <b>New Plymouth Central Business Area</b> , all public places within the area bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ariki Street and Gill Street between Egmont Street and Gover Street.</li> <li>Devon Street between Robe Street and Gover Street.</li> <li>Egmont Street from Ariki Street to Devon Street.</li> <li>Liardet Street from Leach Street to Molesworth Street/St Aubyn Street.</li> <li>Puke Ariki Landing.</li> </ul> Dangerous and menacing dogs. | Prohibited                  |                             |

| Area and description  | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <p><b>New Plymouth Central Business Area</b>, all public places within the area bounded by and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ariki Street and Gill Street between Egmont Street and Gover Street.</li> <li>• Devon Street between Robe Street and Gover Street.</li> <li>• Egmont Street from Ariki Street to Devon Street.</li> <li>• Liardet Street from Leach Street to Molesworth Street/St Aubyn Street.</li> <li>• Puke Ariki Landing.</li> </ul> <p>All other dogs, excluding dangerous and menacing dogs.</p>   | Leashed control        |                             |
| <p><b>Coastal Walkway</b> and areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed walkway areas.</li> <li>• Rock embankment and grassed area adjoining the walkway from the western end of the formed car park in Kawaroa Park to the eastern end start of the walkway at Lee Breakwater car park.</li> <li>• Port Taranaki to the eastern end of the formed walkway at Tiromoana Crescent.</li> <li>• Bell Block, including the Hickford Park car park.</li> <li>• Waiwhakaiho River Mouth car park.</li> <li>• Fitzroy camping site.</li> <li>• Buller Street car park.</li> <li>• Molesworth Street car park.</li> <li>• Wind Wand car park at the seaward end of Egmont Street.</li> <li>• All of that part of Kawaroa Park seaward of the access road, including the road and car park.</li> </ul> | Leashed control        |                             |
| <p><b>Lake Rotomanu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The island in the middle of Lake Rotomanu.</li> </ul>  | Prohibited             |                             |
| <p><b>Peringa Park/Lake Rotomanu wetlands area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the boundaries of the fenced wetland area located on the western side of Lake Rotomanu,</li> <li>• The walkway linking with Weka Street.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Refer to Map 1 for clarity of the above description.</i></p>   | Leashed control        |                             |

| Area and description  | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Lake Mangamahoe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Mangamahoe waters.</li> <li>The grassland between Lake Mangamahoe Road (the access road) and the lake, with the exception of dogs being allowed to be led on leash along the gravel path through the grassed area between the first swing bridge and the main car park.</li> <li>The grassland area between the lake and the lower walking tracks on the northern and eastern side of the lake.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 2 for clarity of the above description.</i> | Prohibited             |                             |
| <b>Lake Mangamahoe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Mangamahoe Road (the access road) near the lake.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 2 for clarity of the above description.</i>  | Leashed control        |                             |
| <b>Te Henui Walkway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That part of Te Henui Walkway, including the formed walkway, adjoining grassed areas and the Te Henui Stream itself, located between the lower foot bridge (nearest to the mouth of Te Henui Stream) and the overhead motor vehicle bridge on Devon Street East, New Plymouth, as indicated by signs.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |                             |
| <b>Fitzroy shopping area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road and formed footpath on both sides of Devon Street East from its intersection with Beach Street through to its intersection with Darnell Street.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |                             |
| <b>Moturoa shopping area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road and formed footpath on both sides of Breakwater Road and St Aubyn Street between Whitely Street and Rainsford Street.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |                             |
| <b>Westown shopping area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road and formed footpath on the southern side of Tukapa Street in front of the commercial premises from the intersection of Dartmoor Avenue to approximately 100 metres north-east of Sanders Avenue (i.e. 37 Tukapa Street).</li> </ul>  | Leashed control        |                             |
| <b>Pukekura Park/Brooklands Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pukekura Park playgrounds near Rogan Street and Gilbert Street intersecting Victoria Road, the Fernery and Brooklands Zoological enclosure.</li> </ul>  | Prohibited             |                             |

| Area and description   | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times  |
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| <b>Pukekura Park/Brooklands Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pukekura Park in the areas used for the Festival of Lights lighting display and its associated events, or other organised event programmes.</li> </ul>   |                        | Prohibited for the duration of the lighting display and/or event between the hours of 7pm and midnight.<br><br>At all other times leashed control. |
| <b>Pukekura Park/Brooklands Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other areas within the boundaries of Pukekura Park, Brooklands Park and gardens.</li> </ul>  | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Rotokare (Barrett) Domain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pond water and wetland areas.</li> <li>Wetland areas around the lagoon.</li> </ul>   | Prohibited             |  |
| <b>Rotokare (Barrett) Domain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access route from Rotokare Crescent/Kororako Grove.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Fitzroy</b>   |                        |  |
| <b>Fitzroy Seaside Park, swimming pool enclosure and adjacent playground</b>   | Prohibited             |  |
| <b>Fitzroy and East End beaches, foreshore and beach area between:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first pedestrian access to the west of the East End Surf Life Saving Club.</li> <li>The pedestrian beach access nearest to the Surfing Taranaki building adjacent to the entrance to the Fitzroy Campground.</li> </ul>  |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday.  |
| <b>Fitzroy and East End beaches, dune and rock wall, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Te Henui Stream mouth to the eastern boundary of the Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park.</li> <li>Dune and wetland area seaward of the Coastal Walkway between the eastern side of the Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park to the Waiwhakaiho Groyne.</li> </ul> <i>Exception: Dogs may be led on leash along access ways to the unrestricted areas of the beach.</i><br><i>Note: Refer to Map 3 for clarity of the above description.</i> | Prohibited             |  |

| Area and description   | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times   |
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| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park</b>  |                        |   |
| Back Beach southern end, the beach area adjoining the lower car park, bounded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower car park.</li> <li>• The northern headland.</li> <li>• The southern headland.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Dogs may pass quickly through this prohibited area under leashed control to access the adjacent leashed control and/or off leash area.</i><br><i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i> |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday. |
| Back Beach southern end, stream, beach, foreshore and adjoining reserve area bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower car park and access road.</li> <li>• The adjoining grass area up to the underpass tunnel and across to the grassed river bank on the true left side of the Herekawe Stream.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i>                                     | Leashed control        |   |
| Back Beach northern end, the foreshore, beach, dunes and adjoining reserve areas bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sand dune beach access from Centennial/Paritutu Park.</li> <li>• The southern side of Mataora/Round Rock.</li> <li>• The southern side of Paritutu Rock.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i>  | Leashed control        |   |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park to Tapuae Stream</b>   |                        |   |
| Tapuae Marine Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area between the Tapuae Stream boundary to the Herekawe Stream boundary.</li> </ul>   |                        | Leashed control during breeding season 1 August to 30 April.                                  |
| <b>Port Taranaki</b>   |                        |   |
| Ngāmotu Beach and Reserve, foreshore, beach, reserve and playground area, bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern side of the Blyde Wharf reclamation area.</li> <li>• Western side of the industrial reclamation area.</li> <li>• All land on the seaward side of Ocean View Parade.</li> </ul>  | Prohibited             |   |

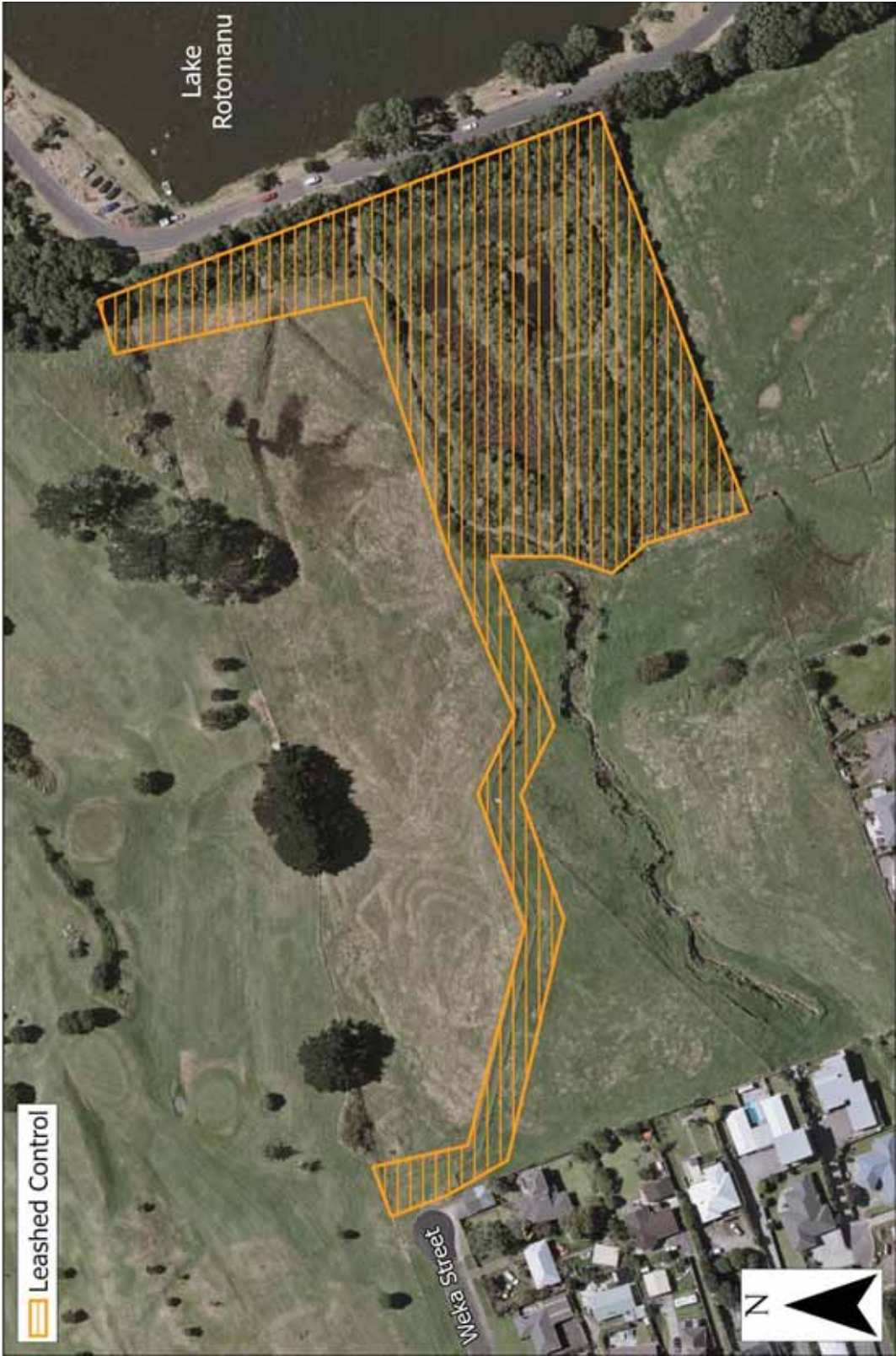
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| <b>Lee Breakwater/Port area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the edge of the carpark leaving the formed area of the walkway for the entire length of the breakwater of the Port area, as indicated by signs.</li> </ul>  | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Bell Block</b>   |                        |  |
| <b>Hickford Park cycling facilities</b> , all areas bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taranaki Cycle Park.</li> <li>New Plymouth BMX track at Hickford Park.</li> <li>The areas of the velodrome.</li> <li>Children's cycle park.</li> <li>1.2km cycle track.</li> <li>BMX track.</li> </ul>   | Prohibited             |  |
| <b>Bell Block Court shopping area</b> , bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That area of formed footpath in front of the commercial premises on the northern side of Bell Block Court.</li> <li>East side of Nugent Street from Bell Block Court to Jeffery Lane.</li> <li>The formed car park and footpaths adjoining the commercial area on Bell Block Court.</li> </ul> | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Bell Block Beach</b> , bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bell Block foreshore, beach and reserve at the end of Mangati Road.</li> <li>Toilet block and picnic area to the west.</li> <li>Beach access ramp to the east.</li> </ul>  |                        | Leashed control during breeding season 1 August to 30 April. |
| <b>Waitara</b>  |                        |  |
| <b>Waitara main shopping area</b> , bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road, verge and formed footpath on both sides of McLean Street from Browne Street to West Quay.</li> <li>Queen Street from Whitaker Street to the south side of the Waitara Library and Service Centre.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |  |



| Area and description   | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times  |
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| <b>Inglewood</b>   |                        |  |
| Inglewood shopping area, bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road, verge and formed footpath on both sides of Rata Street from its intersection with Standish Street to its intersection with Brown Street.</li> <li>Matai Street from its intersection with Brookes Street to its intersection with Rata Street.</li> </ul>  | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Ōākura</b>  |                        |  |
| Ōākura Beach, the foreshore and beach area between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The intersection between Tasman Parade and the road access leading to the Ōākura Camp to the intersection between Tasman Parade and Wairau Road.</li> </ul>   |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday |
| Ōākura River/Corbett Park, river, beach, foreshore and adjoining land bounded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Highway 45 road bridge.</li> <li>True left bank of the river (Ōākura village side).</li> <li>Eastern edge of the formed vehicle access Corbett Park on the east side of the river (New Plymouth side).</li> <li>Across the river, and the area contiguous with and parallel to the seaward side of the building housing the changing rooms/public toilets.</li> </ul> |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday |
| Ōākura shopping area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road, verge and formed footpath on both sides of State Highway 45 from its intersection with Dixon Street to its intersection with The Outlook.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Ōkato</b>   |                        |  |
| Ōkato shopping area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road, verge and formed footpaths from the roundabout on the corner of South Road and Carthew Street through to the corner of Gossling Street and Carthew Street.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |  |

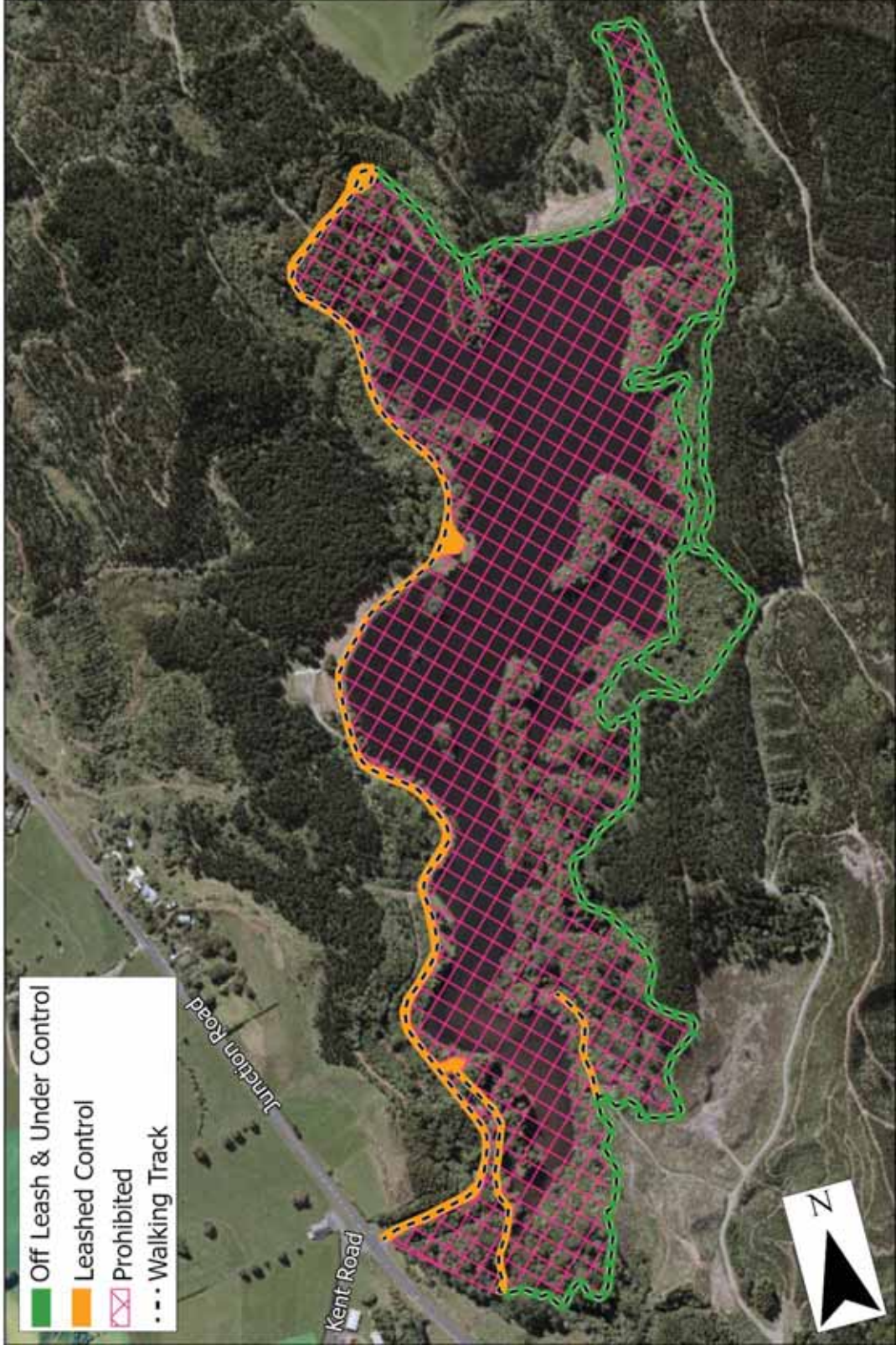
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| <b>Onaero</b>   |                        |  |
| Onaero Domain and adjoining beach, including, as indicated by signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campgrounds on both sides of the Onaero River adjoining the beach and foreshore <i>Excluding the area occupied by the baches.</i></li> </ul>  |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday. |
| <b>Pukearuru</b>  |                        |  |
| Parinihihi Marine Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area between the Waipingau Stream to the Clifton Road boundary.</li> </ul>   |                        | Leashed control during breeding season 1 August to 30 April.                             |
| <b>Urenui</b>   |                        |  |
| Urenui Domain and beach, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the domain area on the northern side of the Urenui River.</li> <li>Adjoining foreshore and beach extending to the eastern headland in front of the area leased by the Golf Club and including the estuary area adjacent to the Urenui Domain. <i>Excluding the areas leased by the Golf Club.</i></li> </ul>   | Prohibited             |  |
| <b>Waiiti</b>   |                        |  |
| Waiiti Beach, the area known as Waiiti Beach  |                        | Leashed control during breeding season 1 August to 30 April.                             |
| <b>Tongapōrutu</b>  |                        |  |
| Tongapōrutu Domain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the Tongapōrutu Domain area seaward of the State Highway 3 bridge.</li> </ul>   | Leashed control        |  |
| <b>Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park)</b>  |                        |  |
| Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All areas of road reserve within the boundaries of Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park).</li> <li>Area between Egmont Road (Rahiri Cottage) to Egmont Camp House.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Dogs are banned from Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) under the National Parks Act 1980, administered by the Department of Conservation.</i> | Prohibited             |  |

Map 1 Peringa Park / Lake Rotomanu wetlands area



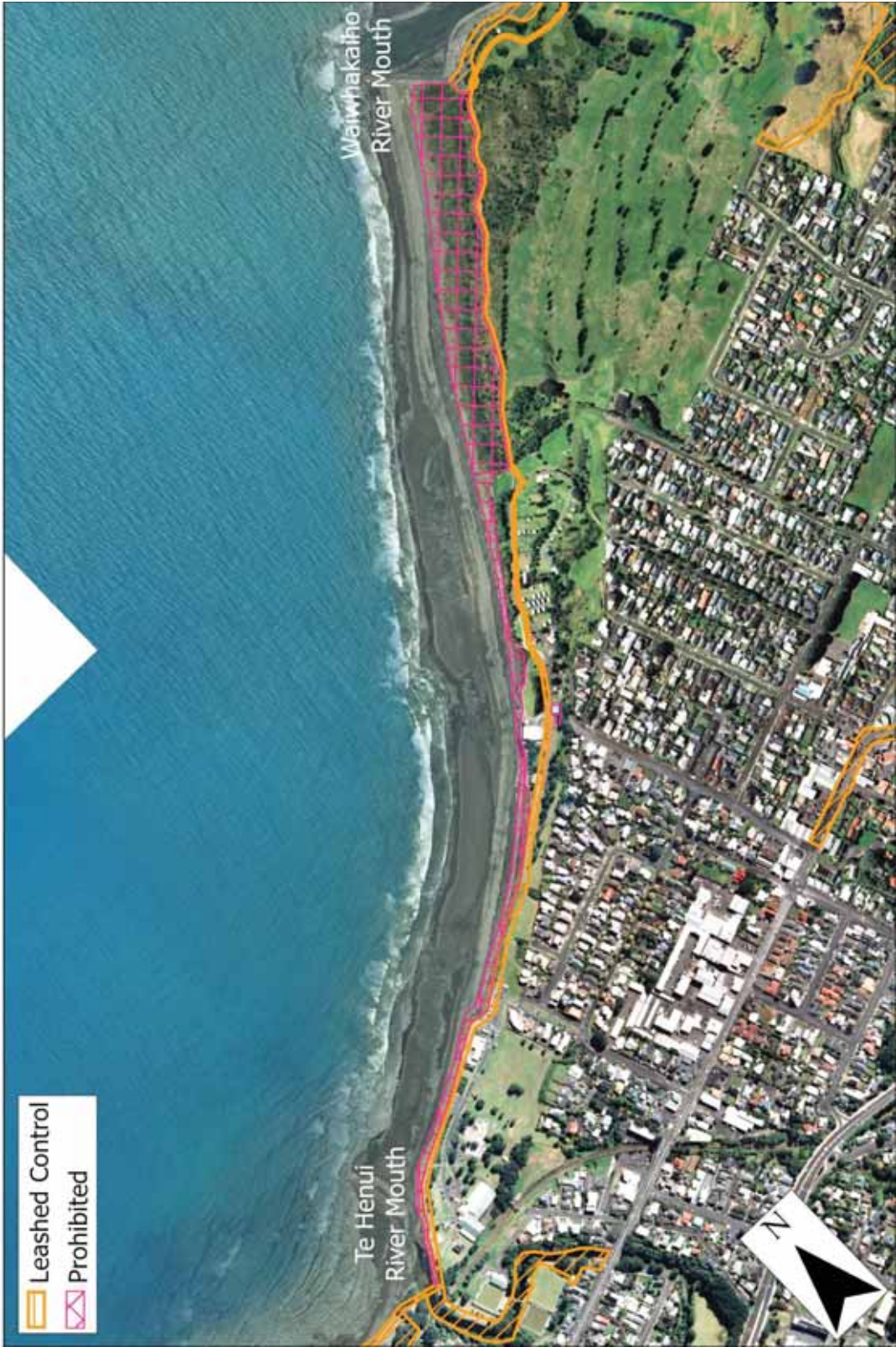


Map 2 Lake Mangamahoe



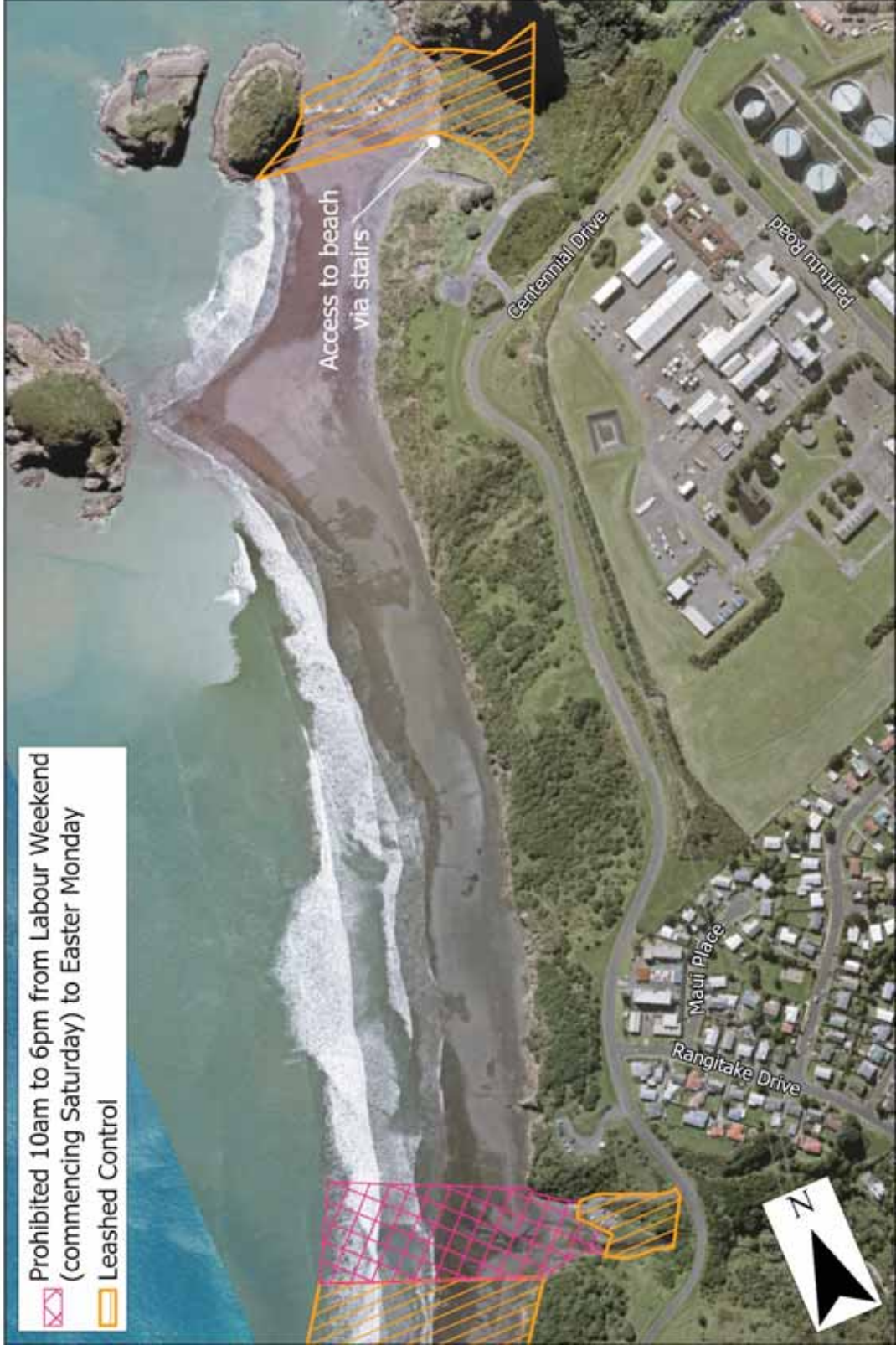


Map 3 Fitzroy / East End dune area





Map 4 Back Beach



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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 1**                      **Jennifer Smart**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Not clear, you mean the rock wall from east end to Boulder Bay? (old Te Henui)? Just the rock area, not the beach in front? And did you know there was wild cats living in the rocks in Boulder Bay which may be more of an issue than dogs.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Why not walk through on lease here too during the summer months? A lot of feedback was in favour of that.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 2**

**Rodrigo Winkler**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 3**

**Kelly Wilson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 4**

**Cindy Priest**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 5**

**Justin Vercoe**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 6**

**Zoe Meuli**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I have never seen or had issues with unleashed dogs in these areas. Even with packed/busy carparks dogs have been with owners and under reasonable control while getting to the beach

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I have never seen or had issues with unleashed dogs in these areas. Even with packed/busy carparks dogs have been with owners and under reasonable control while getting to the beach

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

No need for dogs to be on the sand dunes at all

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

There are loads of other beaches families can enjoy if they dont want to deal with off leash dogs. I havent seen or experienced any issues with dogs off leash- In my opinion its more risk of slipping down that terrible ramp or getting caught up in leashes with leashed dogs who are excited to get onto the beach

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 7**

**Julie Mcavoy**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 8**

**Marine Derore**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 9**

**Kelly Marriner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

This would be fantastic.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 10**

**Rhiannon Stannard**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This bylaw change will be beneficial for both the New Plymouth business community, and the dog-owner community. As it stands, dog owners are restricted from engaging in business or attending at businesses in the CBA.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This provides another area for dogs and dog owners to go to for exercise and socialisation. Further, dog owners are already going to this area - clear guidelines in the bylaws may prevent future issues as it will be controlled.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This provides another area for dogs and dog owners to go to for exercise and socialisation. Further, dog owners are already going to this area - clear guidelines in the bylaws may prevent future issues as it will be controlled.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This provides another area for dogs and dog owners to go to for exercise and socialisation. Further, dog owners are already going to this area - clear guidelines in the bylaws may prevent future issues as it will be controlled.

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**3. Back Beach**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is not required.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

**7. Other comments**

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 11**

**Karl Thackham**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Dog poo bags being available may help in stopping owners from leaving dog poo being left

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

The majority of these changes are making it more restrictive to have dogs and take dogs out.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 12**

**Jane Allan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Would also be great if council could provide a fenced off " dog park" where dogs & their owners could meet and socialise

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Please provide a fenced off "dog park" where dogs and their owners can socialise and not worry about people who don't like dogs!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 13**

**Natasha Cubis**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 14**

**Mark Williams**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 15**

**Anthony Parr**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

It seems that proposal is that the only access for dogs to the unleashed Back Beach area from Labour week end to Easter Monday will be via the upper car park and stairs at the eastern end of the beach. It is difficult to see what this amendment will achieve when you seem to be seeking to restrict dog access to the beach rather than protection of wildlife. If you were really concerned with the protection of wildlife then you would close off the entire beach to dogs. I have been using the Back beach for my dog regularly at low tide for five years. I have seen three seals and one blue penguin on the beach over this time and noted that dog owners have gone out of their way to avoid them. I have also seen about half a dozen dead cows washed up over this period as well - NAIT ear tags removed. Dog owners are by far the most frequent visitors to the Back Beach. They do not interfere with the surfing public. Other users of the beach should be aware that it is an unleashed dog beach and use it accordingly with this knowledge. There are ample other beaches in the region which are dog prohibited. The tone of this amendment is frankly pernicious.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

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- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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**3. Back Beach**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

See above

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

Give dog owners a break - please!

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

The current arrangement is ridiculous and unworkable.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 16**

**Sherryl Henning**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I fully support this amendment as the 9am prohibition has meant i no longer go for my morning walks and have to drive to the Fitzroy past the surf club end of the beach

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

We need a dog park in New Plymouth, currently there is no where that a puppy can be let off leash for a run without the danger of escaping and worse running onto a road

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 17**

**Sunita Torrance**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

When you have an energetic puppy/dog leash walking is not adequate exercise. Stop taking away the ability for me to be able to throw a ball and exercise my dog properly.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 18**

**Denise Lankshear**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Please ensure there are clear signs as this is the "dog beach".

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is one beach that dogs can run freely and they love it. There is nowhere else they can do this. Like to see signs that you still need to pick up your dog poo

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs go here all year round

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 19**

**Valerie Williams**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

We find that the dogs and owners on this beach are usually considerate of non dog people.

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

We are new to Taranaki and new small dog owners - we have found most people/dogs where we walk our dog - Autere/Fitzroy considerate of other beach goers. Our dog is leashed.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 20**

**Caitlin Helme**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I would be okay with leashed and muzzled dogs, if in good control by their owner, to be in the CBA.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Lots of young children play in the river, I support this.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As frequent (usually daily) walkers of this area we have never had an issue with wildlife. As one of the few off leash beaches allowed during daylight savings I would prefer if we keep it off leash, especially if the other end of the beach will be on leash. This would of course still be covered by temporary changes if there was in fact the presence of at-risk wildlife at a certain time; I just do not feel a blanket rule is necessary.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

I feel very strongly against this. Many families play in the stream with their young children as it is safer than the ocean. Prohibiting on-leash dogs in this area would mean either the children can no longer play there, or the dogs would have to be left at home. On leash, not prohibition, of this area is appropriate.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I would prefer 10-5, allowing those who have dogs at work to walk them on the way home, rather than having to continue to delay an hour.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 21**

**Jacqueline Lambert**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

The northern end of back beach, north of the river, has historically been one of the few areas to safely take unleashed dogs in that area. Leashed in car park and river area is fine, but unleashed on the beach please.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

The southern end of back beach (ahu ahu road area) is a special place to walk dogs and not frequented by many people even in summer. Save some places for dogs please.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as dogs are still allowed off leash on the beach with consideration to daylight saving restrictions

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

NO! NOT Te Henui cemetery. I walk my dog there at least three times a week and I have never had an issue there. It is loved by walkers and dog lovers alike. Please check with the volunteer gardeners who work there all week to confirm the minimal number of incidents. I am aware of a recent complaint and want to reassure the council that this is highly unusual and not indicative AT ALL of dog ownership and behaviour in this cemetery. I would be saddened beyond belief to lose this walking area. It is much beloved by 99% responsible dog walkers. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 22**

**Mike Ekdahl, Ek Property Management**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 23**

**Gemma Chadwick**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

If a dog is on a leash and under control by the owner I have no problem with them being allowed in these areas.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 24**

**Robert Stanton**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 25**

**Jenny Tippett**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 26**

**Belinda Morgan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

As the responsible owner of a small dog, we would love to be able to have our dog with us while dining outside in the CBA. In other towns and overseas this is common practice and well received.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

I don't believe this is a safe swimming beach/patrolled etc for swimmers and used generally for off the leash dog walking.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 27**

**Ronie Asi**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 28**

**Timothy Richard Lloyd**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Common in many other towns bigger than New Plymouth.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 29**

**Kelvin McDowell**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 30

Jeremy Webster Thomson

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

No

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

Yes

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 31

Susan Maree Oliver

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

No

#### ***Comments***

I am a volunteer gardener at Te Henui Cemetery and my comments relate to this cemetery only (as it is the only one I have direct experience of). I garden at the cemetery on average 25 hours per week. Dogs are allowed off leash. In my experience dog interactions with other dogs and with people other than their owners is problem free. I have not witnessed any fights between dogs. There has been one ongoing instance over the past few months where an exuberant (but not menacing and not aggressive) German Shepherd dog has not been under the owners control. Owner education seems to be needed. The cemetery is a "closed" cemetery and has very few interments (my estimate is about 25 per year) so the opportunity for dog interactions with grieving visitors is infrequent. Most of the dog users are regular attendees at the cemetery and they get great enjoyment from their ability to run up and down in open spaces off lead. It seems to me that the cemetery provides a safe place for dogs to interact with each other and the environment and that the recent behaviour of one overly friendly dog ought not to result in less freedom for the vast majority of dogs using the cemetery. Apart from the one example given I am not aware of any other inappropriate dog/dog owner behaviour.

### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 32**

**Judy Martin**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 33**

**S George**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I guess if you plan to force everyone in to central town to live then you will need to let their dogs walk outside or it would be plain cruel.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

If government people showed anywhere near the interest in families in poverty as forest and bird are making you do for wildlife and birds, this country would be fixed in a year. There is far too much emphasis on wildlife and birds and not anywhere near enough emphasis on people and their pets which helps to keep both mentally happy.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Same comments as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Same comment as above

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Probably the only change I agree with. The last thing anyone needs at a grave site is a dog being a pest.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dogs are going to need to be able to walk somewhere that Forest and Bird are ok with.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

You probably haven't noticed from your Ivory Tower, but a whole lot of people take absolutely no notice of any of your rules any time of day or year. We can't actually walk our dogs out of our property as your council officers have never fixed a problem with menacing dogs outside our own property - so your current laws are pretty much pointless anyway. A neighbour refused to comply (and has for years) and nothing has happened so multiple homes can't walk their own dogs out of their own properties, after multiple complaints and dog ranger visits. What's the point of all your silly laws when they are not enforceable. But of course go and make a whole lot more I'm sure it makes you all feel very worthwhile to the community. There was a hell of a lot of bad blood in this neighbourhood because people had complained, those houses that complained to the actual authorities who are meant to protect us, and our houses were marginalised, and the menacing dogs still run free. Everyone here now just avoids each other and the situation as we don't want the abuse and grief we went through because you people did not do your job (it seems you have spent all the money on things the city doesn't need and have nothing left to do things like prosecute people so you can only ask them nicely).. If my response sounds disrespectful it is a reflection on how well your reviews are handled and how you don't enforce what is already in place. And not just with the dog side of things (and I am a huge dog lover).

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 34**

**Bayley Sprott**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Some people seem to already take their dogs in that area without issue.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

So long as there are some alternatives for dogs on go off the lead and get a good run around.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

So long as there are some alternatives for dogs to get a good run around.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

This could be confusing for dog owners



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

I think it should end on a set date rather than by set by Easter Monday.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

So long as there are other spaces where dogs can be off the lead

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 35**

**Rachel Elizabeth Sawers**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Thanks this is a great idea it will be good to be able to walk our dog in the city

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Not really necessary as it's only a small space

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Just annoying as the carpark is right next to the beach and dogs usually run straight to the beach anyway, maybe that they just need to always be supervised in this area no running around on their own

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Umm no this is the only beach we are allowed our dogs on and we enjoy taking them to play with our family here . There are plenty of other beaches that people can go to if they don't like dogs running around

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Makes it easier to walk dogs there shouldn't even be a ban on most beaches apart from Fitzroy and east end

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Please respect that a lot of people enjoy taking their dogs with their families to play at back beach as it's important for them to interact regularly with people and children during the day, if we restrict dogs too much it does them no good because they need to interact with humans in order to know how to behave well in those environments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 36**

**Phil Wilson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I am a dog owner and in a CBD is one place I do not see a requirement to bring my dog. The next step people will want or do is taking their dogs into shops, rather than have them tied up outside the shop.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I do support leashed dogs on the beach, but will the owner's do it? They will unleash them to swim and play with them I am sure.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

It is a very popular stretch that people use to exercise their dogs and at least this way it is far better than making it hazardous for all that use the coastal walkway

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

These are areas that people wish to go to or take their families for swimming and picnicking and dogs are the last thing most of these users would want to have.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

We need places like this to exercise the family dog. Many people would shy away from these areas and activities when their dog cannot accompany them as well

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 37**

**SS Mathew**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 38**

**Bre Mercer**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 39**

**Emma Mawson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is one of the only leash free dog friendly beaches left in new plymouth to take your dogs to

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As per previous comment

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

As per previous comment

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 40

Greg Mawson

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

There is no need for this and there isn't really any wildlife there, not the thousands of times I've been there with my dogs anyway.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Same as other question.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

There is no need for this. This is the dog beach and everyone knows it. If you don't like dogs, go to another beach which has life guards etc. You can't take away the only beach close to the city for people to take their dogs.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

No need to change

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

**7. Other comments**

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 41**

**Dennis Taylor**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I think this is a good idea

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

the reason I say No is the dog likes to run around and the owner should have verbal control of there dog

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

same as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs on a leashed should be allowed

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

that is far to long and dogs should be allowed there on a leash during breeding time

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

For the same reason as above

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes as there is not many places you can take your dog

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes as they are part of the Family and should be allowed to go with you

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs are part of the family and it is up to every dog owner to take responsibility of there dog and a good dog behaves better than some people that have no controls on them

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 42**

**Paul Tippett**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs on leash during daylight saving hours only in the immediate vicinity of the car park and beach access

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs on leash during daylight saving hours only in the immediate vicinity of the car park and beach access

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 43**

**Daniel Tippet**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 44**

**Lorraine Turner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

I like it the way it currently is and feel it will result in fowling on the shopping streets. Why change what is working and recently there is little monitoring and patrolling on the walkway resulting in owners not picking up their dogs poo. This then is spread under foot. How do the council propose monitoring and deterring this.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs should be free to run on Backbeach under supervision

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I have never seen any issues under the current freedom

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

There's plenty of beaches with summer restrictions this is a surf beach and not many families with small kids use this beach as the sea is not as safe. One beach should be open all year round to dogs

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dog owners should be able to use early in the day.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

There so much bird life and dog love to swim. Only on leash I would yes

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 45**

**Kushla Lee Harris Chapple**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

#### ***Comments***

At the end of the day menacing/dangerous labeled dogs are still dogs, they just have shit owners. They deserve to be included, now my dog isnt in that category because he is cross mix but he has pitball in him yet he is harmless in any situation. They shouldnt be excluded and more education is needed for owners who own these types of dogs who are dangerous.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

No because its getting harder and harder to be able to take your dog somewhere off lead already. Theres already so many restrictions on what beaches we can take them to

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

If your dog is off lead they must have a recall, and as long as they arnt attacking dogs it is fine. People just need more education on their animals and training. Because its making it harder for us who do put in the effort to take our dogs anywhere

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

theres already to many restrictions where you can and cant take your dog. I like to take my whole family and the dog to the beach but im restricted to only back beach. So no i dont agree and since when has wildlife been at such a fore front ?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

I think they should be leashed from carpark to the sand to see what other dogs are there, and then lead free on the beach after that anytime. People with no dogs can go swim somewhere else if they dont like dogs, we are restricted to one beach. We dont even have a dog park to go to, its all for children thats it

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

doesnt bother me as i dont travel that far

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Why not make more places dog friendly, theres inly going to be more and more dog owners, and why should we pay high costs to register them when theres hardly anywhere we can take them.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### *Comments*

As long as your dog has a recall it shouldnt be a problem. I take our big boy to the Inglewood cemetery all the time while i visit my Son. Its about being inclusive in a family, and why cant my dog have a run around chasing rabbits hes never going to catch.

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### 7. Other comments

WE NEED A DOG PARK ! and more areas they are aloud to be. Time council put their money where their mouths are and listened to the public for once and made a change to benefit EVERYONE, not just the non dog owners or rich bastards

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 46

Naomi Kuttner

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

#### *Comments*

It's the one beach in the city you can let dogs run off leash during summer. People who don't want to be around dogs have many other beaches to choose from.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

No

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

No

#### *Comments*

Again, people who don't want to be around dogs have many other very nice beaches they can go, where there are no dogs allowed.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 47**

**Jan Holdt**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

I acknowledge and accept that not everyone is comfortable around dogs, therefore I do not believe that there is a need to have them in the CBD where passing areas may not always be large enough for people to feel comfortable.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

There are so few beach areas where we can take our dogs and let them play freely. I do not support restricting yet another area. The majority of dog owners are very responsible, please don't make us pay for a minority who may not be.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As per my previous comments.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

***Comments***

I am not familiar enough with this area to make a comment.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

As per my previous comments.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

The more time to enjoy our great recreational areas with our dogs the better.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

A wonderful place to take our dogs and being able to complete a lake circuit route makes sense.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This seems a respectful expectation.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 48**

**Teresa Hayston, Urenui Beach Camp**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I enjoy being able to walk around the central city shops without dogs sniffing around me

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs should be leashed at all time while in public

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs should be leashed at all times while in public places including beaches

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

It is nice to be able to do lake walks without dogs around

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 49

Kimberley Olsen

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I take my dog to work sometimes so would be good to be able to go through the cbd

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 50**

**Jose Litre**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 51**

**Paul Franklin**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 52**

**Ken Phelan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 53**

**Marion Sephton**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Need clear definitions about menacing/ dangerous dogs & signs about clearing up dog poos. Also enough litter bins available as in other cities where dogs are allowed.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Must have clear signage where leashes required.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Must have clear signage where limits are

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

Leashed dogs be OK

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Beach is very rarely crowded except at weekends.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Signage for visiting dog owners important, esp in partially restricted beach areas. Labour weekend until Easter Monday is too long a time for seasonal restrictions. Although I support some Back Beach restrictions, they seem complicated for people to generally follow.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 54**

**Jim Peacock**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Good idea.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 55**

**Deb Aston**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 56**

**Donald Rothwell**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

i think if you allowed dogs in the cbd you might see more dogs left in cars on a hot day while owner rushes in to a shop thinking this wont take long. also not every one picks up there own shit. however i do think there should be dog walking acces through town to the walkway.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

this is part of the walkway and dogs should be on leash around that area.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 57**

**Stefan John Freeman**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dog walkers bring more pedestrians and vibrancy into cbd

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is a safe and enjoyable place to run dogs.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I run the entire beach with my dog. Many others do too. It is a safe and established area to run with dogs. I have encountered no problems with dogs here. Further restrictions are not needed. Other beaches in the area have more limits on dogs. If you do not like dogs go to those beaches.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

The rules as they are provide good balance between the interests of dog lovers and those who wish to avoid them. Further regulations make it difficult to exercise dogs sufficiently.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Regulations are sufficient at present.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

I do not support increased restrictions on exercising dogs on beaches. Current rules are sufficient.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

**7. Other comments**

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 58**

**Carolyn Stevenson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 59**

**Raine de Vaan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?
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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 60**

**Jeremy Bennetts**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 61**

**Phil Lefevre**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I avoid cafes and other businesses in CBA because of the no dog policy. I Europe and Hawaii when was last there, dogs go everywhere. Even out for dinner at night with out side seating

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

That would be great!! Totally support this

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

Its a worldwide trend, more so in the last few years, that people are getting a pet, like a dog, and treat them like a member of the family. To be told they can't go places is wrong. NZ needs to get away from the dogs are on the farm only attitude and start moving towards they are now more than ever, a member of the family, or in some cases, the only family

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 62**

**Cimone Wright**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 63**

**Didrik Stene, Vapor Blasting Taranaki**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 64**

**Bianca Brons**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I do not agree with this prohibition as it stands.

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 65**

**Tania Evans**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 66**

**Tarryn Moratti**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 67**

**Ash Smith**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Long past time. New Zealand authorities both National and local body, seems to have a hatred of dogs and legislate accordingly. Having travelled the Continent and the UK, we have seen how the value placed on the friendship and reliance on dogs there by the populace. Sadly lacking here!

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

reserve and carpark are fine, the beach area seems OK to me for dogs to play.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

As I am unsure where exactly this pertains to, I have said no. I currently take my dog leashed from the vehicle to the open beach, but on return he is knackered and walks to the vehicle

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Pleased *some* sanity has prevailed. Look forward to some return to the days I could walk my dog through town.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 68**

**Aine Dymock**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Doesn't matter if they're not dangerous not everyone is comfortable around dogs, like my disabled brother who has Down syndrome. Not fair for others to be not able to go into stores or cafes bc there's a dog out front or dogs on the sidewalk because of that discomfort. Dog owners can go without their dogs for a few hours.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

### 7. Other comments

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 69**

**Kate Belfield**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 70**

**Wendy Schofield**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs except working dogs are not needed in the cbd

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

To ensure our wildlife is same dogs should be leashed at all times

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

To keep wildlife safe

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dogs need to be fully controlled to protect others

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

As long as dogs are well controlled they should be able to be unleashed

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**7. Other comments**

What is needed is well trained dog owners that can take excellent care of their dogs and be aware of others

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 71**

**Rebecca Mullarkey-Rae**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Absolutely. Leashed dogs should be allowed. I believe this will increase custom at CBA cafes with outdoor seating.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I have taken my dog here countless times in the past 12 months and I have not encountered any wildlife. There are no other areas for us to take our dog and let him off the leash and let him run and swim in the ocean.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As before

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

See previous comments



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

More options for us to take our dog that doesn't require a long drive.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Most dog owners are responsible. Don't punish all of us for the actions of a few!!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 72

Darren Mullarkey

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

#### *Comments*

Pointless. This makes no sense. How about you monitor the damage done to the area and wildlife by people littering. The lack of removal of rubbish by the council.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

No

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

No

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 73**

**Casey Foster**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I don't think dogs should be allowed in the CBD too busy and the cafes and bars are not catered to allow dog friendly areas outside. And if dogs just lay on the ground that's not nice for them.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs needs an area to go swimming that's safe for them and there humans. Back beach is away from the city and has the facilities for both dogs and humans. It's large enough for everyone to share

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

See previous comment it's a big beach big enough for everyone to share. It's good for dogs and their enrichment to go to the beach. Perhaps the focus should be on providing more bins for poop bags and notice boards that aggressive dogs will be dealt with.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

These will be ignored it's all or nothing

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

Daylight saving times are ignored anyway so get rid of them

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs love swimming if these beaches are closed where can you take your dogs?? How about introducing a dog park as well with obstacle and agility courses.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 74**

**Gregory David Xavier**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I feel that the intention here should be to allow leashed dogs in transit only through the CBD, as opposed to allowing people to walk dogs in the CBD. Dogs should not be allowed to be restrained outside shops. Cleaning dog poo is my main concern. Sloppy dog poo is going to be difficult to clean from concreted areas. Dogs don't typically poo while they are actively being walked on a leash.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Not unless there is clear evidence that dogs are a legitimate threat to wildlife populations in this area. The proposal refers to two recent attacks but offers no further context. What period of time does 'recent' refer to? How many attacks have there been in the last decade? How many attacks are there on average each year? How serious are these attacks? Were the seals killed, maimed, or did they just move out of the area to avoid a dog? The wording of the proposal does not strongly support this, referring to 'informal discussions' and 'potential to consider a need for greater protection of wildlife'. It also offers no insight into the '4,151 service requests', a lack of context that makes the number meaningless.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Not unless there is clear evidence that dogs are a legitimate threat to wildlife populations in this area. The proposal refers to two recent attacks but offers no further context. What period of time does 'recent' refer to? How many attacks have there been in the last decade? How many attacks are there on average each year? How serious are these attacks? Were the seals killed, maimed, or did they just move out of the area to avoid a dog? The wording of the proposal does not strongly support this, referring to 'informal discussions' and 'potential to consider a need for greater protection of wildlife'. It also offers no insight into the '4,151 service requests', a lack of context that makes the number meaningless.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes, but only if there is clear evidence that dogs are a legitimate threat, disproportional to other animals, to wildlife populations in this area. Is this a significant blue penguin colony? Is the threat offered by dogs greater than that offered by cats and humans? Again the proposal is too vague to offer meaningful context. 'Identified evidence of penguins nesting within the rockwall and sand dunes.' does not provide enough context to make an informed decision. Also, the wording of the proposal does not strongly support this, referring to 'informal discussions' and 'potential to consider a need for greater protection of wildlife'. It also offers no insight into the '4,151 service requests', a lack of context that makes the number meaningless.

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**3. Back Beach**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes, the rationale behind this seems reasonable.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Seems reasonable but not particularly bothered by this change.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes, provided there is confidence that this wont create an increased threat to wildlife around the lake.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The proposal offers no insight into the '4,151 service requests', a lack of context that makes the number meaningless.

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**7. Other comments**

The proposal is frustratingly vague when it comes to offering context around the decisions being proposed. Without background into the reasoning assumption must be made and that makes rational feedback difficult.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 75

Jenna Brown

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

Yes

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

No

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

Yes

#### Comments

Absolutely yes!

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 76**

**Mel Slinger**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Have lived off shore in a few country's, where dogs are permitted in city centres, cafes bars and most public places without issue.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Very few places in NP you can take your dog, elsewhere in the world you're allowed in most national parks, but with our flightless birds it has to be a no go area, which means local areas are very important to leave open to dogs.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

So few places you can't have a dog now, so leave with status quo.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Have deceased relatives in both city cemeteries and have been walking our dogs through them for over 30yrs and have never had an issue with unruly dogs, very few on leads!!!

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**7. Other comments**

No at this point in time.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 77**

**Erin Drummond**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Good luck enforcing it

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Again, good luck enforcing it

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Too complicated. Dogs should either be allowed, allowed on leash or not allowed. Date ranges are annoying

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

People do it anyway already. Make a rule that dogs aren't allowed in the water instead

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 78**

**Noay Saito**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Please provide clear signs to owners to pick up after the dogs, also provide the poo bags (That of a better quality than currently provided in some places in NP) and note of infringement fee of leaving the poo.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Safer for both humans and dogs

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

That would be awesome.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 79

David Ormrod

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

#### *Comments*

Living in Blagdon this is the only beach we can walk our dogs on offload. I walk the dogs there 3 mornings a week and there is around 8 regulars I see there every day. We can't walk our dogs and ngamotu at all or Oakura beaches in summer. So losing back beach would be a big blow for a lot of dog owners.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

#### *Comments*

Same as previous comment

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

No

#### *Comments*

Walking a dog off lead on a beach is the reason you own a dog! Based on these proposed changes so far there would be no beaches to walk dogs in New Plymouth off lead. The restrictions at the moment are already too harsh. Don't let the bad dog owners ruin it for the good ones. You should need a licence to buy a dog that would stop any issue with bad owners letting us all down.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

No

#### *Comments*

Last beach left to walk a dog off lead - there has to be one...

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 80**

**Jane Slinger**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

In many other centres around the country it is common practice to be able to sit and have a coffee in town on a Weekend with your best fur buddy sitting next to you. New Plymouth has been very anti dog for a long time. Most dogs are well under control with responsible owners feeling that they are being penalised for the transgressions of a few negligent owners. Allowing dogs in town would be good socialisation for both the dog and the public. It is good for children and others generally do not encounter dogs to learn how to behave around them in a safe, non-threatening environment where the animals are well socialised and relaxed around strangers.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I am a great believer in protecting wildlife , but there are so few places where it is permissible to let a dog off the leash, that i am loath to take yet another one away. Most dog owners are responsible....they love animals and generally do their best to keep their canine away from wildlife. I would be more in favour of having signage up to alert dog owners of any possible encounters e.g the season when young seals are ending up on the beach, or penguin breeding season.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

See above.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

See above.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

See above comments regarding wildlife. There are plenty of other beaches that dog averse humans can go to where dogs are banned or restricted. Dog owners are rate payers also and should be entitled to some freedoms if they are responsible.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This strikes a fair balance, leaving most of the day time hours for beach goers whilst also allowing dog owners time to walk their pooch in the morning and evening.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I think in the older cemeteries where mourners are generally not around, dogs shouldn't need to be leashed. In newer cemeteries that are in regular use for burials it would probably be respectful to have your dog on a leash.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 81**

**Kaylie Baker**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

More fines for not picking up after dog or for not following on lead rules.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Remove the weekday prohibitions outside of school holidays.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

More fines for not picking up after a dog

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 82**

**Heather Mckey**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is an amazing place to be able to exercise and would be so great for families to be able to bring their 4 legged family member

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 83**

**Ben Kohlris**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 84**

**Julieta Estrai-Litre**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 85**

**Dave Flitcroft**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 86**

**Gary Kohlis**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 87**

**Brooklyn Lundy**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I think having dogs in the cba leashes is totally fine.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

It becomes difficult for those who do walk there to know where the invisible lines are. We are limited as it is with walking spaces why take away more.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

It will just get confusing and it's taking away areas where dogs can actually exercise

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

The more restrictions you put in place the harder it is for people to keep their dogs healthy and happy.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

It's one of the only beaches that don't have restrictions why add them

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

I understand it

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

It is an amazing place to walk and why not open it up to leashed dogs! They already go on the Ijintain bike trails. It is one of the best places for people to exercise their dogs correctly and help them to be happy. Lake mangamahoe needs to be fully open to dogs all year around and dogs should be under control whether on or off lead.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

It is respectful so I understand

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**7. Other comments**

Main thing is lake mangamahoe should welcome dogs always. The whole loop. It is such an asset to provide owners a place to give there dogs a healthy and happy life.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 88**

**Olivia, New Plymouth Podiatry**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 89**

**Jason Wright**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 90**

**H Jordan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 91**                      **Ev**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 92

Tayla Willetts

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

No

#### *Comments*

At certain times of the year, blue penguins will nest a little further south, towards Corbett park. In my years of living near this beach, I have not seen any other wildlife apart from seagulls. Sometimes there are seals, but they mainly stick to the islands or around paritutu rock. I think there are fairer ways to deal with protecting wildlife rather than to exclude all dogs from the beach.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

No

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

No

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

No

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

We have one of the highest dog registration rates of New Zealand. Yet where is the support for people to get out to places with their dogs? We have no dog parks, surrounded by national parks and wildlife reserves. Where are we supposed to go? There are certainly avoidable incidents between dogs and wildlife sometimes, but this needs to be handled through educating dog owners about the importance of training, socialising and desensitising to wildlife. Putting more restrictions on dog owners is only going to put more stress on the owners, causing less exercise, more neglect and more stress for both parties. Either don't charge so much and put your restrictions in place or support some more initiatives for dog owners. As an animal healthcare professional (Diploma Vet Nurse) I am appalled that this is even being considered.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 93**

**Rachael King**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Absolutely not, there is no other place in new plymouth that dogs can run free. The area also doesnt make sence

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

No! there is no other place in new plymouth that dogs can run free. The area also doesnt make sence

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

we have the highest rego rates in nz and couoncil dont provide for our dogs, there needs to be a dog park or more areas for dogs to roam free

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 94**

**Graeme Sykes**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The thugs will not pick up thier dogs dropings. Potential for dogs to fight moreso around food areas. People will sit at outdoor caffe's posing a drip hazard with the dogs leads. Male dogs will pee on almost any object they can. It will end up smelling and attracting flies. Dogs will bark at each, people or strange objects creating a nuicance. Alot of people are terrified of and allergic to dogs which will keep people out of the CBD. This question is very important for retail outlet owner/operators probably moreso than to a dog owner that will generally want to take thier dog(s) everywhere. People on skateboards any other device being towed by dog(s) would need to be prohibited. Who is going to police this should it go ahead as although it is nice to be optimistic about things going smoothly but of course there will always be times when not only dogs but peoples tempers will bevery fractured.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I have been walking my dogs there for years and only seen a seal. Bird life I have seen only includes seagulls and other flight birds never any flightless birds.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Same as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Same as above

**3. Back Beach**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

I would like it to be kept as a public area inclusive of people with thier pet dogs.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 95**

**Tiffany Dicks**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

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**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Would be good with all the new leashed areas to at the very least consider a dog friendly park, so that we can keep the wildlife safe but also provide a great quality of life for our dogs.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 96**

**Scott William Marris**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

### 7. Other comments

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 97**

**Jennifer Edmonds**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs aren't needed in the CBA. Make it clearer on footpaths where they are and are not allowed to go. Eg The Good Home (the look after your dog with free drink) is very hard to get to when the signage is so poor. Want to make sure we aren't breaking the rules going on the wrong footpaths from Huatoki walkway.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Not enough dog off-leash areas at all in New Plymouth. This is just cruel minimising this even more. Really need a good big dog park somewhere also.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs barely go near these rocks but if you have your children with you and walking your dog. Can you not take your dog over to these areas to supervise the kids.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Plenty of other beaches people can go to that do not like dogs/want dogs around etc.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes it allows more dog walking time

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Our dog loves Lake Mangamahoe walking and so does all the family.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I always thought it was anyways. That's just showing respect.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 98**

**Clavelly Walker**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Back beach is commonly thought of as "the only dog beach in NP". I love being able to jog the full length (both sides of the river) with my dog. Please don't complicate things. Common sense goes a long way, if I see a horse, I put a lead on, if there is a seal I give it space.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Busy carpark, lots of people /other dogs, not a great place for excited dogs to run off lead

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

On lead only would be sufficient. People don't walk on the dunes and families can walk together over rock walk. Don't make it awkward, both adults should stay with children walking over the rock wall, dog or no dog

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Leashed only is sufficient. Again, keep families together, if kids want to play in the stream, parents should be able to hangout with their kids and dog. Although I would prefer no restrictions-this beach is for families with dogs! Families without dogs go to Ngamutu.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Seems reasonable

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Seems appropriate

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 99**

**Ayu Martin**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Allow on leash dog to be in CBA - even in passing

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 100**

**Kim Jury, KJ's Home & Petsitting Services**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

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Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

It is disgusting to have Dogs off leash to pee and poop in these sacred quiet places of grief, sorrow and remembrance.

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**7. Other comments**

Bolder signs enforced need to happen for off leash, on leash and poop pick up.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 101**      **Laura Fleming**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 102**

**Rachel Grunsell**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I think the CBD should remain dog free. I see throughout the town how bad people are at picking up their dog poo, I do not want dog poo to be throughout our CBD

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

I do not support a total dog ban at lake Rotomanu. I believe this may be an error as there is usually a ban at lake Rotokere due to Kiwi and other endangered species in the area. This lake is no longer on the list

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 103**      **Angela Marsh**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

This needs to be patrolled to make sure dog owners adhere to the rules.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 104**      **Monique**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I understand that this is to help with wild life, but there needs to be more places we can take our dogs that are unleashed! We play out rego but what for! We need a dog park if you are going to take this way from us aswell.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 105**

**Helen Tanner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 106**

**Jenni Hammonds**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Signage with 'dogs must be controlled' or 'electronic or tie leash' so dogs that are controlled by other ways than a rope leash are allowed.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Same as previous response

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

On the beach or on the walkway but not both (preferably unleashed on the walkway)

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

There are other beaches where dogs are prohibited or need to be leashed. Signage along the lines of 'dogs must be controlled' or 'please be mindful of beach goers if dogs unleashed'

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Should be leashed not prohibited

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Recommend signage, please be respectful etc

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 107**

**Beks Ali, Dogs by Beks**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dogs in the CBD add vibrancy, and bring patronage to dog-friendly cafes and retail areas, and will help with rejuvenation of the CBA.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Whilst this idea is supported, there will need to be well-maintained signage on the beach, as many owners will choose to ignore it.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Whilst I understand and support the rationale, a total prohibition excludes easier access for those with mobility issues who can't manage the Paritutu steps, and removes access to a fresh water supply - this is a necessity when dogs are exercising or in the event of an injury where a wound needs cleaning, and is contrary to the bylaw regarding welfare of dogs.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

This removes ability to move away from the general traffic on the beach, and watch the sunsets, have a picnic or quietly ponder.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

As previous, whilst I understand and support the rationale, a total prohibition excludes easier access for those with mobility issues who can't manage the Paritutu steps, and removes access to a fresh water supply - this is a necessity when dogs are exercising or in the event of an injury where a wound needs cleaning, and is contrary to the bylaw regarding welfare of dogs.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Would suggest evening hours are increased. Many owners work and wouldn't be able to take advantage of an extra hour in the morning.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

The circuit is more straightforward when you include the Lake and few understood or followed the requirement to keep a distance from the lake.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I've been saddened on several occasions to witness dog owners show disregard for the graves, with poo left on them, dogs allowed to pee on grave stones, run all over the graves with zero control and annoy those trying to visit loved ones.

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## 7. Other comments

The biggest omission in the bylaw is in regards to 'control'. This is true for every other council and NPDC should show leadership on this area. The bylaw states owners must have dogs under control, and knowledge of how to keep dogs under control - there is specific info about welfare and protecting wildlife and where you can go - but there is zero information provided to owners about: ensuring dogs do not approach other people and dogs uninvited, letting dogs go beyond an acceptable boundary, keeping dogs on lead if no recall or inappropriate behaviour, going and getting their dog if it's harassing other dogs or people etc etc. There is a general incorrect assumption dogs can go play with others but most of those dogs show few manners when they approach and are not the 'friendly' dog they assume it to be, and it's usually the other owner having to deal with someone else's dog. There is also little consideration for dogs in training, on lead, injured, reactive etc and little accountability if their dog causes issues. Because of the lack of information, owners take the assumption their dog isn't aggressive or chasing wildlife or roaming the streets as the bylaw specifies, so it therefore must be under control. PLEASE can you provide more explicit information in the bylaw, on the website, in registration mail outs, social media etc to educate owners on what control actually means. Also, I would recommend better, very visible and clear signage in places like Pukekura Park where on lead rules are ignored regularly.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 108**      **Holly Winter**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is only area throughout summer you can run a dog off leash. Given places like Hamilton have multiple off leash dog parks you need to offer more given cost of registration in Taranaki is reasonably high

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs need access to river to drink water

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 109**

**Chris Boggs**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Dogs are an important part of many peoples lives and New Plymouth's current restrictions are behind the times.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Good that you're looking to modernise NPDC's policies to be more dog friendly.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 110**

**Grace Kavanagh**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 111**      **Chere Bailey**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Alot more people live in town & have dogs, ot would be great to have dogs on leashes in the CBD.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I have never ever seen or heard of dogs attacking wild life at back beach . Big Dogs need to have somewere ti run it off. Back beach is the best place for big dogs.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Absolutely NOT big dogs need this area to swim & run it off. It would be devastating to take away this wellbeing & important excersize. It makes it pointless having a dog if you can excersize it.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Oh my goodness NO please don't take away this special stretch of beach my little pug/foxy absolutely loves , she has a good rin & stick play on this stretch of the beach , she meets & greets other dogs. It is such an important part of her day, to run & play off the lead. I have never seen any dogs attack wildlife , NEVER!

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

N0 as all my previous comments, Dogs need to exersize as part of there wellbeing. Some Owners can't walk far because of old age or injuries, so they need yo park & not walk far.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

Please let our dogs run play skip hop, meet & greet! It is known that back beach is were people take there dogs , we also need to think of the dogs wellbeing & happyness. Most people are excellent responsible dog owners & if they ever saw a bad dog owner they would report them or tell them to be responsible.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 112**      **Rose Aitchison**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 113          Marcia Denman**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

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**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

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**3. Back Beach**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 114**

**Cameron Matheson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 115**

**Shannon Engelbrecht**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 116**

**Sam Mahy**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 117**

**Aleshia Johnson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

This is a great step forward. It would be awesome to see more pubs and cafes open their doors to our furry friends. Many pubs in the UK allow dogs inside, also on public transport. It brightens everyones day and owners take responsibility for only bringing good dogs to the party. Ozone, Westend Precinct, Bleached, Escape Coffee are great examples of dog friendly locations that I choose to visit because I can bring my dog :)

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 118**

**Phillippa Parsons, Methanex NZ Ltd**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I feel it is reasonable to have dogs in this area as long as they are leashed and the owners pick up any deposits left by their dogs. All responsible dog owners currently do this.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

It will be great for dog owners to take their dogs for a walk along the beaches up to 10am as this is when most people walk their dogs and swimmers are usually not on the beach until 10am.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This would be a great positive for dog owners to be able to do this.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk the Te Henui and Awanui cemeteries nearly every day and have done so for the last six years since we have lived at Sequoia Grove. I have two small dogs and see a lot of other people walking their dogs in the cemeteries and there have never been any issues. As these areas are never highly populated it would be a shame to take away another public area where the dogs can run without a leash.

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**7. Other comments**

I definitely support the protection of wildlife from dogs but it seems shame to put controls in place to leash your dog for all dog owners when there are only a small minority of people who are not responsible dog owners. Dogs should have the freedom to run free somewhere in town.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 119**

**Anne Cullen**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 120**

**Kim Butler**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

This will allow more freedom for responsible dog owners to move freely in or through the CBA with their dog.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Signage is confusing for dog owners as to where they can and can't walk their dogs leashed or unleashed. The website is also difficult to navigate and open to be misinterpreted.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 121**      **Wendy Brown**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

I am a dog owner and see no reason for people to bring their dogs into the CBD, they can't take them into shops and businesses anyway so what is the need?

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes, however it is difficult to see how one can access the beach to the left of the river if there is a banned area between that and the beach to the right.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

How do dog owners access the beach if they cannot use that area for access?

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

As it is often really busy this makes sense as it is not safe to have loose dogs when there are cars reversing and parking.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Although I think the period of prohibition could be shorter, November to March would suffice, I walk the beach daily and it is rarely busy even in the peak season but the weather is so unreliable from March to November that it is rare to see anyone but dog walkers on the beaches during these months.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes, as currently it is impossible to do a loop without using the road which comes too close to the lake for the current prohibition.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

We need more dog poo facilities, at beach entrances, and popular dog walking entrances. Also signage letting people know regulations, there is not clear signage to delineate areas for on or off-leash or prohibition. Also signage reminders for picking up after your dog.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 122**

**Michael Riley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 123**      **Bianca Manley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Back beach is the only beach year long that dogs can be offleash. If this is to go ahead it would be great to have an alternative like a fenced in dog park for dogs to socialize in a safe environment

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

As above

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This would be a great option to be able to walk the loop

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Leashed control in cemeteries should go ahead, there are an array of people who frequent the cemeteries and may not want dogs running up to them off leash. This shouldn't impact dog owners in any way

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**7. Other comments**

A dog park would be a great addition to the city!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 124**      **Mervyn Sharp**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

### 7. Other comments

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 125**      **Chris Williams**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Fully support this. making the CBD dog friendly is a great idea

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Maybe years of usage of this beach has never presented any problem to us, nor have we ever seen issues with wildlife. Whilst I acknowledge they can occur it seems to be a very minor risk. Removing access to the main, widely know dog friendly beach in town is totally uncalled for.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Maybe years of usage of this beach has never presented any problem to us, nor have we ever seen issues with wildlife. Whilst I acknowledge they can occur it seems to be a very minor risk. Removing access to the main, widely know dog friendly beach in town is totally uncalled for.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

In theory yes but if beach access to dogs is to be maintained then this is not practical to enforce.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Unequivocally no.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I would further support banning dogs from cemeteries altogether, it doesn't really feel right to be able to walk dogs in such areas.

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**7. Other comments**

The council should be seeking to expand access for dogs in general. New Plymouth is one of the least dog friendly councils and cities in New Zealand and for no particular reason. There are still no dedicated dogs parks, and we are looking to further restrict the few beaches where dog walkers can freely bring their dogs. A positive open mindset needs to be held by the council rather than the closed one it currently has.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 126**      **Les Thompson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 127**      **Jessica Slinger**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk my dog here all of the time and haven't seen any issues

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I understand the car park can be busy here in summer but I haven't seen any issues. The main issue would be to the animal and that should be at the hands of the owner to make the decision whether a leash is needed at that point.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

I've never seen a penguin here in my life. They must usually be well hidden. We need to have places where dogs can run and be free off leash otherwise the pent up energy is going to cause more problems than the benefit of this

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Again, I think this should be at the discretion of the dog owner. If the dog is not well behaved then it should be dealt with, not one size fits all approach

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk my dog in the cemetery almost daily. I have never seen any dogs that are misbehaving, there is very seldom anyone other than dog walkers and the garden volunteers.

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**7. Other comments**

Lets have the dog control deal with the dogs that need controlling and not have their time spent on well behaved dogs off leash. What a waste of council time and money when that time could be used on dogs and dog owners that actually require controls.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 128**      **Jessica Bright**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

My dog is a part of my family, I would love to be able to take her to more places

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 129**

**Jessica Brewster, Tandem Group**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

No this is the one dog beach. Doc needs to do a better job at condoning off areas of the beach instead when wildlife is resting

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 130**      **Jenna Edgar**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 131**      **Leonora Wall**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs are an integral part of many families and sole support of many people who live on their own. We need a "dog park" like they have in Whanganui, where dogs can run free. There are many spaces suitable for this. Including parts of the poorly used racecourse, when events are not on!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 132**      **Melanie Lovell**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This small slither of leashed area on the beach is right beside the area dogs can roam freely, this would be annoying when walking on the beach. Potentially the area up the dune and the car park would be ok.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The stream and reserve if staying inland - but not on the beach or the car park.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Back Beach allows for dogs to be contained due to the steep bank, which makes walking stress free. It would be great if this area was free to use (without restriction) when the other more popular beaches are unavailable during daylight savings.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

That would be fantastic - a great amendment. Perhaps consider retaining leashed control in early spring when the ducklings hatch.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 133**

**Mario Heinz Jeschke**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

you should put doggy bags somewhere on the street

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

only on leash

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 134**

**Bernard Anthony Dodunski**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support these proposals.... 1) As long as dogs are kept on a leash and under control of an adult at all times and not tied up outside businesses on footpaths. 2) non aggressive dogs should be able to be unleashed on any beach at any time provided they are under control of their owners and do not create havoc for other members of the public. (Consideration to other beach users and activities to be maintained). 3) Non aggressive dogs should be permitted in all parks and cemeteries and bushlands and leashed only where they pose a problem to other members of the public. ( Consideration to other users must be maintained). 4) Non aggressive dogs should be able to be walked through all protected wildlife reserves with a leash and under control of an adult. ( Only as a walk through to another destination and not for recreation )

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The back beach has traditionally been available for the exercise of non aggressive dogs (unleashed) and must remain so. Do not prevent this as civil disobedience will ensue and policing will be both costly and pointless.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Policing this would be unworkable and costly and create civil disobedience. This has always been an exercise area for unleashed non aggressive dogs and should be maintained. Remember that dog owners pay fees to npdc..... maybe dogs should wear masks like all the perceived crooks that work as civil servants.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The only rules should be that non aggressive dogs be on a leash and under control of an adult..... and maybe wear a mask so they can not be identified or spread covid.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Stop making and policing stupid rules that prevent the freedoms of your rate paying public! Rate paying public are not irresponsible children.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

#### ***Comments***

More rules! Does the npdc keep making more oppressive laws to justify the high salaries of their non elected CEO,s? I do not under any circumstances agree with you extending the time where dogs are not permitted on our beaches. These time bands on PUBLIC beaches should be removed. A ban from beaches should be placed on civil servants and plastic..... I'm sure that this would work!

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

WHY NOT, they do anyway. I also would like to see kayaking on this lake too.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Non aggressive dogs should be able to be unleashed at cemeteries as long as a burial is not in progress..... I'm sure that the dead people buried there would love the company.

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### 7. Other comments

How's it going with 3 waters? Have you sold any more of our assets yet?..... didn't we once own Power-co? or was this just misinformation.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 135**      **Jackie Leighton**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

My only concern is dogs that get tied up outside shops

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

This is a popular beach for dog walkers

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

If dogs are on leash there should be no issues around wildlife being hurt or attacked

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 136**

**Richard Lynch**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

There are few enough places to go off leash as it is. Never heard of any wildlife issues there in the 9yrs we've been walking dogs there

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

New Plymouth has always struck us not being dog friendly. Any more restrictions will just be terrible

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 137**

**Philip Sanders**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 138**

**Susie Marinovich**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 139          Jason Koch**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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**See submission number 143**

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 140**      **Rachel**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 141**      **Anne Fife**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

There are dogs everywhere. Alot off their leads all the time. I get nervous around intimidating dogs. I have a dog and dogs don't belong around the city streets. They arnt always clean and even well behaved dogs can bite unexpectedly. I know alot if young kids are scared of dogs. So that would be a pain for parents in town trying to shop.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

That's good. But I here alot if fog owners let their dogs off the leash there as it's abit more isolated amd alot of them are dangerous dogs

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Good that they have to be on a leash

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Do t want lots if poo around there. There are already plenty of places for dogs the walk

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Yrs as I hear there are alot of dogs that are still let off their leash at the wrong times

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Busy place for families

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

Keep them out of the Bush.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

To keep the area nice and tidy from dogs and their mess

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**7. Other comments**

There are already some cafe's that let dogs hang around the outside tables. I find it offputting to eat there. And not relaxing. Soon they will be allowed inside the cafe's. So I won't go if they do. There is a time and place for everything

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 142**      **Herb Spannagl**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

clarification is needed as to what is a dangerous and menacing dog? Does that refer to breeds or individual dogs that have been classified by NPDC as such?

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Support control at beach area adjacent to Paritutu only to protect seals. Not the steps or the grass area and the sand slide north of the designated carpark.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

"Adjoining reserve and stream area" is not sufficiently defined. It can mean the track above the cliffs between the two carparks or up the stream beyond the tunnel.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Only if dogs are permitted off leash on the beach

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I have frequently visited the Te Henui cemetery and have never seen many people there therefore unwelcom interaction of dogs with people would be rare. I have seen even fewer dogs and consider this proposal a bit of an over reaction. However, could it be that the council considers a dog runing over a grave a desegration of a place of eternal rest? I am sure the burried souls wouldn't mind. It would be helpful for the council to provide clear reasons for its proposal.

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**7. Other comments**

I have been a dog owner for many years and am very supportive of the dog control officers. I have found them reasonable, non confrontational and always helpful to carry out what must at times be a difficult job.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 143**

**Jason Koch**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

i think it would be a massive mistake to allow dogs in the CBA, i think that it is bad enough already with dogs appearing on a more regular basis and then to change it and allow dogs but not dangerous ones is asking for conflict/confusion as owners of said dangerous dogs wouldn't consider their particular dog dangerous. I also beleive that middle of a city is no place for dogs to be, the toileting issue alone will cause massive issues with dogs stopping every other post or pole to leave their scent, lunging at children/pedestrians the list goes on. leave it as it is for a safe clean environment with no confusion.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

being a very popular area in summer time and with surfers it eliminates potential conflict

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

yes, as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

There are limited spots to exercise your dogs now without removing a very popular area for our own use to assist with physical/mental wellbeing and being able to take your dog with you, it's also very social

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

should be leashed all year round

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

#### ***Comments***

fairly busy at 9am on a great day

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 144**

**Ildiko Tamasi**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 145**

**Brenda Pue**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Support dogs to be leashed at all public areas with their owners as they are our babies and they are treated as such. They should be included in many community initiatives/activities and are well behaved more than some children/adults

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 146**

**Mel Lane**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

No The cbd is not a place for dogs.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes However unleashed on the main beach

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as beach is available

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

Walkway? Do you just mean the actual beach? Dogs should be leashed but be able to walk to walkway. During winter when less busy this is a nice beach for the dogs and horses

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as they are on leads

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 147**

**Sascha Benjamin Lange**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs should be allowed in this area anytime leashed

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs should be allowed in this area anytime leashed

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Changes need to be policed. The problem is dog OWNERS not their dogs

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 148      John Maxwell**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Allows walk through to other areas as well as along the named areas

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

There is insufficient room on some track parts

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Allows people to include visit while walking

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**7. Other comments**

Need to reinforce excrement pick up in all areas

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 149**

**Ellen Seebeck**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I totally support this, to be able to walk through town to get to the walkway would be great.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

There is no dog park so to be able to go to Back Beach and have the dog off leash is great.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Same as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

If there was a dog park then maybe.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Many people complete the loop anyway so yes to this.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

There is a great need for a dog park!!!!!!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 150**

**Fay Bailey**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Would still be good to allow a leashed walk through between East End and Fitzroy during the prohibited times (similar to the proposed back beach access.)

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 151**      **Lynda Hill**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

As a council your treatment of dog carers and their fur family members is abhorrent! Especially when compared with other councils who provide cleverly designed dog parks whilst having lower fees. Totally disappointed in this council!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 152**      **Tetsu Garnett, TAFT**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

#### *Comments*

All dogs must be leashed, regardless of breed.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

What is different from now, when all dogs are unleashed?

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 153**

**Adrian Hotter**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

dogs be muzzled and leashed

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs near children and wildlife I believe should be Muzzled.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 154**      **Philippa Guptill**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I love dogs and had a number over the years including trainee hearing dogs . I definitely don't want the rule changed from only allowing dogs for people with disabilities to everyone except for dangerous dogs To be allowed. Keep that rule as it is . Changing the particular rule erodes the rules for Hearing, guide , disability dogs etc who have permission as written In Central government law . To me its a no go .I love having a coffee etc out but if this changes forget it . A dog being with you while you have a coffee in the park is one thing in a coffee shop in town that's different

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Where there are wildlife definitely the areas need protecting and parts of the areas either side

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Same

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

Why change what is there . But more reinforcement of the rules

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Only if on leash

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Don't believe dogs should be allowed in cemeteries

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**7. Other comments**

Forgoodness sake don't change what works . As for Ngamotu Beach and the area between Bach on Breakwater and the boat ramp how about patrolling it better .

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 155**

**Christine Meads**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I strongly oppose this change as our streets will be dirties with dogs urinating all throughout the city streets. I have an allergy to dogs so having them in my shopping area would be ruining my shopping experience. I am definitely not happy with council allowing this change. There are lots of places where dogs can go- shopping is NOT one of them. Please keep animals out of our city shopping area. Protect people as well as wild life

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This an area which would be suitable for dogs

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs are animals Keep dogs where dogs should be - our city is for a clean area for our people to shop. It should not be littered with dog urine - no owner will be able to stop their dogs urinating in the area. Humans are not allowed to... so lets keep animals out of currently clean city shopping area. Dogs are not for eveyone.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 156**

**Melissa Dressel**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

#### *Comments*

I would also appreciate or even prefer to be able to take my dog to more nature spots like reserves and beaches!

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

It is really hard to keep track of seasonal prohibitions and times they apply. It is hard to look up online beforehand where I can take my dog and at what times

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 157**

**Kimberley McFetridge**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I do not believe that this is fair or inclusive to people who have allergies or fear of dogs. Having the CBA as dog-free provides a safe area for these individuals where they are not at risk of having to face a dog. Enforcement of leashes would need to be strict if it went ahead, otherwise you will have unleashed dogs in these areas as there is always those who will not follow the leash policy.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I would prefer no dogs at Back Beach as this is the most effective way to guarantee that the wildlife is absolutely guaranteed their safety.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

There has been attention on social media on dog walkers who allow their dogs to defecate on a grave and did not pick it up. Out of respect for the deceased and their whanau, it seems more prudent to keep dogs away.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 158**

**Cherie Quin**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 159**

**Brian Lewis Wells**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I believe the map should refer to the allowance for leashed access to the beach through this exclusion area.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 160**

**Keith Cochius**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

No dogs needed in city (besides guide & hearing dogs)

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 161**      **John J Davidson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

CBD not a dog friendly environment and would not contemplate taking my dog there.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Seals an obvious hazard

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Would make access messy

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

Rock wall -Te Henui Stream to E end surf club is penguin habitat and needs protecting - leash and signs. Also Waiwhakaiho groin. I see no penguin activity in dunes from surf clubs to Waiwhakaiho and high tide often forces walkers onto dunes.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Practical, as most dog owners walk early morning but struggle with 9.am deadline.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Excellent idea

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The Te Henui's most frequent visitors are dog walkers. The park like area is a place for contemplation, but also to enjoy the garden like flowers, birds, butterflies, happy children and dogs. To restrain dogs in this open area would detract from both our enjoyment. Susan and her volunteers would also have a perspective on this.

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**7. Other comments**

More signage would be welcome. Tapuae car park has doggy dumpster but no signage indicating beach restrictions. No Penguin signs at Te Henui rock wall. Present dog control Bylaws still realistic and a good balance. TY

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 162**      **Nicky Healy**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Car park only

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Carpark only

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 163**

**Gideon van Tonder**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs are abundant enough as is. With a phobia of dogs it is hard enough as it currently stands. Dogs have no consideration for personal space and allowing dogs in the reasonably tight CBA will surely increase dog anxiety.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support leash control at all times for all beaches (and all public areas for that matter). Dogs have no consideration for personal space and are an utter nuisance on beaches when not on leash. Not to mention the threat to wildlife and children.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support leash control at all times for all beaches (and all public areas for that matter). Dogs have no consideration for personal space and are an utter nuisance on beaches when not on leash. Not to mention the threat to wildlife and children.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support leash control at all times for all beaches (and all public areas for that matter). Dogs have no consideration for personal space and are an utter nuisance on beaches when not on leash. Not to mention the threat to wildlife and children. This is a step in the right direction.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

#### ***Comments***

I support leash control at all times for all beaches (and all public areas for that matter). Dogs have no consideration for personal space and are an utter nuisance on beaches when not on leash. Not to mention the threat to wildlife and children.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs have no consideration for personal space and are an utter nuisance in tight areas for those without dogs. Not to mention the threat to wildlife and children. I prefer not to huddle in a bush when a dog walker is approaching for fear of it attacking me or my child.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

I propose at least leash control at all times for all public areas (unless dedicate dog parks are zoned; I understand that everyone needs their space). I've marked "no" for speaking to the council as I believe my views are expressed in detail in this submission.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 164**

**Peter Melody**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I sometimes walk my dogs to work and find it difficult to comply with rules when walking dogs near the CBD

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This area is generally used by owners with big dogs which require more exercise which is off the lead normally

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

yes as this is a dual use area with the non dog owners

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk probably 300 days a year in this area and there is very little dog activity so unnecessary. Most wildlife is around the waiwhakaiho stream as that is where the food source is so that's the area that's needs controls, not the dunes.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

need to be careful - by limiting dog activity you are also limiting the owners activity and access to these areas.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

need to be careful with pest control ie. possum bait etc if this was to proceed.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

don't really see any issues with dog owners and dogs on Fitzroy beach which I walk everyday so I think imposing new regulations will not achieve anything. Also most cities have dog parks which NP doesn't have but may be beneficial as an addition to the city.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 165**

**Justin Hawkrige**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

In most instances in most public areas that dogs are allowed, there are always some owners that aren't responsible which allows for dog fights, poo and piss everywhere and dogs rushing up your backside for a good smell, or rushing up to young kids giving them the fright of their lives. I walk the city with my 2yr and 4yr old kids safe in the knowledge currently that they don't have to worry about a dog attack, dog rushing up to them or us having to dodge a mine field of dog poo and piss, I'd like it to stay that way. Dog owners have plenty of other places to take their dogs.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

Most dog owners will not be responsible enough to pick up the dog poo, they'll just push it aside. I walk my kids there safe in the knowledge that I can without fear of stepping in a mine field of poo, I'd like to keep it that way.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 166**

**Katy Hutchins**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

A sign should be :dogs need to be in control so that could be Leesh to be electric collar or you could just have a well-behaved dog

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 167**

**Michelle Ross**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I do believe that there should always be an area in town where you can go without having to worry about dogs - leashed or unleashed. I do not want to walk around town having to watch where I walk so I do not step in dog poo, or have to negotiate around dogs or dog owners whose dogs although leashed are a menace.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

I would like to submit that there be a couple of areas in town that people may have leashed dogs as long as they are not retractable leads.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 168**

**Birgit Gardner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

I actually think that some dogs should have muzzlers on too. However, I do not understand why the council wastes their times with the laws and bylaws when in fact no one ever controls the walkways or beach if people have dogs off the leashes. Just the other day again, a person on the walkway had hers dogs off the leash and it charged after a scooter because apparently the dog doesnt like scooters. Thats the problem. None of yr laws will every fruit if you dont start controlling and handing out fines.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 169**

**Anthea Brown**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Excellent move thankyou!

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

So so so keen for this!!!!

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 170**      **Lynette Wood**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 171**

**Mervin S C Khoo**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 172**

**Bailey Page**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

It can be hard to stop occasionally excited dogs returning to the car to not run ahead to far. Mine has but always comes back, what kind of leniency will there be

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Why a cemetery?! We need dog parks where they can run free and play without so many restrictions. Why do we pay the registration if we can't take them anywhere

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**7. Other comments**

We need dog parks or areas for off leash socializing. At least one beach without controls so that they can play and have fun.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 173**      **Melissa PL Lau**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

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**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

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**3. Back Beach**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 174**      **Mary Hutching**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Back Beach is one of the few areas that dogs can go off leash.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

This makes it difficult to cut through places like the Te Henui cemetery to the walkway. Dogs that are under proper control should be able to walk beside their owners.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 175**

**Elin Sanna Karlsson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 176**

**Pantea Rastegari**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 177**

**Jackie Bridgman, Te Henui Lodge**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 178**      **Liesbeth Milne**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I would use the shops and cafes if I could walk my dog through there. Currently I don't use these facilities.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 179

Kristin D'Agostino

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

Yes

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

Yes

#### *Comments*

I am extremely concerned about the current 'nature crisis'. We are so lucky to have seals and penguins on our beaches and we need to protect the wildlife on the coast first. However, I think that this can be a win/win, perhaps we can open up other green spaces for dogs to use. Seals and penguins do not have the luxury of popping over to our local parks so we need to protect their habitat.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

Yes

#### *Comments*

I am extremely concerned about the current 'nature crisis'. Please do everything we can to protect the habitat of wild creatures (seals and penguins).

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

Yes

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

Yes

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I support leashed control for dog walkers

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 180**

**Hayden Knowles**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 181**

**Rosemary Anne Dodunski**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 182**      **Cherie Breach**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Would be good to get some hard data, prior to opening up to jut pedestrians and bikes, no cars, great idea. Good if you can take dog, bad practice to leave in car!!!! As parking areas will no longer be handy.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Must be on leash though and plenty of signage please. There are very few beaches in New Plymouth that you can take dog for a swim in summer.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As per previous comments

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Wildlife concerns

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As I understand it but have never been there other doggy people say it's a good place to walk your dog

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Keep it as simple as possible

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Excellent place to go

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Just personally, don't think dogs should be in cemeteries

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**7. Other comments**

No, appreciate the opportunity to have a say. A bit insensitive.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 183**

**Jamie Lee Reynolds**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I regularly take my dog to back beach and have never encountered wildlife being threatened by dogs on the beach. Back beach is one of the few beaches where dogs can be unleashed and it would be a shame to lose that.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

As per previous question

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 184**

**Marg Wellington**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

My dogs love a run through the Te Henui cemetery and I have never had a negative comment from anyone using the cemetery. Cannot understand why this by-law is necessary

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 185**

**Gary McVey**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Cities are no place for dogs

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 186**

**Mia Carroll**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

We live centrally with two exceptionally well behaved dogs and it feels ridiculous to have to walk two streets to get to the walkway

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This should be an off leash area

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This should be an off leash area

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This should be dog friendly ... we walk here often

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

There are so many beach areas for people and whanau ... gives dogs and their owners a break

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

It is so lovely to walk here ,,,,,, please

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

We walk the Te Henui every day and only ever see other dog walkers like us except in the garden festival . It is not a place for grieving whanau it is place of beauty and peace thanks to Susan and the volunteers Please do not take this away

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 187**

**Bridget Fraser, Fear-less Consulting Ltd**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The Te Henui Cemetery is used by very respectful dog owners who are fastidious in their care of the space supporting the fantastic work of the volunteers ... there are minimal burials a year and we are the only visitors apart from the garden festival .... please leave this area alone

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**7. Other comments**

Moved here for the doggie friendly approach. Our four leggeds matter

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 188**

**Nicola Clarke**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I use to walk my dog in the Te Henui cemetery until he passed, it was a great place for him to run off the lead and chase rabbits and their scent, there are so few people in there that he never bothered anyone and when he did meet another dog it was a bum sniff and off he'd go. To put a dog on a lead in there is silly, u may just as well walk along the street on a lead. For the dog its good happy exercise, they get use all their senses as well as their muscles. There are not many quiet places you can let your dog run anymore. Apart from appealing to dog haters this proposal makes no sense at all.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 189**

**Lesley Maher**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 190**

**Donna Johnson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

There needs to be more bins in dog walking areas to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 191**

**Hayden Shearman, TempoFit**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I've had multiple incidents with off-leash dogs chasing or threatening either myself or family. I think there needs to be tighter control of dogs in regards to use of leashes and even banning dogs between 10 and 4 in summer months.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Same as previous comment.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Again, while I see a need to protect wildlife, there is also a need to protect other beach users and particularly young children from off-leash dogs.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

See previous comments.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Assuming dogs must be on a leash at all times.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 192**      **Yuka Kobayashi**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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## 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

### *Comments*

I regularly visit Te Henui Cemetery via walkway with my dog and always see other walkers with dogs. Since there aren't many parks that dogs can be off-leash, I'd like Te Henui Cemetery remains as is. I've never received any complaints or have seen any dogs causing a nuisance. Maybe, other cemeteries may be considered to be leashed control, depending on the level of complaints?

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## 7. Other comments

Audrey Gale's Reserve is one of the few precious places left in NP that dogs can be off-leash. However, nowadays Disk Golfers have taken over the park, and dog walkers and walkers have to give away to them. Some of the Disk Golfers are quite rude telling dog walkers to move out of the way. They are supposed to respect dog walkers/other users as the signage says so. I would like NPDC consider setting up a large fenced dog run, either free or at a very affordable price (say \$1 or \$2 per use) somewhere in NP. I feel more dogs are now in NPDC (it would be interesting to see statistics), and there are only few places in NP where dogs can be safely exercised off-lead. I'm aware some people have been working to set it up at Lake Rotomanu entrance area. Cats kill many wild life, and there's no control over them. Would NPDC consider cat registration? I feel cat owners should really pay and cats to be microchipped and collard with a council tag. Cat registration would reduce the number of irresponsible owners whose cats keep breeding. They also free to roam and use anyone's garden as public toilets. Horse poos - can you do something about this? There are too many of them where horses are allowed to run - beaches, roads, and parks. If dog owners are fined for not picking up poos, so should horse owners. Dogs are often attracted to horse poos and roll in them. Some do eat them. Most of dog owners would agree with me.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 193**

**Michael Russell Langslow**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I have been taking my dog down back beach weekly for years, walking from the herekawe stream to the south, have never experienced any wide life be endangered nor even seen a seal down that end, it is by far the best place to take your dog off lead and allow soacilable activity's with other dogs whilst enjoying a nice walk on the beach. Having less and less places to freely take dogs down too the beach off lead and not allowing soacilisation between dogs running free will create more of a problem with dogs having behavioural issues when seeing other dogs. All in all, will be absolutely gutterd to loose this place, it will ruin the dog community as it is the best place to take your dog safely off leash with no other nearby beaches remaining. Making dogs have leashes at this beach will most likely in turn move more people to the walkway and busier beaches as there's no point going to back beach if it's no different from other beaches and the walkway.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

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- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

**3. Back Beach**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 194**

**Richard Flanagan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Dog poo, wee etc in the CBD? Yuck. It'll just make those paving stones even more slippery. What about those of us that don't like dogs? Just turns me off going to CBD

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Make Mangamahoe the main dog area

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

This seems to be putting a few restrictions here and there in return for opening up the CBD and Mangamahoe. Might be "balanced" in some eyes but really most walkways and beaches are still for dog owners not for people who don't like dogs and don't want to deal with other people's dogs. Some real balance would be to ban dogs on more beaches and walkways. I'm happy for Mangamahoe to go to the dog owners but only if some of the in town walkways and beaches get turned into no dog areas (or leash only at the least). Every neighbourhood should have areas for people to go walking without having to come across dogs off leash and out of control. The "under control" rules are BS and never enforced. Stop pandering to dog owners and make some real restrictions.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 195**

**Krys Beardman**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

A total revamp and acceptance of dogs needs to be achieved, compared with other countries NZ is far to strict on people with dogs and where they can go. More promotion of requirements for a "good" dog owner - education using advice and collaboration of those more involved in canine welfare and behaviours

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

There should be no barriers to dog walking on leash

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

There should be no barriers to dog walking on leash

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

No ban for dogs on leach at any time

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs are not the issue, irresponsible dog owners are. More education, make dogs on leash compulsory, build a dog safe park like other centres

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 196**

**Rebecca Sargent**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 197**

**Craig Burrell**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

No dogs should be allowed in the CBD

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is a haven for dogs and 99% of dog owners are responsible. Control your dog where there is risk to wildlife etc.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

This is a haven for dogs and 99% of dog owners are responsible. Control your dog where there is risk to wildlife etc.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dog owners can use the Beach access

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

This is a haven for dogs and 99% of dog owners are responsible. Control your dog where there is risk to wildlife etc.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

There are mountain bikers and birdlife at risk.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

This is a haven for dogs and 99% of dog owners are responsible. Control your dog where there is risk to wildlife etc.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 198**

**Trish Hutchinson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I have a dog, but have never been a fan of them in social areas, I think people can't even clean up after their dog on a general walk, so they won't in the main street. Also my son was terrified of any dog as a child I would imagine a lot of kids are, even if the dog owner thinks their dog is friendly and nicest. I for one don't want to be sniffed or drooled on by anyone's dog out shopping

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I personally dog take my dog here unless he was leashed the whole time.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I would still only walk my dog leashed personally

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs are awesome, but do need to be well trained to be unleashed which majority are not.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 199**

**Linky Joubert**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

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**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 200**

**Breanne Gibson**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 201**

**Lynda Hooker, LJH Pottery**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

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**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 202**

**Karl & Carleen Broughton**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 203**

**Kiko Matthews, Chaddys Charters**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Not sure if there will be an option further on but why isn't the area in the port by the Bach and chaddys forgot dogs on leashes? There are penguins all over the area that get eaten and killed by dogs

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Plse see original Comment regarding dogs on leads on breakwater bay beach and the area along to gusto and including gusto beach. This is due to penguins nesting.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 204**      **Beverly Oakley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This would allow us to walk between sea and park and stop for a coffee

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

We live near this area and walk there a lot. As long as there is a off leash area, it will be good.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Very busy over the summer

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Swimmers and family groups usually come after 10am

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Great to have more dog walking areas

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

We have seen many dogs not under control at cemeteries , pooping and running out of control

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**7. Other comments**

We are very lucky to have the sea walkway and pukekura park. Our family and our dog really appreciate this.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 205**      **Rodney Fisher**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 206**

**Sandra Bennett**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Perhaps this could be in the breeding season only, or during a specific period if there is only wildlife present for a certain period of the year.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

The current hours are illogical. The vast majority of people who use East End and Fitzroy beaches during the working week are dog walkers, many of them elderly. Moving the restricted time start to 10am would be of particular benefit to this demographic. Potentially move the end time to 6.30pm, as the beaches are often used more extensively after 5pm. Whilst the proposed start/ end dates of the prohibition period is an improvement on the current rules, I believe the period is still too long. The beginning of December (start of summer) is soon enough to begin and Taranaki Anniversary weekend a reasonable end date - add in leashed control in front of clubhouses or in flagged swimming areas if necessary.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

***Comments***

No preference.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 207**

**Keryn Williams**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Especially since I take my 5.5kg dog to Snug and Rooftop bar where they allow dogs. So maybe I am breaking the law by getting them there?

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Fair enough

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 208**

**Margaret Preston**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I think the council needs to use more signage during mating season so people are aware. We run up and down the dune and really use that area. Put up signs in mating season or block off an area as needed.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I support any closures for wildlife as needed. I support more signage. And I believe families with small kids should use Ngamotu beach where there are no dogs at all. Back beach is special and the dog owners are great. No leashes, no specific hours.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

If there is wildlife there that needs that specific closure, then yes.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Back beach has always been for the dogs. Let it be an example of how good dog owners can be. The more they are on leashes, the crazier they all get. Put signs up. I've requested that before. Please be respectful, this is a congested area, .... if you don't want dogs, go to the beaches where dogs are prohibited like Ngamotu, ect....kids love it there. Not one dog. I don't want to be Auckland!

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Agree

### 7. Other comments

Town Council Housing- I have more problems in our neighbourhood with council housing and dogs. You need to be more responsible landowners by making sure people have fenced in yards if they are allowed dogs. I have called the SPCA many many times on people who mistreat their dogs by keeping them in small cages while they have a huge yard. If you allow people in council housing to have dogs, they must have a fenced in yard. To be honest, this creates more grief for me than anything.

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 209**

**Peter C Scott**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I have been walking my dog[s] in the Te Henui cemetery for at least 20 years. In that time I have never seen more than the barely occasional dog feces as the large majority of the dog owners are very responsible. I have never seen a dog fight, and never have seen the occasion of dogs rushing at persons or other dogs. I believe it is essential to have leashed conditions at Awanui cemetery as there are frequent burials there, and frequent mourners. However at Te Henui there are seldom any mourners [except Anzac Day], and when there are the occasional burials, dog walkers are respectful and do not allow their dogs anywhere near the area. Unleashed dog walkers are very welcomed by the volunteers. There may be submissions by Susan [head volunteer] and others in support of unleashed dogs. Unleashed dog walkers provide security to the cemetery grounds, and also are the first to notify police of any unusual events, eg: persons sleeping in cars in the grounds or in the bush, vandalism, or stealing of flowers. The only aggressive dogs I have seen in the Te Henui cemetery are the ones that are leashed, as they are usually unsocialised. Unleashing allows dogs to be well socialised. I think the owners of unleashed dogs at Te Awanui create a special community with most persons [and dogs] knowing and supporting each other, know the volunteers, and generally do not cause any issues. To force dog owners to leash their dogs would see many finding other dog walking locations, which would be a sad thing for that community.

### 7. Other comments

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 210**

**Greg Heaton**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

The CBD is not super crowded. Allowing leashed non-dangerous dogs would encourage more people to visit and enjoy the CBD.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I have not seen the penguins and have rarely seen the seals at Back Beach. I assume the council has good evidence to conclude that threatened wildlife uses or would use these locations and that the proposed prohibition would help protect them.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I find it a little hard to believe that penguins attempt to use the rock wall and sand dune at the Te Henui river mouth. At the Waiwhakaiho end seems more likely. Where penguins do use these areas, by all means it is important to protect them.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

These areas are very well utilized by dogs and their owners, generally without conflict with other users. The proposed adjustments are very conservative. The hourly and seasonal restrictions should be shortened much more considerably.



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

The restrictions should be shortened more considerably.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

This is a significant proposed change that was not foreshadowed in the pre-consultation and I query whether the community has had sufficient opportunity to consider and comment on it. The cemeteries are treasured local assets but not overcrowded. I have often noticed dogs, dog walkers and other people happily and quietly walking (unleashed) through Te Henui cemetery. The proposed restriction would undermine the attractiveness and utility of these spaces. I have never noticed any dogs causing damage or noise nuisance in the cemeteries, nor have I noticed any people appearing unhappy or inconvenienced by unleashed dogs. I accept that the council may have received some complaints, but I query whether these are numerous or serious enough to impinge on the enjoyment of other users (including dogs, dog walkers, and people who don't have dogs but find pleasure in being around them).

**7. Other comments**

New Plymouth has a lot of places that people can go if they don't want to come into contact with dogs, including many public spaces with restrictions or prohibitions on dogs. I submit that the balance has swung too in that direction. While being mindful of the interests of residents who don't like dogs, and of the need to protect local wildlife, the council should be careful not to readily override the interests of dog owners and the welfare of their dogs. Current restrictions and prohibitions could reasonably be relaxed in many cases. The proposals include some modest moves in that direction, with CBD access and slightly lesser restrictions on beach access during daylight saving. But overall, the proposals go in the wrong direction of imposing additional unnecessary restrictions.

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 211**

**Lara Coxhead**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

This may take time for everyone to become accustomed to, including the dogs. It's lovely in places like Orewa, where the public can take their dogs and tie them to the table leg while they eat dinner at tables on the wide footpaths. Cafes put out water for the dogs and kids pat them as they walk along with their families. This would all be completely foreign to my little schnoodle who has never experienced such a thing but I'm sure he'd quickly get used to it.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I'm all for protecting the wildlife although I do suspect that the people who don't keep a close enough eye on their dogs to see what they're getting up to will ignore a ban. But still, better to have it in place if there have been problems.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

As above. It would be good if there is clear signage there including a map.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I don't have a strong opinion either way but I always have my dog on a leash near the carpark area anyway.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

I would support reducing the seasonal prohibitions further.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

The lack of dog friendly places in Taranaki is one of the few things that I'd really like to see improved here. Great that you're working on it but a dedicated dog park would be amazing.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 212**

**Ray Markham**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 213**

**Brent Paul Page**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As part of Councils stated aim to better urbanise our City Centre and encourage walking, cycling and inner city residential activity we strongly support the change to allow leashed dogs in our CBA. This would be another step, albeit a small one, to help our City "catch up" with most other city centres around the world. Please do it!

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Where would this leave off leash exercise on Back Beach?

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

We would suggest that 10.00am to 4.00pm is most suited for the majority of non dog owning families

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Please retain Te Henui cemetery as off leash

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 214**

**Gillian Hurley-Gordon**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Te Henui Cemetery is very different to most in the region. It is old and very few mourners come there. I note dog owners are mindful collect their dog poo and show respect to workers etc. The walkway below is very busy with bikes so this cemetery is a welcome relief for any dog walker as they head up the hill.

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**7. Other comments**

yeah... keep up all the good work

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 215**

**Geoff Saxby**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I go to through the Te Henui cemetery regularly and very rarely encounter other dog owners and if I do they appear to be respectful of the space. I never ever see any mourners as I guess its because it such an old cemetery.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 216**

**Loraine Grace**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I have a small dog and it would be great to be able to walk and meet friend with my dog.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 217**

**Greg Hull**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Most city i have been to allow dogs on leash in city centre. A number cafes/restaurants are supportive of dogs as long as they are on a leash

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

there are currently few areas that dogs can exercise of the lead.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 218**

**Tracey Dawn Johnston**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

After seeing how dogs are allowed in public places in the UK & other European cities, I think allowing them in the CBD is a great start to acknowledging the benefits for owners, their dogs & improving the atmosphere in these spaces.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Wildlife deserve to be protected & a minority of dog owners have little regard for the importance of these animals.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

If there is an issue then yes it needs to be addressed but I personally haven't encountered any problems with dogs & wildlife in this area.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I think there needs to be at least one beach open to dogs all the time



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Many dog walkers love to go to the beach in the morning but to be off by 9am is a struggle for some.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As that area caters for mountain bikers, walkers & horses I think to have an area for dog walking would be fantastic & beneficial to many.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I take our dogs to the cemetery off lemon street a lot & have never encountered any problems with dog walkers there. It is a wonderful area for dogs to run free as long as the owner has voice control of their dog.

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**7. Other comments**

As a society I think we need to recognise that dogs are an integral part of many people's lives & have an acceptance of them being part of the family, hence able to participate in activities. Obviously dangerous/ menacing dogs need to be banned & suitable consequences to be had if owners take them out in public.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 219**

**Larry James McBride**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Well-behaved dogs should be allowed in the business district as long as they're on a lead

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Dogs should be allowed to run free as long as they're responsible owners pick up the poo

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 220**

**Jayne Francis**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

No evidence of birdlife disturbance from dogs. Keep the rules simple. Back beach has been one of the few off leash summer dog runs so keep it that way and don't complicate things.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

No evidence of birdlife disturbance from dogs. Keep the rules simple. Back beach has been one of the few off leash summer dog runs so keep it that way and don't complicate things.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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#### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

##### *Comments*

I don't think the changes go far enough. Significant submissions were received by Auckland council which focused on the needs of the elderly and young families. 10am is a much better fit for elderly but 6pm is late for a family with young children wanting to spend time together at the beach with their dog. 5pm is a more reasonable time. The beaches empty out after the school holidays so the length of the ban is excessive. Aligning with Auckland council also makes sense to keep things simple and consistent for tourists to our region.

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#### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

##### *Comments*

This would be a great addition to dog walking options in the region and would attract people here that travel with their dog.

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#### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

##### *Comments*

This rule should be changed to "active" cemeteries (ie where new burials take place frequently). The Te Henui cemetery should be excluded from this rule, it should be considered to be part of the Te Henui walkway and be off leash as it is South of the Mangorei Rd bridge. The graves are very old and it is rare to see someone visiting a grave. When we see someone there we give them lots of room anyway -just for their privacy. I walk my dog through the cemetery to the Te Henui at least 4 times per week and regularly chat with the volunteer gardeners there, at least one garden with her dog. I have never witnessed a single incident in 10 years with dogs (either dogs vs dogs or dogs and people).

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#### 7. Other comments

The council should work with Mark Vette who works with other councils to put in place a responsible owners program. Discounts on registration could be offered for those that maintain their certification at the required frequency. The program covers bird aversion (kiwi and others) as well as obedience and so lifts the level of good dog behaviour as well as protecting wildlife. A more proactive stance would be better than tightening the rules to reflect the lowest common denominator of dog owners.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 221**      **Vanessa Kelly**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This is great, but can we consider changing the hours that horses are allowed on these beaches to the same times as the dogs?

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

just regarding changing the hrs horses are allowed on the beach to the same as the dogs please

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 222**

**Dr John Sanders**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I believe this would be reasonable but signage would be needed to make this clear

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

The map indicates the car park as leashed and the beach adjoining the Herekawe as "prohibited". It is not clear how dogs on leash would get onto the beach. The area in front of the southern car park should be leashed (not prohibited). Signage indicating continued leashing in the rare instances that bird life other than seagulls is present. Far more DANGEROUS is the UNRESTRICTED use of OFF ROAD MOTORBIKES usually without silencers that race up and down the beach regardless of people, children, animals or birds who seek the peace and beauty of this unique and tranquil unspoiled area. I believe these and quad bikes should be prohibited at all times. Use of the beach by dogwalkers and others is more influenced by HIGH and LOW tides than time. Restrictions on a beach which is inaccessible to all at high tide is therefore illogical.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**



### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Not sure how this differs from previous submission. I think it is reasonable at all times for dogs to be leashed from the car park onto the beach and released on the beach once the direction of the walk towards the northern Sugar loaf end is established. This enables one to assess the beach for the presence of horses or significant bird life in the vicinity of the Herekawe delta etc before proceeding.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

### 7. Other comments

My experience of Back Beach is that for the most part it is used by walkers and dog walkers particularly governed by accessibility depending on the tides. Seasonal time restrictions are therefore illogical. For the past 20 years I have been a regular user of this beautiful beach primarily for dog walks. Depending on conditions surfers are also regular users. Absence of life guards attests to this not being a safe family swimming beach though it is obviously used as such in the summer. This is unlike Oakura, Fitzroy and Eastend which are more family oriented safe swimming beaches not necessarily tide dependent for accessibility. I strongly believe that the unique nature of Back Beach and its marine wild life would be better preserved by 1. Better signage in the car park of the possibility of seals etc being on the beach. 2. Bans on any recreational motorised motorbikes or quad bikes on the beach at ALL TIMES. 3. Better policing of the area particularly in the evenings when the car park is frequently a meeting point for "boy racers" and other vandals who frequently destroy infrastructure ( barriers, rubbish bins etc) whilst leaving tyre tracks before proceeding onto Centennial Drive where they reek their periodic damage. On this particular beach I believe dogs are the least of the problem!

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 223**      **Anna van Laar**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Love to walk the beach and watch my grandchildren at surf live saving on the Sundays and fully agree to have the dog on a leash

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

I live in Waitara and would like dogs to be on a leash in Marine park so I can feel safe to walk my dog. People drop their dogs from their car and make their dogs, unsupervised, follow their car as a form of exercise .

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 224**

**Tom Bruce**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 225**

**Gloria Kelly**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Far too many dogs are not under the control of their owners, sometimes when they are even on a lead. They bark and snap at each other and at people and the CBD is NOT the area for them. I certainly won't be shopping in the CBD if this proposal goes forward.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 226**

**Lynne Ryan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

It will be too hard to control which dog is safe and which dog is not.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Hundreds of dogs go there with very few issues.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Again there has been very few issues for the amount of dogs in the area.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as the beach is still free for dogs.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

On leash only

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Don't see dogs as an issue here unless there is a funeral on or people are tending a grave and are disturbed.

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**7. Other comments**

Wildlife does need protecting but for the amount of dogs using backbeach in particular there has been very few issues. Unfortunately it's always one or two bad dogs/owners who spoil it for all the good dog owners.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 227**

**Russell Bagrie**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 228**

**Shianne Van Klink**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

These wouldn't be necessary if there was training for dog owners on to keep control of their dogs. Some people have never experienced a dog attack so are unaware of the consequences and remain ignorant. Perhaps the council could set a few training sessions or so with a small fee to attend?

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 229**      **Carley Walker**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

We pay a decent amount for dog rego and I think its only fair that we get 1 or 2 places for our dogs to run freely, I do understand about the wildlife, but not all dogs chase or hurt them, if we can't have Back Beach to run around then we need another place

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

Again, where else are we going to be able to run our dogs freely.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Lake Mangamahoe is a beautiful walk and I would like to be able to take my dog there on a lead as I know there is lots of ducks and geese around, so definitely on lead here.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

For those of us who have loved ones and cemeteries it would be nice to take our dogs there as they do offer great comfort.

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**7. Other comments**

Overall I think we pay too much for dog rego and we don't get much out of it. I understand there are lots of menacing dogs and that there is wildlife around to protect as well, so from both angles I understand.

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 230**

**Helene Caderbaccus**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

**3. Back Beach**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

**7. Other comments**

I would love to see something done to control cats too. Owners pay no registration. Cats disturbances late at night are not dealt with whereas dogs barking is sanctioned. Plus feral cats getting into the native forest and threatening wildlife is also not addressed.



## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 231**

**Fiona Henschman**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

#### *Comments*

I am personally very opposed to dogs being allowed in the CBD, for several reasons. 1. The city is nice and clean without them, even if people pick up faeces left by their dog, most surfaces in town will be urinated upon by most males dogs, as most roadside gardens and fences are now. I find this disgusting, especially near eating establishments encroaching on the footpath. 2. With the advent of extendable leads, dogs can be on a lead and still pose a significant hazard to pedestrians, especially the young, and elderly when they run to the end of their lead. Would you be enforcing a fixed lead rule? 3. Not many people are capable of training a dog to walk quietly beside them on a lead, hence the invention of various harnesses and halters for dogs, because most people I have observed, seem to think it's normal to be dragged by a pulling dog. A lot of people also think it's ok for their dog to reach up and scratch people's legs, I don't. 4. The change of breeds of dog; they are bred for supposed "good" looks, not trainability. 5. The number of people in town, there are a lot more people on the streets now, if half of them now have a dog, it will be far worse. Dog altercations for friendly or otherwise reasons will happen, kids could get caught up in the middle. 6. Will you then have to provide places to tie their dogs outside each shop and even have to provide water and shelter for their tethered dogs while they shop? This is presuming most people go to town to buy things. 7. How will you decide what is a dangerous dog, by breed or reputation? This country has a very high rate of children being bitten by dogs, sometimes caused by inappropriate behaviour by children. My daughter has an extremely well trained pitbull. Will he be banned yet a snappy little dog be fine? I own two very energetic working kelpies, they are both very well trained, but I am certainly not going to be taking them to town, because I don't believe it is the place for dogs.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

### 7. Other comments

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 232**

**Renate Verbrugge, Stone Sculptor**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

#### *Comments*

First of all, thank you for making it possible to take our dogs to the CBD. It is time to stop a few non responsible dog owners spoiling it for the majority of responsible dog owners.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

#### *Comments*

The one change I would like to see reviewed is on the cemeteries. I would like you to differentiate the Te Henui from the Awanui cemetery. I understand Awanui is an active cemetery and I have no issues with having to keep dogs leashed in that area. However, after speaking with several of the marvellous volunteers who maintain the TE HENUI cemetery, I would like you to let dogs being walked off leash in this space. The team of volunteers absolutely endorses off leash walking of dogs, the dogs even help with pest(rabbit) control in the cemetery. There have never been issues with off leash dogs in Te Henui Cemetery, so please revisit this change of rule

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 233**

**Gwen Hamilton**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I support keeping the CBD dog free as there is potentially issues with unpicked up dog waste by allowing general dog access. However, if the trial shows that dog waste doesn't become a problem than I would be open to changing my opinion. Dogs should be allowed to pass through the CBD streets however at all times.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I generally support dog control in order to protect wild life in this area, however it is not clear why the carpark and reserve need to be included in the leased dog area when the seal haul out area is on the beach, rocks and island.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support the leashed control area here to protect wildlife however I do not think the prohibited zone dog zone in summer as noted below.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I do not support this proposal as it cuts off access to vast portions of the beach to dog walkers from the only carpark without steep access to the beach (this is particularly important for anyone with a physical disability or who is also managing small children which would make using the stairs at the northern end challenging). It would be more workable if the whole area were just a leashed control area. This is not a beach with lifeguards so there isn't an expectation of a dog free swimming area during summer.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I agree with this proposal

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Yes please make these changes, the current rules are difficult to understand and create confusion and probably people inadvertently not following the rules properly despite good intentions. If its clear that you can have dogs on the walkways but not in the water that can be easily managed and already has good compliance.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 234**

**Mark Birdsall, East End SLSC**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

#### ***Comments***

We have discussed this at our latest meeting and confirm that we as a club have no issues with the proposal of extending hrs. It does not affect EESLSC on an operational basis and is no change of impact to our Sunday junior surf program.

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

### 7. Other comments

We would however wish to highlight that EESLSC or any of the other SLSC's are not responsible to enforce any dog control bylaws. Although we will do our best to advise beach users we also would like to see more Council Dog control officer presence to observe and enforce the bylaws, there are several instances each day where they are not followed which can only increase the likelihood of an incident.

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

Submission No: 235      Shona Cole

Wish to speak to the Council:

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

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**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

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**3. Back Beach**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

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**7. Other comments**

That sounds great but a fenced dog park would be even greater. Needs to be divided in two as sometimes big dogs over power small dogs. Many other places have this facility so why not us?

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 236**

**Cathy van Osenbruggen**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

#### *Comments*

Finally for one month all us responsible dog owners get the treatment we take for granted up in Auckland. To take our well behaved leashed dogs with us to have a coffee. It has been very lopsided for to long. We responsible dog owners are penalised because of the rubbish owners and the lazy sods who do not pick up after their dogs.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

#### *Comments*

I also think it's rotten that we can't take our dogs through the cemetery unleashed under your new proposal. My dog has never peed on someone's grave and if she does a poo on the grass, I make sure I always pick it up like I would do anywhere. It's a wonderful place to walk freely with your dog.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 237**      **Kim Harrison**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 238**

**Danielle Gibas**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As a dog owner (and mother of small children), I feel that it's super important that members of the public have confidence in the dogs that they encounter in public spaces. The prohibition should absolutely be retained for menacing and dangerous dogs. However, these dogs do require spaces and times for exercise.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Clear signage required

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

This area does become very congested in summer months. I would suggest that some extremely clear signage around where dogs can be let off leashes would be required for this to work.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

This needs to be communicated to all of New Plymouth not just dog owners. It's important that people who are scared of dogs (or have nervous children) should have clarity around where and when they can avoid dogs entirely.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I'm not familiar with the lake circuit route however, dogs, horses and bikes are a tricky combination. I hope that consideration is being given to the risk around having dogs near to mountain bike and horse tracks.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Off leash walks are absolutely crucial for a number of dogs in the district. Leashed walks are simply not sufficient for the welfare of a good number of dog breeds. The reality is that if the already limited off-leash walk options are restricted further, many dog walkers will simply take their dogs to beaches further out from New Plymouth centre. I have heard the beautiful beach down from Methanex referred to as the "naughty dogs beach". As a fervent wildlife advocate, I absolutely agree that dogs are a disturbance as are humans and vehicles. Pushing dogs away from already heavily frequented beaches only risks creating disturbance on extremely quiet and virtually undisturbed beaches while maintaining a level of disturbance at Back Beach and East End (i.e. humans). A further consideration is public education, please consider better communication on what constitutes "leashed control", "unleashed control" and on what constitutes disturbance to wildlife (i.e. chasing).

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 239**

**Luzelle Cockburn, The Dog Training Lab**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

People who own dogs who are reactive to other dogs do not have any safe areas in New Plymouth, local dog owners feel that leash laws are optional.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

All of Back Beach should be on leash. We do not need off leash areas. Because off leash dogs will and often do venture into ban and leash areas, because local dogs do not have the training they need. New Plymouth dog owners DO NOT have effective control over their dogs. I don't feel safe going anywhere, even on leash areas, because there are always off leash dogs.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

All of Back Beach should be on leash. We do not need off leash areas. Because off leash dogs will and often do venture into ban and leash areas, because local dogs do not have the training they need. New Plymouth dog owners DO NOT have effective control over their dogs. I don't feel safe going anywhere, even on leash areas, because there are always off leash dogs.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I don't know where that is.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I feel we should have year round leashed dogs everywhere, with a few off leash areas (preferably fenced - that I can avoid). That will reduce 99% of the issues with dogs. Make the rules clearer to follow. And allow dog lovers to take their dogs for a walk feeling safer and not worried about being rushed or attacked by another dog.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I feel we should have year round leashed dogs everywhere, with a few off leash areas (preferably fenced - that I can avoid). That will reduce 99% of the issues with dogs. Make the rules clearer to follow. And allow dog lovers to take their dogs for a walk feeling safer and not worried about being rushed or attacked by another dog.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I feel we should have year round leashed dogs everywhere, with a few off leash areas (preferably fenced - that I can avoid). That will reduce 99% of the issues with dogs. Make the rules clearer to follow. And allow dog lovers to take their dogs for a walk feeling safer and not worried about being rushed or attacked by another dog.

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## 7. Other comments

The leash laws in New Plymouth are confusing. Many other councils have a default LEASHED requirement for all dogs which is much safer with a few off leash areas where dogs can be. I think this is a much clearer and better to understand default. Dog owners feel it's their right to have their dogs off leash in New Plymouth, which leaves me and my dogs feeling unsafe and nowhere to go. Because dog owners don't follow leash requirements, they feel it's a suggestion rather than a rule. And I feel unsafe.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 240**

**Bruce Ellis**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

We are regular users of this access to Back Beach and have never been aware of any danger to wildlife around here. It is a very popular area for dog walkers - in fact the great majority of people in this area appear to be either dog walkers or surfers. There appears to be no clear delineation on the eastern side between the proposed control area and the uncontrolled one. It would be better to have the area ending at the east bank of the stream - or even this is problematic for the dogs who enjoy a swim in the stream. There also doesn't appear to be any recognition in setting the proposed boundaries of the tidal nature of this area. It seems to me that when the tide is full that a good part of the proposed area is under water and therefore of no particular wildlife danger.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The proposed period limitation appears over the top - again our experience of walking in this area - usually mid to late morning - would indicate such a limitation is not required as long as dogs are under control. If there is to be a period restriction that relates to usage, rather than wildlife, Then I propose that that be limited to school holidays and, perhaps, weekends only.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

However, as mentioned above, I would go further and limit the prohibitions to the school holidays. There seems to be no evidence of the limitations being related in any way to the usage patterns during the prohibited periods.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

We are regular walkers in and through the Te Henui Cemetery and are unaware of issues with dog walkers and their dogs. The proposal appears to be an over reaction to a really small number of complaints. There is not even any indication if these relate to all cemeteries or only particular ones. For example, if they relate to mainly the Awanui Cemetery, then surely the restrictions could just relate to that cemetery; and if there are issues at the times internments are happening then restrictions can be put in place during those times. I have been keeping an eye on the death notices in the Daily News over the past few weeks and have noted very few burials in New Plymouth cemeteries, indicating that the proposal is over the top. Otherwise our observations of walkers to the cemeteries are careful and respectful of the surroundings and really need no limitation on their activities, apart from maintaining having their dogs under control.

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**7. Other comments**

Microchipping. Under the Policy clause 7.2 - responsible dog ownership should include having dogs microchipped to cater for those unusual or unexpected situations when dogs have escaped from control and/or custody. - There should be a stated responsibility for Council to provide appropriate and sufficient receptacles for walkers to dispose of faeces.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 241**      **Sonja Slinger**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

I support leashed control but not a total prohibited stance.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

I think the hours of 10-5pm would be more suitable as most people with children are off the beaches by 5pm, even during summer. Other regions in NZ have these hours 10-5pm.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

As above, i would support the prohibition from 10-5pm, for the reason stated above. Most people with children arent on the beach until 10am or later and leave by 5pm.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I cannot agree with such a blanket stance. I understand there have been only 3 complaints about dogs in the Te Henui cemetery in the last 2 years (source NPDC) so why penalise other dogs and their owners by creating a leashed space. You would not ban all children from using a playground if 1 or 2 children caused a problem, you would address the issue with those children causing the problem. NPDC knows about the dog/s in question and should be working to ensure that dog/s is leashed. Strongly disagree with leashing dogs in all cemeteries. I walk both Te Henui and Awanui cemeteries regularly and have never had an issue with dogs or their owners. Please do not place a blanket leashed control in these areas. I have also spoken with the volunteers who create and maintain the beautiful space that is Te Henui and they disagree also with a leashed control approach. These people work there every day, they assure me there is no issue with dogs being walked off lead there.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 242**      **Hamish George**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I do not agree with the prohibited area during daylight saving, this is such a narrow band and prevents access to the beach from the lower car park. This makes no sense.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I think 10-5pm would be a better plan, as is the stance by other regions in NZ. Families are mostly off the beach by 5pm.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Definitely do not support. Implementing a blanket leash order across all cemeteries is unfair to the majority of dogs and their responsible owners. Please do not penalise dogs and owners because of the bad behaviour of a very few dogs. Dogs need to enjoy the freedom of walking and running and sniffing in our outdoor places without leash control. I regularly walk in the Awanui and Te Henui cemeteries with my dog and never have i seen bad behaviour from dogs. Indeed the volunteers who do the gardening there, wholeheartedly support dogs being allowed off lead as i have spoken to them. Please do not enforce a leash area in cemeteries.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 243**

**Catherine Leger**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This would allow eating and recreational activities that are currently able to be done with dogs

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

It currently is one of the few places dogs can freely socialise and run free.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

As before

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This needs extra protection

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Sounds reasonable for busy times as long as there is a space for free running

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 244**

**Marie Riordan**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

With a leash

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 245**      **Andrew Holder**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### **Comments**

Dogs on lead/line need to be able to cross from the beach to the walkway. As long as can access the exits at the end of Fitzroy beach towards Te Rewa Rewa Bridge

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

The current bylaws are not enforced in any meaningful way so really changing the by laws will have very little effect on the irresponsible dog owners in the area ( as a dog owner they are incredibly frustrating)

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 246**

**Mary Margaret Bide**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

We feel that any dog should not under any circumstances be allowed into the CBA, unfortunately it's not the dogs that are the problem, it is the owners who can't be bothered or refuse to clean up their own animals.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 247**

**Sally Wolfe**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 248**      **Sam**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

I've already seen dogs off leash so it's a joke that dog owners will follow the rules. They don't anywhere else

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Why only put up leashed? Ban them from the area is the only way because dog owners don't follow the rules

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Again ban them because dog owners will let dogs off leash if you let them in

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dog owners do not follow leash control rules. Banning them is the only effective control means

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Again, banning is the only effective method

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

***Comments***

Honestly you should be extending the ban to year round rather than loosening it to serve dog owners who disregard and disrespect the rights of others to enjoy beaches without being disturbed by their dogs

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

***Comments***

Maybe if it was leash control and ENFORCED it might be okay

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Again, you actually need to enforce this. Otherwise ban dogs

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**7. Other comments**

This is really biased towards dog owners having rights above everyone else. Dog owners don't think about people who don't want a dog disturbing them, they just think about themselves. All the long beaches are dedicated dog areas meaning there are no big beaches where other people (particularly children) can go without being disturbed by off leash dogs. And same applies to walkways like the Te Henui, Huatoki, Mangati etc. There is also a real lack of enforcement with existing leashed areas. Almost every time I go into Pukekura Park there will be at least one dog off it's leash. I have never seen a dog control officer in there, and the Parks team don't seem to do anything either. You really need more dog control officers. You also, however, need to get better at putting dog restrictions onto signs so that the rules are clearer to the few dog owners that want to follow the rules. Finally, stop pandering to dog owners and start putting in some proper rules to protect people and wildlife from dogs.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 249**      **Craig Knowles**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is sensible, as dogs who arrive here are generally very excited, and will run without thinking through an area that has young families there.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

There is plenty of room on the beach, especially at low tide, so no need for dogs to be in the dune areas uncontrolled

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Common sense should also prevail here. Just because it is 6pm - if there are a lot of swimmers / children on the beach then dogs should be leashed/controlled where these users are. Likewise, if it is 5pm on a inclement day - and no beach goers about, there is not reason the leash dogs unnecessarily

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

As regular users of the Te Henui cemetery (2-5 times a week) we do not see any reason to change. My wife has a brain injury sustained from a horrific car accident 4 years ago, and this is one of the few places we can walk in Covid times safely and with confidence. It is a joy to see how much fun our dog has in this space running freely under control, and socialising with other similar natured dogs. We rarely see any grieverers or non dog walkers in the cemetery, and if we do, give them a wide berth. It would be criminal that a few vocal opponents spoil it for the majority of us that enjoy this amazing facility.

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs get the best exercise when off the leash. They make their own decisions which exercises the mind, and obviously they get to run and frolic a lot more than when they are on a lead. Dog socialization is very important to get well rounded, we behaved dogs. This is best achieved when off the lead. In fact, dogs change their moods completely when on a lead. I suspect they feel trapped, and unable to make their own decisions. There are plenty of places in Taranaki where people can walk without fear of encountering dogs, but few places that dog owners can. Bad owners will always be bad. They will not pick up poo even if their dogs are leashed. Generally they will also ignore any bans and rules. That will penalize the rest of us unnecessarily.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 250**

**Jan Knowles**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### **Comments**

I very really see dogs up there, but have seen people more often up there.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I had a horrific accident nearly four years ago, am now vision impaired & struggle with where I can walk. The majority of people I see walking in Te Henui cemetery in particular are friendly dog walkers. Very really see anyone without a dog there.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 251**      **Mel Cook**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is a good option but if adopted must include the provision of 'poo bins' at exit points.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is a good option but must be policed and supported by officers when reports of abuse are lodged. If this is adopted then 'poo bins' need to be available at cemetery exits.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 252**      **Lynn Margaret Stanners**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

My wee dog loves running around the cemetery and is no problem to anyone. We visit at least twice a week and it is great to interact with other dogs and their owners. To leash a dog at the cemetery would not provide any beneficial exercise or enjoyment. He evens helps with rabbit control having got lucky and caught one recently!! Please continue to allow off leash.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 253**

**Lisa England**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

It would be great to have more places to be able to take the dog.

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk in the cemetery daily with my dog off the lead as do a lot of other people.

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**7. Other comments**

As a dog owner that lives in central New Plymouth it is great to have places where I can let my dog off the lead to run around. There are too few places that we can do this so we need to keep the ones that we can.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 254**

**Dave Poad**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

***Comments***

Seems fine. I think the only time anyone has a dog in CBA is when passing through from home to the walkway on the coast; I guess they may be tethered while the owner goes into a shop en route.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 255**

**Alison Cole**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 256**

**Hayley O'Neill**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Unless there was an improved path to get on to the beach

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

There is no other beach for dogs to freely walk.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

As a rate payer and responsible dog owner my dogs should have some freedom to walk without a leash at some areas.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 257**

**Jennifer Hoskin-Leece**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Depending on the results of the trial I feel comfortable having non menacing dogs on a leash in town, I do wonder about dog poo though, will this be monitored?

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I don't tend to take my dog there due to dog owners not controlling their dogs but imagine that if this could work and people followed the rules it would help control, safety and other animals in the area

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Not sure if this incorporates the path which runs down to the beach through the farm, I have to say my dog does really enjoy this and it does seem a lot of areas are off limits to dogs off the leash. I understand the need to protect wildlife and other animals but wonder about a balance somehow, what about muzzled dogs maybe?

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I have found dead penguins in the sand dunes so agree with this, as have also seen dogs disappear for long periods over the dunes with no owner supervision - who will police this as some owners think their dog would do no wrong so can't see the point of these rules? Will the dogs be able to be off the leash on the beach??

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As per previous comments

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Yes please

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Haven't been there but anything would be good

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I probably wouldn't go walking with my dog there if she had to be in a leash, I've never had a problem or a complaint but I imagine it does impact on some people

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### 7. Other comments

Tapuae Beach worries me, I no longer take my dog there but know that when I did few people respected the need to keep an eye on their dog and keep them out of the dunes. Hard to monitor all sites I guess

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 258**

**Erin Gall**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

When it is high tide there are reduced areas that can be accessed off leash

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

When it is high tide there are reduced areas that can be accessed off leash

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I see that the proposal allows for dogs to quickly pass through the area under leash control but when it is high tide, the other proposed off-leash areas are not often able to be accessed. This beach is one of the only places that dogs are allowed off leash and some of the proposed changes will significantly impact on the access and use of this space for responsible dog owners.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 259**

**Kevin Earley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Please allow dogs to run off the lead in the Te Henui cemetery, as this is an old cemetery most visitors are there to run their dogs and enjoy the beautiful grounds. The cemetery is quite enclosed with few cars, bikes or pedestrians, making it ideal for running dogs off the lead in a safe and dog friendly environment. The Awanui cemetery could be leashed only, but please keep Te Henui as it is. Thank you.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 260**

**Leslee Blackmore**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Given the number of out of control dogs that I have seen around New Plymouth even on a leash, I believe that this is a bad idea. Having a lead on an already anxious dog, there is more opportunity for the public to be harmed. People would leave their dogs exposed to the possibility that it could bit a child when they leave it tied outside while inside a shop.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This is a global response rather than looking at where the issues lie. People often use the dunes with their dogs as exercise.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This would prevent people from using the fresh water stream to allow their dogs to become clean from sand and salt after their beach walk. In the winter it will be too cold for a person to stand in the stream with a dog on the lead. All year round this will be dangerous for mobility-challenged people who are able to walk easily on the beach but would have trouble standing in the stream with their leashed dog.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As long as people can still walk their unleaded dogs on the beach.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This area is only usually congested and busy on the weekends. It is virtually deserted between 9am & 3pm weekdays. This is a global response rather than looking at where the issues lie. The proposed bylaw is not clear enough around area and times it covers, specifically during daylight savings, are dogs allowed on Back Beach?

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

The restrictions are too global. I would support a further reduction in restrictions to the 10am-6pm on the weekends only during the period between Labour Weekend & Easter Monday.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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## 7. Other comments

The restrictions are too global. In my experience the recreation areas around the beaches and streams are only used consistently by dog walkers. Dog walkers use them in all weathers and at all times. It is only the weekends and the weekday hours between 3pm and 5pm when families are seen at these locations. The current and proposed restrictions are unfair to the elderly (who want to walk their dogs during the day when children/youth are at school). They are unfair for people with mobility issues. Allowing dogs a shorter period of time to use these beaches will increase congestion as the number of dog-walkers won't decrease, they will only have a smaller period of time to use the beach. This will result in a greater likelihood of incidents. I was assaulted on a New Plymouth beach by a person significantly younger than me. I was walking my dogs after 6pm when more youth are using the beach. This person was not willing to take control of their dog, and when I suggested they put it on a leash, they assaulted me which I then reported to the police. I now choose to walk during the day when there are very rarely youth or families using the area. This is why I encourage you not to put global restrictions in place, but instead do more research around where the issues are. Ngamotu beach and reserve, it is clear that dogs are not allowed there, but on the other side of the fence, on the grass adjacent to the footpath, there are seats placed, but dog owners have been asked by dog control to move along, when they are sitting there resting. This is not okay for mobility impaired people.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 261**      **Rebecca Higham**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

In relation to the Te Henui Cemetery. I have been a daily dog walker visitor to the cemetery for over 6 years and have never encountered any uncontrolled or aggressive dogs there. All the dogs and there owners are very helpful and friendly and clean up behind their own dogs, which helps the workers keep the cemetery clean and tidy. The visitors to the cemetery often love to stop and chat to the dogs and there owners to and I often see a group of dogs and there owners sitting down on a bench having a chat which is good to see. All the owners and dogs are respectful of the people buried and cremated there and keep away from the graves and cremation areas by sticking to the grass and main pathways. I have even seen the gardeners bring there own dogs to work with them which is good to see. I feel the cemetery is a multi functional place to come and although there are a few runners/joggers, walkers, school children cutting through and visitors to the cemetery, the majority of the people visiting are dogs and there owners. I feel as it is now it is a multi functional purpose cemetery enjoyed by multiple groups of friendly considerate people.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 262**      **Geoff Stevens**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

**3. Back Beach**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

***Comments***

We regularly walk our small dog at the TeHenui cemetery along with a number of other fairly regular dog walkers. It would be a great disappointment to us to have to leash our dog and seems totally unreasonable. There are no recent burials in the cemetery so dogs are unlikely to offend anyone. We always pickup faeces after him and this doesn't seem to be a problem in the cemetery because we rarely note any around. There are not a huge number of places that our dog is able to go unleashed, especially in summer. The voluntary workers who are there regularly know many of the dogs by name and enjoy their company. It's good to have people visiting the cemetery and appreciating all the amazing work the volunteers are doing. If The dogs need to be leashed we would be unlikely to visit so often. We do hope that you will take these issues into consideration.

**7. Other comments**

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 263**

**Alex St George**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Great for those who want to bring their dogs into town. Dogs are family members. But I suspect some hostile to the proposal will complain and the prohibition will return

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Back Beach is tidal and a lot of it is not accessible during high tide. Not feasible. Reserve and beach area good for off leash exercise. Leave Back Beach for off leash dog exercise. There have been no new sites dogs can be exercised off lead. New sites need to be allocated.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

***Comments***

Not feasible. Reserve and stream good contrasting exercise areas. Leave Back Beach alone for dogs off leash.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

If its to protect wildlife in the dunes. No humans on dunes either

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Messy and confusing. There have been no new off leash exercise sites allocated in this policy. Not acceptable.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Good for dog owners who want to exercise dogs before work. Warm weather for getting out with dogs.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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### 7. Other comments

No new off-leash exercise sites have been allocated. Why not? I disagree with proposal to ban exercising of dogs with vehicles. Dog Control Act states owners need to adequately exercise their dogs. Most dogs of working breeds need a lot of running exercise. Human walk pace is not even comparable. Working dogs breeds who find themselves in domestic family life still need adequate exercise. Per day, my dog runs 30-40km per hour for about 4 or 5 kms he needs that to keep fit and settled. Lack of adequate exercise results in overweight and unsettled dogs.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 264**

**Elaine Perry**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

## 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?**No**

### ***Comments***

The old part of Lemon Street cemetery is the best place to walk a dog in NP, in my opinion. It is beautiful, flower's are glorious, peaceful and perfect to stroll around while my dog sniffs at alsorts but stays by my side. I cannot understand why dogs should be leashed in this area. I have walked there with different dogs for over 20 years and have never seen any problems. Owners are generally middle aged or elderly and can stop for a chat while dogs do more sniffing then move on to admire the amazing work the volunteers do. It really is a fantastic place to take a dog and I implore you not to force them to be on a leash, it takes away from the fun for the dog and the owner. Many thanks, Elaine Perry [phone number withheld]

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## 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 265**

**Marie Amaru**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs r a huge part of our lifestyle in nz, austricising them and their humans from cbd is ill thought through . On lead and clean up after them if necessary and let them be in the cbd

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Definetly not leave our back beach alone to be free for dogs and families, there are plenty of leashed places to go

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Definitely not

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Leave the dogs be and let humans control them.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Again leave our beach alone.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Give everyone opportunity to go there

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

DEFINITELY NOT I WALK DAILY IN TE HENUI WITH MANY OTHERS WE R A SMALL COMMUNITY AND WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER WE R FRIENDS OUR DOGS ARE FRUENDS, AND WE ARE ALL HAPPY HAVING A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY FROM THIS CRAZY WORLD THAT SUSAN OFFERS US WITH HER HELPERS. LEAVE IT BE!!

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**7. Other comments**

Lighten up. Dogs r a NZ way , you do not need to be so heavy handed.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 266**

**Mia Ruakere-Forbes**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 267**

**Doreen Riepen**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

I think dogs should be on leash unless otherwise stated rather than unleashed.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 268**

**Peter Vincent Miscall**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

#### *Comments*

Never seen or had a problem with dogs in the cemetery

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?
- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?
- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

The amount of dogs seen in the cemetery are not aggressive

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 269**

**Christopher James**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I've enjoyed seeing the odd dog here and there and a few of my friends have taken their dogs out in town. It's been nice and haven't heard any negatives.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 270**

**Phil Sole**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

***Comments***

I don't care, hardly ever go in there and never, with my dogs.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

Utterly unnecessary. I exercise my two dogs at Waiwhakaiho beach most days, never have or see any problems. I think current restriction policy at the more crowded and accessible EastEnd and Fitzroy beaches is reasonable

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Not necessary but not unreasonable in that tight specific area.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Have never used the place for dog walking because of restrictions, but would like to.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The wonderful Te Henui cemetery is great for dog walking. Never see any problems unless the occasional pee on a monument is considered non pc. Resident rabbits seem to be not unhappy.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 271**

**Christine Clement**

Wish to speak to the Council:

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Is there a problem up by the rock wall ??

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 272**      **Brenda Smith**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I agree anyone attending to or mourning at graves should be given a wide birth but i think dogs should be allowed off leash Especially the Te Henui cemetery. It's a wonderful dog friendly area. Very few mourners ever there. And lots of happy dogs and responsible owners go there and enjoy the gardens.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 273**      **Philip Handlin**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs would be an unnecessary complication to the cbd. enforcement of unleashed pets now in cbd non existent.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs in all public areas need to be on leash

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Dogs on all public property need to be leashed

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Making sure dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs will be critical to showing mana to the whenua

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Dogs need to be leashed on all public property

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**7. Other comments**

Currently there's not enough capacity to oversee and address violations by dog owners. Adding dogs into the cbd and the issues that will create seems shortsighted.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 274**      **Barbara Vincent**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Enjoy not having dogs in the cbd

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

How will dog owners be held accountable for not cleaning up after their dogs?

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dogs in public spaces need to be leashed. CBD is nice not having to deal with dogs.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 275**

**Simon Automotive MacInnes**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Most dog owners and dogs are conscious of the wildlife and behave in a way to preserve and protect the birds, those that don't follow the rules currently won't change. Come down harder on those people and dogs that endanger wildlife.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Most dog owners and dogs are conscious of the wildlife and behave in a way to preserve and protect the birds, those that don't follow the rules currently won't change. Come down harder on those people and dogs that endanger wildlife.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Most dog owners and dogs are conscious of the wildlife and behave in a way to preserve and protect the birds, those that don't follow the rules currently won't change. Come down harder on those people and dogs that endanger wildlife.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**



**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

No, not at all the cemeteries. The Te Henui cemetery and lower area of the walkway is a great place to go. I have never encountered any hostile dogs or owners there and for the most part, the owners clean up after the dogs. The gardeners enjoy having the dogs there and I for one am respectful of the grave sites.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 276**

**Ian and Fern Cull**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

***Comments***

Your trial for leashed dogs in the CBA sounds very positive and exciting.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?
- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?
- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

The dogs hours on the beach could be let out to 10am - 6pm rather than 9am - 6pm. No gatherings are ever on our beaches before then. Waiheke Is is 10am - 6pm and it works very well. After the expiry of dogs "off beach" between East End and Fitzroy why not allow dogs on the beach on a leash?

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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## 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

### ***Comments***

We are very disappointed at the suggestion of having dogs on leads in the cemeteries. After speaking with the volunteers in the Te Henui Cemetery, it has been confirmed how positive and encouraging they feel about dogs running around. We walk there every day and after 40 years have never come across any issues. We've been told that this helps keep any "riff-raff" behaviour at bay and all owners are responsible people who respect this wonderful park-life area especially as very few burials take place these days. Why penalise us for a one-off incident by an over friendly dog and we believe the owner has been spoken to.

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## 7. Other comments

As a dog owner we thank you for the opportunity to make submissions in respect of your letter re Policy and Bylaw changes dated 12 November. We have owned dogs for the last 40 years and have respected the bylaws. We trust that these submissions will be addressed seriously.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 277**

**Delwyn Gavin**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This would be a sensible change and would provide more time in the mornings to exercise your dog- and at this time of day not many people are swimming any way.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Yes most definitely need a dog walking track around the lake. This would be very well used.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I regularly walk my dogs through the Te Henui and Awanui cemeteries off lead and have had no issues. I often meet other dog walkers and have had no problems as the dogs are off lead and under their control.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 278**

**Trevor Gavin**

Wish to speak to the Council:

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

It would be safer for families using the area for recreational purposes.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

The general public don't use the beach until around 10 or 11 o'clock any way and this would allow dog walkers more time in the mornings to exercise their dogs.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I often walk my dogs through the Awanui and Te Henui cemeteries off lead and have had no problems. It's a nice relaxing place to walk your dog and often meet other dog walkers and their dogs are off lead and under control as are mine. No change is necessary.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 279**

**Suzanne Scott**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

When walking the Huatoki Walkway and then along the Coastal Walkway with a dog it is currently a big detour to avoid the central city area.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This is too restrictive. Back Beach is well known as one of the few areas that dogs can be unleashed. If this is removed then council should designate another beach area as the alternative to unleashed walking.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This is too restrictive. Back Beach is well known as one of the few areas that dogs can be unleashed. If this is removed then council should designate another beach area as the alternative to unleashed walking.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This area is so accessible for a range of dog owners. It is widely used and gives dogs access to fresh water as part of their coastal walk. Many families use this area with dogs as it gives scope for younger children and dogs to be out of the way of swimmers and surf club activity, while still having access to playground, toilets, etc. Blue Penguins generally leave the colony before sunrise and return to the colony after dark. At the most the ban could be for dogs before sunrise and after sunset to allow any penguins access to rock burrows.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This is too restrictive. Back Beach is well known as one of the few areas that dogs can be unleashed. If this is removed then council should designate another beach area as the alternative to unleashed walking.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This would be a great benefit to dog owners. We desperately need more such areas in New Plymouth and environs.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I have never seen a dog being a nuisance and I use some of the cemeteries on a regular basis as part of walks with my dog. They link to walkways and provide flexibility for walking and access.

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### 7. Other comments

NPDC should recognise the benefits to people of owning a dog, and also the responsibilities of dog owners to their dogs. There are becoming fewer and fewer areas that allow dogs to be off a leash. As an owner of an older dog I can't stress enough the joy my dog has walking off a lead. If she can walk at her own pace then she is free to amble along and sniff at will. There are very few dogs that we see on our walks which are not well controlled.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 280**

**Debbie Griffiths**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Back beach is a great area to let dogs run off leash, I see no reason for it to be changed.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

As this is exactly the same question as number 2, I assume that this should be about having dogs on leads at Tapuae. Please don't do that. It's a wonderful, safe area to walk dogs off lead although I do notice an awful lot of people don't seem to pick up their dog's poo.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I regularly walk at the old Te Henui cemetery with my dogs off leash. In that time I have never seen any difficulties either with dogs or their owners. It's like a little community and everyone who goes there respects it. The volunteer workers even take treats for the dogs and they welcome them. Why does it need to be on leash?

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**7. Other comments**

When I shifted to NP from Snells Beach I was amazed at how many wonderful areas there are to walk my dogs off leash compared to Auckland which has really harsh restrictions. Please don't become like Auckland.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 281      Robert Oliver**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

In regards to the Te Henui Cemetery only, I am a volunteer gardener there doing up to 100 hours a month. I see the pleasure people have in having their dogs off leads. The cemetery covers some 24 acres so the walkers and dogs have plenty of room to keep separate if they choose to. Being a closed cemetery, there are very few interments and relatively few visits to graves. I believe there have been very few complaints and in my opinion they should be addressed directly to the owner rather than having a blanket bylaw for the 99.9% who have no issues. Thank you.

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 282**  
**Consultants Ltd**

**Catherine Wischnowsky, Plant & Platform**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I think that the addition of dogs on the footpath when it is already so congested with people, prams, wheelchairs etc would be a hazzard

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

How much wildlife has been maimed or killed in recent years in these areas by dogs?

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

How much wildlife has been maimed or killed in recent years in these areas by dogs?

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

How much wildlife has been maimed or killed in recent years in these areas by dogs?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The Te Henui cemetery is an historic area, not a current burial place. I can understand that people may be upset by dogs running around current burial sites. The volunteers gardening there like the dogs running around enjoying the area and the fact it brings people through appreciating the area. There are very few areas that dogs are allowed to run free and socialise, sniff and explore.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 283**

**Glenys Ann Guild**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This will make very little difference to the 10,000 plus dog owners in NP most of whom will not be doing this

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Most dog owners keep their dogs on leash until they reach the off leash areas

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I would like to see proof that oyster catchers and dotterels actually nest here. I understand they nest on rocky shores. Why propose an eight month restriction for breeding when this is patently wrong. No birds breed for this long

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

The wildlife here is nearly all seagulls with the occasional duck, none of which are in short supply, and all of which are quite capable of flying off safely.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The number of dogs walked in cemeteries is very small compared to the number registered. It gives dog owners a relatively safe, controlled environment to do so.

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**7. Other comments**

When is the Council going to provide dog owners with a purpose built, safe dog park, as part of the public amenities in NP as very many other progressive councils do. As an elderly dog owner I no longer feel safe on the walkway due to the speed and careless riding of entitled cyclists, and no longer use it.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 284**

**Karalyn Rania Chapman**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**Comments**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 285**

**Tim Wilson, Funk Fish**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

As a Inglewood business owner i am sick of having dogs pooing and peeing in front and on my building a ban on dogs in the Inglewood township would reduce how often i have to clean up after owners who don't take responsibility for their dogs

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 286**

**Suzanne Cursons**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

if owners pick up their animals deposits and are responsible

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

owners do not always obey signs, so wildlife could be in danger.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

i personally wouldn't walk a dog at back beach, too many unruly dogs.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

i thought that the walkway was leash only from the port through to bell block. there are not many people that have their dogs on leashes.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 287**

**Krystiana Wetton**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 288**      **Kim Harrison**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 289**

**Martin Ronald Stephens**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

The vast majority of dog owners are caring and considerate people. These peoples freedom and enjoyment with their dogs shouldn't be over-shadowed by an unruly, inconsiderate few. For most families dogs play an important role in motivating their owners to walk/exercise and enjoy what this city has to offer.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

This is an extremely popular dog exercising and socialising area for dogs and their owners. Most stay on the beach well away from the dune areas.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Most mornings my wife and I enjoy exercising our dog at New Zealand's best cemetery, the Te Henui Cemetery. We've never experienced anti-social behaviour by dogs or their owners. Everyone we meet is intent on a quiet walk in this beautiful cemetery with their dog roaming free to socialize with others. It is rare to see dog excrement that hasn't been picked up and in fact we pick up other dogs excrement if it has been over-looked and dispose; as do other dog owners. I suggest that the NPDC monitor the Te Henui cemetery to verify my comments.

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**7. Other comments**

I can't comment on dog and owner behaviour at other cemeteries and I don't believe the NPDC should do a blanket control for all cemeteries because it's easy. The amenity value of walking your dog off the leash is massive and most dog owners respect that privilege.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 290**

**Jody Samuel**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 291**      **Fred**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Dog owners do not follow the rules for leashed control already elsewhere. Why on earth would you think they will follow them in the CBD (not CBA)? Keep them out until all dog owners can actually follow the rules you've set.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Given that dog owners don't follow the rules, the only effective option to protect wildlife is to ban them

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Given that dog owners don't follow the rules, the only effective option to protect wildlife is to ban them

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support this, but I do not think it goes far enough.

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### *Comments*

Given that dog owners don't follow the rules, the only effective option to protect wildlife is to ban them.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

#### *Comments*

No - extend it to year-round.

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Leashed control might be okay here. But not off leash.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I appreciate that there might be psychological benefit to families to being able to bring their dog to visit the recently deceased. Leashed control seems reasonable.

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### 7. Other comments

Fundamentally, this is flawed. Leashes should be de facto required in all public places except when Council specifically removes it. I strongly support having specific dog exercise areas so that dogs can go off-leash in those places without having to be annoying the rest of us. There should be a couple of super-sized ones, but there should be a small dog park in each neighbourhood/suburb where possible. Ultimately, the majority of dog owners are not responsible at present as they let their dog off-leash in public and cannot control them. Until such time as dog owners can prove their responsibility, they need to be restricted more heavily. Don't give in to the dog lobby group. Restrict further, and harder. Your survey results are clearly going to be biased since you wrote to all dog owners but not to anyone else.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 292**      **Gill Lambert**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Great idea to trial this

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Great idea!

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I support it for all cemeteries except Te Henui. We walk there daily, usually twice per day with our dog. We keep him under control and find that other dog owners generally do the same. If I see anyone else it is the wonderful volunteer gardeners, or other dog walkers. It is seldom I see people at a burial, or even paying their respects by a grave. If I did encounter this I always put my dog on a lead or keep our distance. Please keep Te Henui as a lead off area.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 293**

**Mike Wesley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### **Comments**

There needs to be harsher penalties for non compliance of exsisting controls

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

## 7. Other comments

There needs to be strict policing of the existing dog by laws. The soft approach by council officers does not work. review the number of dogs in a residential area rather than per property. It's the number of dogs that contribute to the barking Dog issue. eg there are 8 dogs surrounding our home of which 6 constantly bark. 3 live next door. without approval. Approval for more than 1 dog should be sought and that should be given only with neighbours consent. Barking dogs should be arbitrarily removed if complaints are justified. Abuse from dog owners when a complaint is made needs to be addressed. I am appalled to read that a dog that attacked a child is now the subject of expensive litigation not to mention the medical cost associated and more tragically the permanent disfigurement of a young child. And the dog still lives.!!! The dog has more rights than I do. Cheers

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 294      Jack Turner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

No to Dogs in the CBD The last time I visited the gardens near Richmond Cottage at Pukeariki there was dog shit everywhere and my 1 year old daughter put her hand in some, absolutely disgusting.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 295**

**Maree Butterworth**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

I do not use this beach so would rather not comment and can not untick answer.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

#### **Comments**

As a dog walker on Fitzroy beach I feel Dec to end of Feb would be perfect because there are very few people on the beach other than dog walkers before and after these months.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

My dogs love their cemetery walks off lead and are under control. Would be disappointed to see this change.

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**7. Other comments**

Feel extremely privileged to be able to walk dogs through Pukekura Park on lead. Thank you!

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 296**

**Graham O'Grady**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Its nice to let the dogs off in Te Henui Cemetery, all the dogs I've seen here have been well behaved, I walk/run through it daily.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 297**      **Emily Davenport**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

The trial has been great. We live on the edge of the CBD and this lets us walk our dog between home and the coastal walkway or to dog friendly cafes such as public catering co.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Yes seems fair enough to protect wildlife but the grass at the top of the dune doesn't have any wildlife. Why not just include the end of the beach?

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Fair enough to protect wildlife

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support this as there is a genuine need to protect wildlife here

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

This beach is hardly used by swimmers in the summer compared to the other New Plymouth beaches so I don't see why it should be leash controlled during the summer months.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The cemeteries are the best places to let your dogs run free as there are few bikes or other walkers for them to get in the way of. Also the volunteers who look after the Te Henui cemetery like to have their dogs off. They might quit volunteering if they can't bring their dogs along off leash

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**7. Other comments**

I can't see how you can't let dogs in the cbd when there are people living in apartments with dogs and people like me living on the city fringe with dogs who need walks. It is very limiting to have them banned and seems unfair when We are responsible dog owners

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 298**      **Becky Jenkins, Taranaki District Health Board**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

#### **SUBMISSION: Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

We do not wish to speak in support of our Submission.

The Public Health Unit (PHU) of the Taranaki District Health Board welcomes the opportunity to submit on the **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**.

Taranaki PHU is one of 12 public health units providing public health services across Aotearoa/New Zealand. We provide a range of services with a focus on promoting health equity and protecting communities against public health hazards, including through a Wellbeing in All Policies approach (WiAP).

Taranaki PHU is committed to creating a fairer society where everyone has the opportunity for good health, and where our societal systems consider the needs and aspirations of Māori as tangata whenua and work in partnership with Māori through the application of Te Tiriti o Waitangi articles and principles. One of the roles of the Medical Officer of Health is to advise Territorial Authorities and Regional Councils on issues that may impact on the health of the public.

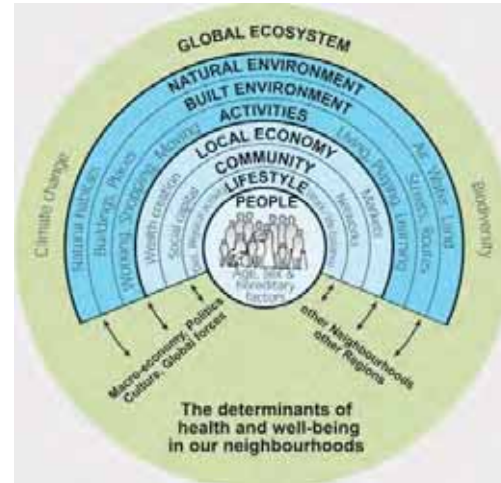


Figure 1 The Determinants of Health and Wellbeing in Communities (Whitehead & Dahlgren, 2006)

WiAP is a cross-sectoral approach to policy that considers the health and wellbeing implications of policy decisions, to improve population health and equity. Many of the determinants of health lie beyond the control or influence of the health sector and the individual and form a complex system of factors that determine health outcomes (Figure 1). The decisions of local government play a direct role in the determinants of health in communities.

Animals can have both positive and negative impacts on human health and wellbeing. Pets and other animals are recognised for their potential to not only improve owners' physical health but also mental health and wellbeing.<sup>1</sup> Interactions with or living in close proximity to animals can also have negative impacts on human health and wellbeing, either directly from injuries during interactions (e.g. bites), zoonotic diseases and allergies or the indirect impacts of odour, noise and other nuisances.<sup>2</sup>

Dogs are a popular pet, in 2020 34% of NZ households owned at least one dog, an increase from 28% in 2015.<sup>3</sup> Owning a dog has the potential to increase health and wellbeing through increased exercise opportunities and social interactions.<sup>45</sup> Dogs can also have a negative impact on health. In New Plymouth District in 2018 there were 306 ACC claims for Dog Related Injuries.<sup>6</sup> Research published in 2019<sup>7</sup> showed that from 2004-2014 there were 4958 dog bites requiring hospitalisation in New Zealand, and indicates that children, young males and Māori had higher relative risk for sustaining a dog bite that required admission to hospital. Hospitalisation from dog bites was also associated with areas with a higher deprivation score.<sup>8</sup> Dog controls also play an important role in wildlife conservation in New Zealand as native birds and other wild animals are vulnerable to harm from dog attacks.<sup>9</sup>

The Public Health Unit supports the provision of opportunities for people to exercise and socialise with their dogs in public spaces with controls that protect others from potential harm and nuisance to benefit the community. The Public Health Unit also supports the expanded initiatives to protect wildlife and the natural environment.

The Public Health Unit recommends ongoing engagement with the community around responsible dog ownership, in particular in regard to disposal of dog faeces and recommends a review of council provided waste disposal facilities in the Central Business Area, given that dogs have not previously been permitted in this area.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>3</sup> Companion Animal NZ, (2020). Companion Animals in New Zealand 2020. [Publications — Companion Animals New Zealand](#) (Accessed 30/11/21)

<sup>4</sup> Dogs Supporting Human Health and Well-Being: A Biopsychosocial Approach - OvidDS

<sup>5</sup> Functional and recreational dog walking practices in the UK - OvidDS

<sup>6</sup> Dog Related Injury Claims: New Plymouth District Council - D3 - ([localcouncils.govt.nz](#)) (Accessed 30/11/21)

<sup>7</sup> J Mair, N Duncan-Sutherland & Z Moaveni (2019). The incidence and risk factors of dog bite injuries requiring hospitalisation in New Zealand. *NZMJ*. Vol 132 No 1494: 3 May 2019

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<sup>9</sup> Why dog access is controlled: Dog access ([doc.govt.nz](#)) (Accessed 30/11/21)

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 299**

**Renata Herewini Smith**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Personally I'm not a fan as the foot traffic and volume of kids creates an additional risk to the community. Extra staffing needs will also have a flow down to people having to pay more for registration.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Great place to walk the dog

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Not in all cemeteries. Due to the age, current use of the Te Henui, would like this to remain unleashed. We drive here just to walk our dog. We only ever see other dog walkers or people passing through. Please!! we love going there unleashed!!

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 300**

**Dawn Page**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

As I have a registered Hearing Dog this doesn't concern me personally but if by including leashed dogs it brings more people & a liveliness into town that surely is a positive..

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

#### *Comments*

Im not sure as unfamiliar with that area

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I see Te Henui & Awanui cemeteries as totally different areas. I know of no dog owner who walks their dog in the Awanui Cemetery but there are dozens who use Te Henui on a daily basis. I have lived at my present address for over 32 years & have

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**7. Other comments**

never seen a dog fight or bad dog behaviour in that time. I am now 90 years old & was active in retaining this area for unleashed dogs several years ago never thinking then that this "non problem" would come up again. Have we no right to know who instigated this

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 301**      **Maria Shewry**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I walk my dog through the Te Henui Cemetery every day. I drive there from another suburb to do so. There are many other dog walkers who also do this. I have never had any problems . Please make this cemetery exempt from this proposed bylaw.

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 302**

**Nathan Lightbourne**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 303**

**Matthew Hansman**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

As long as beach can be used and walkway

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**



**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

The Te Henui is an easy and nice spot to walk a dog close to town I have walk my dog here for 7 years never a problem and its abit of a cross rd with all the walk ways around it too. And the Awanui should be lash only .

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 304**

**Mary Elizabeth Hastie**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### **Comments**

I have been a volunteer gardener at Te Henui. Cemetery for over 5years, working about 20hrs per week. I also have over 30yrs experience of large dog ownership. I feel the need to leash all dogs at the cemetery is unnecessary. The dog behaviour at Te Henui is of a very high standard. Both handlers and dogs enjoy the 24 acres of space, freedom and beauty and there is good control. There are some exuberant dogs but no aggression, there's room for all. Handlers are walking their dogs from dawn till night, which does discourage antisocial behaviour from others. To insist all dogs are on leads would be a sad decision for this lovely area.

### 7. Other comments

Thank you for the opportunity to air my thoughts.

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 305**

**Georgina Mary Paul**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### **Comments**

This is not a patrolled beach so swimmers would be best not using it.

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

Not many non dog walkers use beaches early.

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

Te Henui seems to only be used by volunteer gardeners and dog walkers. Such a special place for dogs and owners. My dog would be shocked if she had to be leached there. Maybe Awanui has more people rending graves. Don't know as we don't go there.

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**7. Other comments**

It's in everyones best interest to have well exercised and socialised dogs. Please don't make it too hard to do this.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 306**

**Leslie Gordon Sharp**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I believe that there would be too much risk if dangerous dogs were allowed, and menacing dogs make people feel threatened. Our dog is currently a pup, but quite exuberant, and it is noticeable that some children can be quite frightened of him. Not everyone likes dogs, so there will be some people who are offended by their being present at all.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Wildlife needs protection, especially from the hunting breeds of dogs.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

As above.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Again, the wildlife breeding areas need protection.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

#### ***Comments***

Not an area that I have frequented, nor intend to do so.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

Would suggest that the end date be less variable. 6pm on the first Sunday of April would be a better option. Daylight saving nationally isn't evenly timed. It starts after the spring equinox, but ends after the autumn equinox.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Adding to the available areas is good although sufficient control to protect wildlife breeding areas needs to remain a factor.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Useful for those who find solace in visiting the cemeteries and are dog owners. Definitely wouldn't advocate having dogs not on a leash.

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**7. Other comments**

New Plymouth could benefit from a dedicated dog park as dog socialisation will normally help with maintaining the well being of dogs where the owner can't afford the available commercial operations. I'm happy to discuss any points if required.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 307**

**Peter James Fryer**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

***Comments***

dangerous dogs can still be uncontrollable when on a leash

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

there are a lot of birds breeding on the islands and using the area , they were here first and should be given priority

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

as above

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Blue penguin are known to use the groynes , as a breeding or haul ashore refuge , they are vulnerable to dogs , cats and people , nesting success can be compromised by disturbance from the above ,

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

the more you can control disturbance of birds by inconsiderate people the better

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

It still allows people to exercise dogs and gives protection to birds

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

***Comments***

I have no opinion on this issue ,

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**7. Other comments**

I live close by the Waiongana stream mouth where Variable Oyster catcher , at least 3 pair breed , successfully and not some years , there have also been breeding by NZ Dotterel , but there is a constant problem with free roaming dogs , in particular a woman walks from Waitara along the beach with 2 dogs that at times she cannot see , I tried talking to her but without success , the usual " my dogs dont chase or disturb birds' bullshit . People think it is alright to let their dogs chase the birds , afterall they can fly , but it takes energy to fly , and they need to rest , How would they like it if I came and chased them around after they come home from a days work , beaches are where birds live , we just visit . This brings me to the main problem at Waiongana , 4 wheel bikes , mainly members of the naturist club with bikes , trailers and chainsaws collecting firewood from the beach , I have roped of an area where birds roost and nest but they steal the signs , and generally ignore what I try to do , they think it is their right to treat the beach however they like , they have no "rights" the birds were there first . this applies to most beaches

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 308**

**Shuna Giles**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

The owners of dangerous and menacing dogs cannot control them whether on a lead or not so should not be allowed in areas which can be crowded.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I cannot see how this can be policed and how you prevent dogs running into the dunes.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

This timing makes much more sense than the current 0900 time as there are rarely beach-goers there before 1000.

#### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

##### ***Comments***

As above.

#### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

##### ***Comments***

It is much more enjoyable for dogs and people alike to be able to do a circuit rather than a "there and back" walk.

#### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

##### ***Comments***

I am totally against this proposal for the following reasons.

I will refer to the Te Henui Cemetery first.

1. This would be impossible to police as dog walkers are there from 0530 onwards.
2. The dog walkers do a wonderful job of collecting other people's litter especially broken glass.
3. There are at least 6 exits so impossible for dog rangers to monitor.
4. There is a wonderful community of dog walkers with very well-behaved dogs who enjoy the peaceful ambience of the cemetery.
5. I have been walking my dogs there for 15 years and there is far less vandalism and far fewer unsavoury characters there than there used to be.
6. The volunteers have done a wonderful job of creating a beautiful place of tranquillity which the dog walkers appreciate and respect. The volunteers tend to the graves far more than friends and relatives of the deceased.
7. If there are grave visitors present then the regular dog walkers give them a wide berth and leave them in peace.
8. In my 15 years of walking in the THC I would suggest that only about 15 of the graves are visited annually and fewer than 10 about 6 times a year.
9. I recently did an unofficial survey over five days by visiting the THC four times (varying times) a day and staying there for 45 minutes each time. There was only one grave visitor during my survey and he was more than happy to talk to me and stroke my dog.
10. There are very few recently bereaved persons in the THC and when there are the dog walkers treat them with respect.
11. Many of the regular dog walkers are in the older age group and they feel safe in the THC as they are not likely to be hit by cyclists, skate boarders etc. as on the walkways.
12. The community of dog walkers look out for each other and their dogs and it becomes a social outing for isolated elderly people in a safe environment.

13. The grave visitors in the THC are usually studying family genealogy so are often keen to talk to regular visitors and we are able to help them find their ancestors.
14. Homeless people used to wash themselves at the taps in the THC but no longer do so because of the presence of volunteers and dog walkers.
15. The volunteers feel safer having dog walkers in the THC rather than the drug addicts, homeless people etc. who used to visit the THC regularly.
16. In my experience dogs on leads are more trouble than dogs running freely.
17. I believe one of the complaints was against the German Shepherd dog who is very lively but she is certainly not vicious. Perhaps the complaint should be not be logged as aggressive?

The following relate to the Awanui Cemetery.

1. I live next door to this Cemetery and regularly walk through it. I keep my dog on the lead when there are mourners there and let him off when there is no-one visiting it.
2. There are only about 8 regular dog walkers in the AWC and they are all extremely respectful of visitors who are much more likely to be recently bereaved than visitors to the THC.
3. We also pick up litter (usually artificial flowers) which has blown all over the place.
4. It would be confusing to have one rule for one cemetery and one for another.

I am totally against having dogs on leads in the cemeteries.

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## **7. Other comments**

I totally agree that people who drive their cars with their dogs beside them should be punished. This used to happen a great deal in the Te Henui Cemetery and Audrey Gale Park but I have not seen it for a long time. I would be happy to speak about the Te Henui Cemetery only.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 309**

**Kate Phipps**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I think this is a great idea as theres a lot of energy in the carpark with cars, dogs, surfers, beach goers etc coming and going

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

We barely have anywhere to take our dogs off lead as it is. Its common sense to leash your dog if theres seals around. Or if known theres seals or nesting in an area, you could just put signs up like they do a tupare and you keep your dog leashed at that area rather than just presuming the whole beach is off limits

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

I definately feel like this needs reviewing, beaches are often empty in the early and later hours

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is a great idea!

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 310**

**Harry Giles**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### **Comments**

Circuits are much more fun than one way walks.

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

This proposal is totally unnecessary as the regular dog walkers are very respectful of the graves and their visitors at all times. All regular dog walkers leash their dogs when appropriate without hesitation. It would be impossible to police given the geographic nature of the cemeteries with their multiple exits. Dog walkers visit from very early in the morning to late at night which is a great deterrent to drug dealers etc. who used to frequent the cemeteries.

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**7. Other comments**

My house mate has listed many comments so I will not repeat them.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 311**      **Helen Hastie**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Definitely support protection however please clarify can you still take your dog down the rock wall into the Te Henui stream between the pedestrian bridge and river mouth. This is a good spot for dogs to get fresh water

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

Yes changing hour to 10am is great idea



**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Another great idea, is very unclear at present where exactly dogs can go, clearly marked dog track would be great

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

No need for this requirement, I have never seen an out of control dog in any cemetery, please don't punish the majority of responsible people and dogs. Te Henui particularly is a lovely safe place for people and their dogs to enjoy and being able to wander freely is part of the enjoyment

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**7. Other comments**

There will always be people complaining about dogs and bad dog owners. The majority of dog owners do what's right. Please don't unnecessarily restrict their dogs

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 312**

**Cameron Hunt, Department of Conservation**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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The evidence submitted by Department of Conservation member Callum Lilley was prepared in July 2019 while it was prepared for the Taranaki Coastal Plan the evidence it contains dog attacks on coastal wild life is relevant to this current matter. (Evidence on following pages)

The following information is provided as additional supporting evidence to this matter.

The Department of Conservation maintains a database of dead and injured birds that are located across Taranaki this includes information on Little Blue Penguin (Korora). The information in this database is built from staff members who discover or are called by the public to dead or injured birds. In regards to the number of birds over the last year this data is not complete as during level three and four lockdown DOC was unable to attend / investigate any wild life incidents. Unless DOC has good evidence as to a dog attack or we send the bird off for necropsy DOC often doesn't know the cause of death. Lastly DOC doesn't actively go looking for dead birds it requires people to call in the location and having a staff member able to investigate. It would be fair to say that DOC would locate about 50% of the dead birds we get called about. Injured birds get prioritised over dead birds. It is likely that the number of attacks on sea birds is much greater than what we know from our data.

### Back Beach – Herekawe Stream Mouth area

We have no confirmed dog attacks on penguins in the last six months at this location. Our historical data has confirmed dog attacks on blue penguins, a grey faced petrel and a shag at / near this area.

### Back Beach – Northern end near the Sugar Loaf Islands

In the last six months we have two reports of seals being attacked by dogs in this area with DOC currently investigating.

In October 2021 a little blue penguin was located near Centennial Drive car park that had injuries consistent with a dog attack however this was unable to be confirmed.

### Dune and rock area between Te Henui Stream mouth to Waiwhakaiho

No confirmed dog attacks in the last six months, historical data between 2018 and early 2021 have attacks by dogs on penguins at Waiwhakaiho river mouth, and east end beach. Seals are frequent all year between the Te Henui south along the walk way into town. They are most often on the rocks below the walk way but we regularly get them up on the concrete path making them vulnerable to dogs.

**BEFORE THE TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Under **The Resource Management Act 1991**

And

In the matter of **The Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki**

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**Statement of evidence of Callum David Lilley  
on behalf of the Minister of Conservation  
Dated 12 July 2019**

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### **Introduction**

1. My full name is Callum David Lilley.
2. I am employed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) as Senior Ranger/Supervisor – Biodiversity in New Plymouth. I have worked for the Department of Conservation since October 2006. During this time, I have predominantly specialised in marine and coastal work in the Taranaki Region. I have experience in conservation management and survey of coastal and marine flora and fauna, marine mammals and marine reserves. I grew up in Taranaki and since my youth have spent considerable time exploring Taranaki beaches. This has been for the purpose of recreational pursuits such as fishing, surfing and snorkelling, as well as through my role as a coastal and marine DOC Ranger and as an Honorary Fisheries Officer for MPI undertaking coastal patrols.
3. I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Science majoring in Zoology and Master of Science majoring in Marine Science from the University of Otago.

### **Code of Conduct**

4. I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses produced by the Environment Court. While this is not an Environment Court hearing, I have prepared this evidence in accordance with, and I agree to comply with, that code for this hearing. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed. I confirm that the issues addressed in this brief of evidence are within my area of expertise.

### **Scope of evidence**

5. My evidence will deal with the following, with particular regard to my experience in the Taranaki Region:
  - a. Impact of dogs on indigenous wildlife in the coastal environment
  - b. Marine reserve marker buoys as navigation aids
  - c. Burial of marine mammals
  - d. Project Reef as an area of Outstanding Natural Character

### **Impact of dogs in the coastal environment**

6. Policy 17 (Public access) of the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki (the Proposed Plan) provides for restrictions on public access (where necessary) to protect significant natural values and threatened and at-risk indigenous

species. However, Method 6.4 (Natural Heritage) does not propose methods to protect indigenous wildlife from dogs, which in my opinion are a major threat to vulnerable coastal fauna.

7. I support the s42A report's recommended change to Method 14 to provide for advocacy to relevant agencies to protect significant indigenous biodiversity. However, given the level of threat that dogs present to protected indigenous coastal species such as penguins, shorebirds and N.Z. fur seal, I think the plan needs to more clearly emphasise means of managing the threat that dogs pose.
8. Over the years, I have observed once-isolated beaches with few visitors now experience *relatively* frequent visitation. I believe this has come about through more visitors, sprawling sub-division and because the Taranaki region is experiencing population growth. A proportion of these visitors visit with their dogs which are often not under control, either on a leash or in immediate proximity and responsive to verbal commands. Houses adjacent to once isolated coast now have resident dogs that are walked on the beaches most evenings.
9. I frequently observe dogs chasing and disturbing shorebirds. Owners are often oblivious to the impacts this has on those species. During this time birds are unable to feed or rest, and eggs in nests can be vulnerable to breakage. Adults may also abandon nests following continued harassment.
10. One of the indigenous species most threatened by dogs is blue penguins and the result of an interaction is often death. The threat status of blue penguins is "At Risk – declining"<sup>1</sup>. The flightless seabird is most vulnerable on beaches at dawn and dusk as they move between the water (where they feed during the day) and their burrows. However, I have also followed up instances of dogs killing penguins during the day. Penguins are found along much of the Taranaki coastline in quite low numbers. However, there are sites including Port Taranaki, Urenui and Wai-iti that are considered hot-spots or colonies.

<sup>1</sup> Robertson, H.A.; Baird, K.; Dowding, J.E.; Elliott, G.P.; Hitchmough, R.A.; Miskelly, C.M.; McArthur, N.; O'Donnell, C.F.J.; Sagar, P.M.; Scofield, R.P.; Taylor, G.A. 2016: Conservation status of New Zealand birds, 2016. *New Zealand Threat Classification Series 19*. Department of Conservation, Wellington. 23 p.

11. Some people refuse to believe that their dog will kill a penguin, but penguins are very attractive targets to even well-trained dogs. They are small, smelly, unable to defend themselves and will run when disturbed. Dogs generally grab them by the chest, rump or neck and shake them. Attachment 1 shows some examples of blue penguins killed in this manner. Even small dogs can kill a penguin this way, and death can occur within a couple of seconds. Sometimes a smaller dog will catch a bird by the head, which can cause severe injury to an eye (Attachment 2). Even if the bird survives the attack, they will likely not survive in the wild should they need to be rehabilitated. In those instances, the penguin may need to be euthanised (see Attachment 2).
12. During my first few years working for DOC, instances of reported dog attacks on blue penguins were relatively rare. I began keeping records in 2010 following six instances of dogs killing penguins within six months. Attachment 3 shows a Taranaki Daily News article relating to the death of two of these birds. (I sent these birds to Massey University for necropsy and the pathologist's report confirmed dog attack as the likely cause of death). Since then, I have documented 47 instances of blue penguins being attacked by dogs. All but six of these have died. Those that have survived have been through long treatment and rehabilitation prior to release.
13. I suspect the number of penguins killed by dogs is considerably higher because:
  - a. Many will be killed in isolated areas and never reported. Owners of dogs that have killed penguins seldom report the attack. In Taranaki, the majority of dead or injured penguins are found where visitation is highest, generally around New Plymouth between Back Beach and Waiwhakaiho. However, the number of penguins present in some remote areas is likely higher as the birds are less exposed to domestic pets and habitat modification.
  - b. If an adult is killed in breeding season before chicks fledge, then those chicks will die. One adult being killed may result in three penguin deaths. Starved chicks are unlikely to ever be discovered.
  - c. I frequently observe dogs off-leash and running through dunes, caves, and vegetation well above the high-tide mark where there are likely to be nests. Their owners are generally walking on firm sand in

the intertidal zone. I suspect many penguins are killed without their owners ever knowing.

14. The records I have detailed are penguins that have “probably” been killed by dogs. Those are the cases where the cause of death by a dog are apparent. The attack may have been witnessed, or there may be signs consistent with dog attack. An example is that at times a dog will put its paws on the body of the penguin and pull at its head with its mouth, elongating much of the spine and stretching out the neck (see Attachment 4 for examples). Sometimes there will be puncture wounds and I will cut back the skin and find massive internal haemorrhaging (Attachment 5). At times, I may have suspected an attack as the bird had been in good condition, but the body was found in an odd or suspicious location. In these instances, I have sent the carcass off to Massey University for necropsy and the cause of death has been confirmed through a pathology report (see Attachment 6 for examples of pathologist reports).
15. In January of this year, a Taranaki Regional Council Scientific Officer was at Port Taranaki monitoring the area after a diesel spill. She found two dead penguins on the Lee breakwater with puncture wounds that she suspected were from a dog. While there, a member of the public reported that there was a third bird that they had thrown down amongst the rocks. The tide was coming in and the Officer was unable to locate this bird. She took GPS waypoints of where the birds were found (Attachment 7), photographed the birds (Attachment 8) and sent them to Massey University to investigate whether there was any link to the spill. There was no sign of oiling and the pathologist concluded the injuries were consistent with dog attack (Attachment 9). I consider the most probable cause of death of the third bird was also dog attack.
16. New Zealand fur seals are also threatened by dogs. Often dogs just bark and harass seals, but they can nip, bite and kill them too.
17. While the only fur seal breeding colony is centred around the Ngā Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands, seals haul-out to rest along much of the Taranaki coast. Seal pups are most vulnerable due to their small size, particularly unweaned pups that can be left for several days while their mothers head out to sea to feed.

18. In my time with DOC I have followed up a number of reports of dogs attacking seals. Often seals have escaped with minor to moderate wounds. However, their fate is not always able to be determined as they will often head into the water to escape the threat and may not be sighted again. I personally have followed up three instances of pups that have been killed by dogs and one female adult. In addition, I have had to euthanise another two adult seals due to major injuries inflicted by dogs as they were suffering and not likely to survive.
19. The onus is often put on the Department of Conservation to deal with the threat of dogs on protected marine mammals (under the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978) and indigenous wildlife (under the Wildlife Act 1953). However, besides from signage and advocacy which is often not taking on board by owners, law enforcement response by DOC is very much “the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff”. It is also challenging to use prosecution as a deterrent as information that we receive is inadequate to identify owners and follow-up action is not possible.
20. In my opinion encouraging district councils to implement and enforce dog control bylaws, and to set appropriate rules around pets and subdivision, will more appropriately help manage the threat of dogs to indigenous coastal wildlife.

**Marine Reserve marker buoys as navigational aids**

21. Rule 21 of the Proposed Plan allows for certain agencies to install navigational aids as a permitted activity. I consider that DOC should be included as one of those agencies.
22. The Department of Conservation administers the Marine Reserves Act 1971. This Act requires that marine reserves are administered and maintained so that they are preserved as far as possible in their natural state. They are a conservation tool, as opposed to a fisheries management tool, and their purpose is to preserve indigenous biodiversity. Scientific studies of marine reserves allow for a better understanding of marine ecosystems and subsequently, enhanced management of them. Scientists can study the behaviour and ecology of species in the absence of exploitation pressure and better understand natural population fluctuations as opposed to human induced changes.



23. Preservation of a marine reserve depends on the strict observation of a ban on taking or harvesting fish and other marine life. This depends on fishers and gatherers knowing what the no fishing/no taking rules are and where those rules apply.
24. DOC administers two marine reserves in Taranaki. Parininihi Marine Reserve is relatively isolated and is located off the Whitecliffs near Urenui, North Taranaki. Tapuae Marine Reserve is adjacent to the city of New Plymouth. It has multiple access points along the coast and is a short boat-trip from New Plymouth boat ramp which is located in Port Taranaki.
25. Both marine reserves are marked by signage at clearly visible locations near access points, and offshore boundaries are marked by marine buoys. Section 22 of the Marine Reserves Act provides for the marking of marine reserves by beacons, lights, buoys or marks that the Director-General of Conservation considers necessary, provided that concurrence has been obtained by the Secretary of Transport. DOC holds consents from Taranaki Regional Council and Maritime New Zealand for existing installed marine reserve marker buoys.
26. The buoys are special navigation markers. They are yellow, which is a legal requirement for special marks. To be safe and effective, they must be highly visible. The corner buoys of each marine reserve are fitted with lights. These have a distinctive flash sequence. The boundaries of the marine reserves and the flash sequence of the corner buoys are shown on nautical charts.
27. Construction and instalment of the marine reserve navigation buoys is similar to other marine reserves. They consist of a mooring anchor, which is a 500kg concrete block that settles into the sea floor, and a rope and chain attaching the buoy to an anchor. The blocks are placed on a sand/mud seabed. Their placement is known to kill the sessile organisms immediately below them. I have regularly inspected the marine reserve mooring blocks and have observed that over time other sessile organisms colonise them, much the same as small reefs.
28. DOC holds consent for eight marker buoys in Tapuae Marine Reserve and seven marker buoys in Parininihi Marine Reserve. Each of these 15 mooring blocks is approximately 1.8m<sup>2</sup>, so the cumulative impact is less than 30m<sup>2</sup>

spread across a large distance. In my opinion the impact of these blocks should be regarded as minor and given the species displaced are common, and a fraction of the habitat is impacted, the effects are of little significance.

29. The s42A report has agreed with relief sought by the Minister of Conservation for Rule 21 (Navigation aid erection and placement) to allow for erection of navigation aids as a permitted activity for Taranaki Regional Council or its agents; or Port Taranaki or its agents; or Maritime New Zealand or its agents. In my opinion, I believe DOCs operational responsibility to erect navigational aids has been overlooked and the Department should be added to the list of agencies able to erect navigational aids as a permitted activity.

#### **Burial of marine mammals**

30. Rule 54 of the Proposed Plan requires DOC to consult iwi on the burial of marine mammals. This is done for dolphins and whales, but is generally not appropriate for seals. I consider that obligations to tangata whenua regarding marine mammals are best dealt with under DOC's own obligations under various Acts and Deed of Settlement protocols rather than under the Regional Coastal Plan.
31. The Department of Conservation administers the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978. The Act sets out the Department's responsibilities regarding marine mammals, including their disposal.
32. When dolphins or whales strand, DOC has statutory responsibilities with respect to tangata whenua. Section 50(3) of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 states "When making decisions about managing a stranded marine mammal, a marine mammal officer must... have particular regard to the views of any affected iwi, hapū or whanau expressed to the officer". Policy 4.4(h) of Conservation General Policy acknowledges tangata whenua as kaitiaki and specifies they will be involved in the management of stranded mammals in accordance with agreed protocols. There are also marine mammal protocols in Deed of Settlement agreements between the Crown and Post Settlement Governance Entities (PSGE) that must be adhered to. While Deed of Settlement protocols may vary between settled iwi, they generally reference *stranded marine mammals*. Given that fur seals

are a marine mammal that spends part of their life on land, they do not strand. I therefore consider that DOC's statutory responsibilities are a reference to *dolphins* and *whales* as opposed to seals.

33. When dolphins and whales strand, DOC consults and works with local iwi and hapū through every step of the stranding response, including disposal. Generally, once DOC becomes aware of a stranding, the PSGE or iwi office is notified. The iwi will often hand over to the hapū who holds mana whenua/mana moana over that section of coast. The process of notification and ensuring that DOC is speaking to the right people can at times take several hours. No work is undertaken until procedures such as karakia have taken place. All decisions are made alongside tangata whenua.
34. Stranding events of dolphins and whales are relatively rare and of huge significance to tangata whenua, unlike New Zealand fur seals/kekeno, which are commonly found dead or dying on the coastline. For example, through the last calendar year (2018), the DOC New Plymouth Office received 30 reports of dead seals between Wai-iti in the north and Kaupokonui in the south. On several occasions over the years, I have received reports of as many as three dead seals in the same day.
35. In isolated areas, the preference is to leave dead seals to nature as they break down relatively quickly through natural processes. However, in many areas decomposing seals are deemed a public nuisance and disposal is required. If seals can be easily removed, the preference is to dispose of them down an offal hole. However, removing dead seals can be difficult due to factors such as poor vehicle access and due to the weight of animals. In these instances, seals need to be buried on the beach, provided the location is appropriate.
36. Due to the number of seals found dead on Taranaki beaches and the frequent need to bury them, I consider that Rule 54 (Burial of dead animals) creates an impractical obligation for DOC to notify iwi of seal burials. I also think that notification would cause practical difficulties for iwi as it may then trigger processes to notify hapū. I therefore support the relief sought in the proposed amendment in the s42A report to exempt fur seals from iwi notification when they need to be buried. If there are instances where iwi or hapū do wish to work with the DOC around fur seal burial, then I consider

there are other mechanisms that are better suited to incorporate these wishes.

### **Project Reef as an area of Outstanding Natural Character**

37. In my opinion, Project Reef qualifies as an Area of Outstanding Natural Character under the criteria given in the proposed Plan. While I have not dived the Project Reef myself, I am very familiar with the reef through the findings of Project Reef Life. I have been in regular communication with Project Reef Life coordinator Karen Pratt since before the application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Participatory Science Platform (Curious Minds) fund was made. Since then, Mrs. Pratt and other Project Reef Life members have shared photos, videos and other study findings with me. The purpose at times was to seek my comment, and at other times simply for my information. I have been copied in on email correspondence about the Project Reef with fish and invertebrate experts and have discussed monitoring methods with project members. I have also attended presentations by the group on several occasions where findings were presented to the community.
38. Due to my role with DOC and familiarity with the Project Reef and wider Taranaki coastline, I was requested in 2017 to review an application by the South Taranaki Underwater Club to Taranaki Regional Council to recognise the Project Reef as an area of Outstanding Natural Character. Following this, after discussion with DOC planners and Technical Advisors, I provided an endorsement of the Club's assessment of the Project Reef to Taranaki Regional Council officers outlining some of the special features of that reef. These include:
- a. The relatively shallow depth of the reef (23m) considering its distance offshore. This makes it less prone to cliff erosion and sediment inputs from river events and other land-based activities. This leads to better water clarity and light penetration which allows kelp and other seaweed to grow a long way offshore.
  - b. The geology of the reef, being comprised of cemented concretionary shelly sandstone, compared to other papa or andesitic cobble/boulder/rock reefs that characterise much of the offshore Taranaki environment.

- c. The size of the reef in an environment that is *generally* characterised as being sandy in nature.
  - d. The complexity of habitat that the reef provides. It is high-relief with cracks, crevices, small caves and overhangs. This is valuable habitat for rock-lobster, eels, rays, carpet sharks and a range of fish species.
  - e. The geological structure is covered with a diverse range of seaweeds, sponges, hydroids and bryozoans. "Biogenic" (living) habitats are considered high-value environments as they are so biologically diverse and provide valuable refuge for juvenile fish and invertebrates.
  - f. The diversity and cover of sponge species.
39. In conclusion, I agree with the s42A report's recommendation to retain the Project Reef (ON6) as an area of Outstanding Natural Character.

#### **Conclusion**

40. In my opinion, I think the Plan needs to more clearly emphasise means of managing the threat that dogs pose to coastal wildlife; that DOC should be added to the list of agencies able to erect navigational aids as a permitted activity; that seals should be exempt from the requirement to notify iwi when buried; and that the Project Reef should be retained as an area of Outstanding Natural Character.



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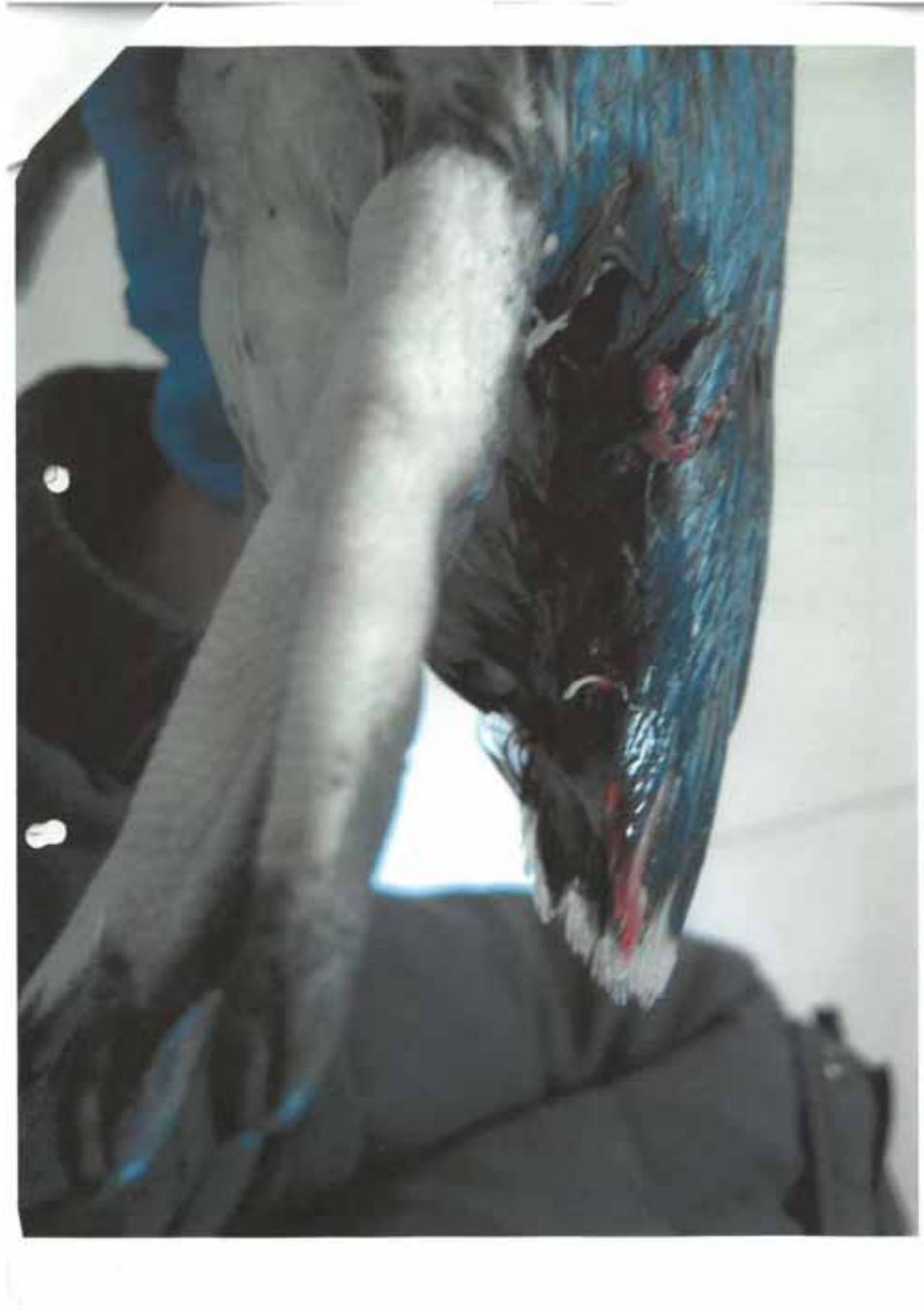
Callum David Lilley

DATED this 12th day of July 2019

**Attachment 1** – photos taken by New Plymouth DOC Rangers of blue penguins killed by dogs biting chest, rump and neck.



**Attachment 1** – continued.





**Attachment 1** – continued.





**Attachment 2** – photos taken by a New Plymouth DOC Ranger of damage inflicted to the head and eye of a blue penguin by a dog.



**Attachment 3** – Taranaki Daily News article on dog attacks on blue penguins.



## Roving dogs suspects in penguin killings

*Taranaki Daily News 16/8/10*  
**Jared Smith**  
[jared.smith@dailynews.co.nz](mailto:jared.smith@dailynews.co.nz)

Dog owners are being urged to keep their animals on a leash while on the beach after two little blue penguins were killed at the start of nesting season last week.

Department of Conservation ranger Callum Lilley said a roaming dog was carrying one dead penguin in its mouth on Wai-iti Beach, while the other was found on Ngamotu Beach with puncture marks.

"The birds will be autopsied at the New Zealand Wildlife Centre at Massey University but their injuries suggest a dog attack. It's certainly not our mate the leopard seal. They tend to chomp and don't leave any evidence."

The leopard seal swam into Port Taranaki on August 6.

Mark Meyburg, who is researching the penguins on a one-year teacher fellowship from the Royal Society of New Zealand, said Wai-iti had a bigger penguin colony than many Taranaki beaches.

In June, the students of Mimi Primary School launched Project Pingu to build and place protective wooden boxes for the penguins to nest.

"We are placing about traps there, too," said Mr Meyburg.

"But roaming dogs will soon bite into a dwindling population. Local residents Gwen and Ian Besley used to have penguins walking past their door but they don't see as many now."

At 55 centimetres to 40cm tall and weighing 1 kilogram, the little blues are the world's smallest penguins. Between August and November a breeding pair will usually lay one or two eggs and after about eight weeks the chicks will fend for themselves.

**Nesting season toll** Department of Conservation ranger Callum Lilley with two little blue penguins believed to have been killed by dogs last week on the Ngamotu and Wai-iti beaches. Photo: SUPPLIED

**Attachment 4** - photos of blue penguin following dog attack provided to New Plymouth DOC by member of the public. Note the distended neck.



**Attachment 4** – continued. Photo showing distended neck of blue penguin caused by a dog, provided to New Plymouth DOC by a TRC staff member. This photo also shows a tear from a bite on the lower body.





**Attachment 5** - photo taken by New Plymouth DOC Ranger of mass internal haemorrhaging of blue penguin caused by crushing and tearing during dog attack.



**Attachment 6** – examples of pathologist reports.

Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences  
**PATHOLOGY REPORT**

|                   |                       |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Submitter's Ref.: | Date Sent: 12/08/2010 | Accession No.: 45247 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|

TO: Callum Lilley  
 Department of Conservation  
 PO Box 462  
 New Plymouth

|                                   |              |                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Species: Avian-WL (1)             | Sex: Male    | Age: Adult #      | Breed: Little Blue Penguin |
| ID:                               | At Risk:     | Affected:         | Dead: 1                    |
| Owner: Department of Conservation | Prev. Accn.: | Type: Post Mortem |                            |

**HISTORY**

A dog was observed with this penguin in its mouth, but the observer did not see the penguin being killed.

**GROSS FINDINGS**

The bird weighed 1.013kg, and was in good body condition. The proventriculus and gizzard were empty. There were multiple fractures of the caudal thoracic spine and synsacrum, and this was associated with extensive tearing of the hypaxial and epaxial muscles, kidney, both testes, and the subcutaneous tissues over the dorsal synsacrum. There were multiple large blood clots within the coelomic cavity. No other abnormalities were noted on gross post-mortem.

**DIAGNOSIS**

Severe trauma to the vertebrae (caudal thoracic and synsacrum) with multiple fractures and extensive haemorrhage.

**COMMENTS**

The pattern of injury is consistent with a dog attack when the penguin was alive. Whether it was the particular dog that had the penguin in its mouth that was responsible for the killing, we cannot say for certain.

File Nos.:

Students:

Date:

Pathologist: S A Hunter

Copy to:

## Attachment 6 – continued.

## Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences

## PATHOLOGY REPORT

|                   |                       |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Submitter's Ref.: | Date Sent: 24/04/2015 | Accession No.: 51966 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|

TO: Gemma Green  
Department of Conservation  
55a Rimu Street  
New Plymouth

|                                   |              |                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Species: Avian-WL (1)             | Sex: Male    | Age: Adult        | Breed: Little Blue Penguin |
| ID: None                          | At Risk:     | Affected:         | Dead: 1                    |
| Owner: Department of Conservation | Prev. Accn.: | Type: Post Mortem |                            |

## HISTORY

Found dead on rocks East End Reserve on the morning of 22/04/2015. Dog attack suspected.

## GROSS FINDINGS

The bird weighed 1200grams and was in good body condition. There was patchy blood staining of the feathers around the neck and a small amount of blood was present in the oral cavity.  
Three puncture wounds, each ~10mm in diameter were present on the left lateral aspect of the mid-neck region and near the point of both the left and right shoulders. There was corresponding haemorrhage and tearing of the underlying soft tissue, including the skeletal muscle; the cervical spine was intact but several of the ribs of the right thoracic cage were fractured. There was a ~15mm in diameter area of torn and haemorrhagic skeletal muscle just caudal to the right scapula; this was roughly 40-50mm caudal to the puncture wound at the point of the right shoulder.  
There were multiple blood clots within the coelomic cavity.  
No other abnormalities were noted on gross post mortem.

## DIAGNOSIS

Musculoskeletal trauma consistent with a dog attack

## COMMENTS

This was an adult male penguin, in good body condition with no obvious signs of any underlying disease. The pattern of damage is consistent with a dog attack.

File Nos.:

Students:

Date:

Pathologist: S A Hunter

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**Attachment 8** – Photos taken by TRC Scientific Officer of blue penguins confirmed as likely to have been killed by a dog



**Attachment 9** – pathologist reports requested by TRC to investigate cause of death of blue penguins.**School of Veterinary Science****Pathology Report**

|   |                            |                      |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Submitter Ref.:   | Date Sent: 25/01/2019      | Accession No.: 56879 |
| To: Halema Jamieson<br>Taranaki Regional Council<br>Stratford | Report Sent: 31/01/2019    | Copy To:             |
| Email: Halema.Jamieson@trc.govt.nz                            |                            |                      |
| Species: Avian-WL   | Breed: Little Blue Penguin |                      |
| Age: Juvenile   | Sex: Unknown               |                      |
| Owner:  | Type: Post Mortem          |                      |
| ID: PQN-1   | Prev. Accn.: 56880         |                      |
| Submitted: 2  | At Risk:                   | Affected: 2          |
|   |                            | Dead: 2              |

**History**

Found morning of 24/01/2019, Lee Breakwater, Ngamotu. X-1690758 Y-5676378. Found in vicinity of diesel spill that occurred 21/01/2019.

**Gross Findings**

The bird weighed 836 grams and was in moderate body condition and almost through the moult. There was extensive blood staining of the feather around the neck and ventral chest and abdomen. Over a dozen full thickness puncture wounds (up to ~10 mm in diameter) were present over the neck, lateral and dorsal thoracic and lumbar regions; many of these were associated with reddening and tearing of the surrounding soft tissues, including the subcutaneous fat and musculature. There were several rib fractures on the right side of the chest, as well as multiple chip fractures of the thoracic vertebral processes and a non-displaced fracture of the left ischium. There was extensive maceration of both lungs and both kidneys, associated with clotted blood.

**Diagnosis**

Severe musculoskeletal trauma consistent with dog attack

**Comments**

Numerous puncture wounds were present externally and there was a large amount of internal damage including multiple rib fractures and extensive damage to the lungs and kidneys. The haemorrhage associated with these lesions indicates the penguin was alive when the damage was inflicted. These injuries are typical of a dog attack in which the dog will often bite multiple times and severely shake the bird. There was no evidence of any external oiling.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date: 25/01/2019       | Pathologists: S A Hunter |
| Students: J. McCutchan |                          |

## Attachment 9 – continued.

## School of Veterinary Science

## Pathology Report

|   |                            |                      |
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| Submitter Ref.:   | Date Sent: 25/01/2019      | Accession No.: 56880 |
| To: Halema Jameison<br>Taranaki Regional Council<br>Stratford | Report Sent: 31/01/2019    | Copy To:             |
| Email: Halema.Jameison@trc.govt.nz                            |                            |                      |
| Species: Avian-WL   | Breed: Little Blue Penguin |                      |
| Age: Adult  | Sex: Female                |                      |
| Owner:  | Type: Post Mortem          |                      |
| ID: PQN-2   | Prev. Accn.: 56879         |                      |
| Submitted: 2  | At Risk:                   | Affected: 2          |
|   |                            | Dead: 2              |

## History

Found morning of 24/01/2019, Lee Breakwater, Ngamotu. X-1690736 Y-567638. Found in vicinity of diesel spill that occurred 21/01/2019.

## Gross Findings

The bird weighed 1.37 kg and was in good body condition and about to enter the moult. There was extensive blood staining of the feathers over the neck and dorsal aspect of the chest and pelvis. At least 9 full thickness skin puncture wounds were present over the right lateral neck and both shoulders. The largest of these was ~30 x 20 mm in diameter and was associated with exposure of the right coracoid, right lateral thoracic wall and coelomic cavity. Much of the skeletal muscle was absent from the right coracoid and right pectoral region. Both the right sternum and scapula were fractured. There were multiple rib fractures (bilateral) as well as transverse transection of both the cranial and caudal thoracic spine; there were extensive maceration of both lungs and the kidneys and these were associated with clotted blood.

## Diagnosis

Severe musculoskeletal trauma consistent with dog attack

## Comments

Multiple puncture wounds were present externally and there was a large amount of internal damage including multiple spinal and rib fractures as well as extensive damage to the lungs and kidneys. The haemorrhage associated with these lesions indicates the penguin was alive when the damage was inflicted. Some of the tissue loss was likely the result of post mortem scavenging, likely from an avian species such as a sea gull. These injuries are typical of a dog attack in which the dog will often bite multiple times and severely shake the bird. There was no evidence of any external oiling.

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| Date: 25/01/2019      | Pathologists: S A Hunter |
| Students: J.McCutchan |                          |

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 313**      **Barry Gilliland**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I think this will bring the control of dogs more into line with the current approach in much of Europe, and recognises the important companionship role of many dogs.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

A leashed control is a reasonable method for stopping dogs overreaching appropriate boundaries in their approach to wildlife.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

A leashed control is a reasonable method for stopping dogs overreaching appropriate boundaries in their approach to wildlife.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

Yes (maybe) A leashed control is a reasonable method for stopping dogs overreaching appropriate boundaries in their approach to wildlife. Provided dogs are allowed to run freely on the beach away from the rocks and with leashed control on the coastal walkway and steps, prohibition in the rock wall and sand dunes is reasonable if the animal control officers use some discretion not penalising a small ingress by a dog that is being called back by it's owner.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

The Map 3 appears to show a total ban on dogs beside the lower carpark. Leashed control would be appropriate in this area. A total ban would mean that any person with limited climbing ability is barred from using the beach in conjunction with their dog, and is an unnecessary and retrograde imposition on use of a public amenity. The only remaining access would be using the steps at the northern end which are impossible for many people of limited physical ability.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### *Comments*

Lake Mangamahoe is a beautiful and underutilised resource which would be attractive to dog walkers if such a circuit was introduced.

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

#### *Comments*

Whoever suggested this control does not often visit the cemetery. We have walked our dog in Te Henui cemetery at least once a week, for many years, and have never met anyone who showed any resentment to his presence. The volunteers who maintain the cemetery gardens almost always greet him with affection. It is one of the few council properties in which the dog can run freely and he loves running up and down the rows of graves, and enjoys the bowls of water put out for dogs. We are careful to pick up any droppings.

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### 7. Other comments

It seems that "animal control" as envisaged by the council focusses almost entirely on dogs. I think it is time that much greater focus was put on the control of domestic cats, including night time curfews and assistance to landowners in catching cats on their properties. If animal control officers don't have enough to do, this would be a far more beneficial avenue to pursue in protecting native wildlife.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 314**      **Helen and Peter Riley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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**1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)**

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**2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)**

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**3. Back Beach**

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

We are against the change to the dog bylaw concerning allowing dogs into the cemetery. They are for dogs being allowed in the cemetery.

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**7. Other comments**

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 315          Dr Arnja Dale, RNZSPCA**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes via online format

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**Submission by the**  
**Royal New Zealand Society for the**  
**Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.**  
**On New Plymouth Dog Control Policy and Bylaw**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021





## Executive Summary

- SPCA supports the proposal to allow on-leash access to the Central Business Area but would like to see this extended to include dogs with a 'menacing' classification
- SPCA supports the protection of wildlife through restricted dog access in principle but cautions that changing the designation of multiple off-leash dog access areas to on-leash must be balanced with the creation and designation of additional off-leash exercise areas.
- SPCA advocates for the inclusion of a pathway to appeal menacing classification with eligibility based on demonstrated steps towards responsible dog ownership.



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## Introduction

The following submission is made on behalf of The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (trading as SPCA).

SPCA is the preeminent animal welfare and advocacy organisation in New Zealand. The Society has been in existence for over 140 years with a supporter base representing many tens of thousands of New Zealanders across the nation.

The organisation includes 35 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the New Plymouth Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

## Submission

### Proposed changes

#### ***New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)***

SPCA supports the proposal to allow on-leash access to the Central Business Area but would like to see this extended to include dogs with a 'menacing' classification.

Creating 'dog-friendly' cities facilitates socialisation of puppies and dogs. Dogs which have been appropriately socialised are less likely to show undesirable behaviours such as barking and aggression (Blackwell et al., 2008).

SPCA advocates for evidence-based measures, such as community education and proper socialisation of dogs, to reduce the risk of dog bites. SPCA notes that many dogs are classified as 'menacing' are classified purely on the basis of breed or 'type' rather than observed behaviour. Multiple research studies have shown that visual assessment of breeds is unreliable and inaccurate, even when assessed



by experienced persons. Furthermore, decades of data have clearly demonstrated that legislation targeting specific breeds of dogs does not reduce incidents of dog bites.

***Designating previously off-leash areas as on-leash to protect wildlife (and dogs)***

SPCA supports the restriction of dog access in specific area where a credible threat to vulnerable wildlife has been identified.

While SPCA broadly agrees with the proposed changes to the New Plymouth Council Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw, our organisation would like to see these balanced by an increase in alternative, designated off-leash dog parks to allow dog owners to comply with the proposed restrictions without negatively impacting their dog's welfare and their own quality of life.

Legally, all dog owners must meet the physical, health and behavioural needs of their animals, and providing sufficient exercise is a part of this requirement. The [Code of Welfare for Dogs \(2018\)](#) recommends that dogs are given at least 60 minutes of exercise a day. Some dog owners may be reluctant to exercise their dogs if they have less flexibility about where they can do this within their local area. SPCA believes that it is beneficial for everyone to give owners the choice and variety of locations for walking their dogs.

There is a legitimate need for more safe, appropriate designated off-leash areas to provide alternatives to those areas where the presence of off-leash dogs is potentially detrimental to wildlife, and other users of public lands. Provision of designated off-leash areas is likely to improve compliance with the proposed restrictions and allow dog owners to provide their dogs with exercise and mental stimulation.

Evidence suggests that off-leash dog parks can benefit owners' and dogs' physical and social health, as well as community connectedness (Cutt et al., 2007; Eldering et al., 2017; González Ramírez et al., 2014; Toohey et al., 2013). Dogs walk faster than people and providing off-leash time is a great way to let them work off their excess energy. Canine obesity is now considered to be the number one health concern in companion dogs worldwide (Kipperman et al., 2018). Dogs walked less often and for a shorter time are more likely to be obese; this can shorten their life and put them at risk of health complications such as diabetes and heart disease (German et al., 2017).



Dogs who are not provided with sufficient exercise can be both bored and have lots of energy. Dogs not provided an appropriate outlet for their energy can develop problem behaviours such as nuisance barking and destructive behaviours or depression (Instone et al., 2014). Exercise is an easy, inexpensive, welfare-friendly tool to assist with nuisance barking (Righetti, 2005). Thus provision of off-leash exercise opportunities is a key component of the Council's objective to prevent or abate nuisances. The Society believes that Council must take on board feedback from local residents regarding whether the new policy provides adequate provision of dog exercise areas.

## **Additional items**

### ***Section 7.1***

SPCA suggests that section 7.1 could be amended to reference the Animal Welfare Act and Code of Welfare (Dogs) 2018.

### ***Section 7.3.1***

SPCA notes that this section allows the Council to designate dog exercise areas (off-leash areas) for the adequate recreational and exercise needs of dogs and their owners but that, "At the time of writing there are no designated dog exercise areas." In light of the proposed changes which will see the removal of areas where dogs and owners currently enjoy off-leash access, SPCA urges the Council to consider the creation or designation of new dog exercise areas.

### ***Section 7.5***

The classification as a "menacing dog" has direct negative impacts on a dog's welfare. SPCA urges Council to consider providing owners of dogs classified as menacing due to behaviour with an opportunity to have their dog's classification reviewed if the owner is able to provide evidence of completing a dog training course (at the owner's expense), and the owner has not obtained any infringements in relation to the dog within a 12-month period. This approach has been adopted in other areas (see, [Auckland Council](#) Dog Bylaw) and incentivises behaviour change and adoption of responsible dog ownership practices.



## Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the New Plymouth Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and would welcome further engagement on this issue. If any further information is required, the Society is happy to discuss this matter further.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 316**

**Stuart Barraclough**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I don't see the need for dogs in the CBD, and there are few grassy spaces for them to toilet.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 317                      Andrew Gray**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I support the proposal ,but it does not go far enough. The proposed leashed area is too small. The whole beach from Tapuae to the Northern end should be for leashed control only. Seals can haul up anywhere along the beach and are at risk. Dogs unleashed can quickly get out of the range of their owners control and find young seals that the owners might be unaware of. The beach also curves quite a lot in this area so owners might be unaware that their dogs are attacking a seal. The public might also be understandably unaware of the risks their dogs pose and the potential wildlife in the area. Signage needs to be bold and unmissable.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

I support the proposal ,but it does not go far enough. The proposed leashed area is too small. The whole beach from the Tapuae stream to the Northern end should be for leashed control only. Seals can haul up anywhere along the beach and are at risk. Dogs unleashed can quickly get out of the range of their owners control and find young seals that the owners might be unaware of. The public might also be understandably unaware of the risks their dogs pose and the potential wildlife in the area. Signage needs to be bold and unmissable.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

#### ***Comments***

See comment 3. Seals can haul up at any time of the year eg in winter due to rough weather. Back beach should have only leashed dogs for the whole year.

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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### 7. Other comments

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 318**

**Kathryn Scown**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

I support the ability to have leashed dogs, that are not dangerous or menacing, in the CBA on the assumption that the trial was without major incidents. I have noticed dogs at outdoor dining areas and it is great to see. I hope that with good monitoring and enforcement, this will continue. Perhaps parking wardens could even assist with enforcement, but in particular education and maybe carry bags for people to clean up after their dogs if they have forgotten one.

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

#### ***Comments***

This is a good balance between allowing dogs in the area but also ensuring the necessary wildlife protection.

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### 3. Back Beach

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#### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

##### *Comments*

I strongly support this proposal. This is a very sensible compromise given how much the beach is used for people to exercise with their dogs in the morning and how few people are swimming at this time as well as how early daylight savings begins each year compared to most recreational swimming. This will improve the health and wellbeing of both people and dogs. Given bylaws must only be used to protect the public from risk or nuisance, I feel the current restrictions are necessary but excessive.

#### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

#### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

##### *Comments*

I strongly disagree with this blanket ban over all cemeteries and having read the RIA I am unsure how this even came about. Council must have regard to the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community. The only comment in the RIA is "Cemeteries need to be leashed control - out of respect" - presumably that is to the deceased but I am not sure how that meets the legal criteria to put a bylaw in place. Also if it is due to dogs urinating onto gravesites, a leash does not stop that from happening. I live near the Te Henui cemetery and regularly walk our dog there. This is a safe place to do so, used by some elderly that I have spoken to daily to walk their dogs. There are very few vehicles and I have never seen a mourner there, an out of control dog, any waste not collected or problems at all relating to dogs. I am sure they can occur, but that is likely to be with owners who would ignore any such bylaw anyway. If it is thought necessary to make the active Awanui Cemetery a leashed only area, I could understand that due to regular burials, mourners often there (including myself with my dog) and many vehicle movements. Although, again this was not mentioned in the bylaw supporting documentation - no risk or nuisance has been identified. Please remove this from the bylaw and reconsider at the next bylaw review if there is an identified issue in the future.

#### 7. Other comments

In general this appears to be a well thought through bylaw review with some very good modifications to, in particular, protect wildlife and allow for more realistic recreational opportunities for the good dog owners of the New Plymouth district. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 319**

**Winston Franklin**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

#### *Comments*

BLOOD WILL BE ON YOUR HANDS. If there is a single dog attack then you will need to accept that you caused it.

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 320**

**Steph Gardiner**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes, but also allow leashed control for dangerous and menacing dogs**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**No**

#### *Comments*

I am a daily walker down back beach and witness people keep their dogs away from any wildlife. I think back beach should remain leash free.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 321**

**Keith Eve Rowlands**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**No**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

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**Yes**

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**No**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**Yes**

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**7. Other comments**

Dog control on beach is poor, owners are not complying with ban. It is not uncommon to have dogs running up to small children playing in sand down at waters edge & muscling in on the fun , consequently frightening kids & making a mess. I have experienced this with grandchildren. Every day there are dog owners flaunting the rules between east end & fitzroy beach. Lets police the current rules. Most dogs aren't under command & jump up on you when walking. If a dog isn't under command it should be leashed. Its disgusting still to see dogshit on the beach & washing in the tide. I say more policing of current rules. I did get a speedy resolution to phoning a complaint earlier this year, thanks . The dog numbers are increasing & responsible owners decreasing.

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## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 322**      **Carol Khanbhai**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?
- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**No**

#### ***Comments***

I find the proposed changes reasonable with the exception of not allowing dogs in the Herekawe Stream. I own an elderly Golden Retriever who has been in the water either in the stream or in the sea on an almost daily basis since she was a puppy. Breeds such as retrievers and labradors have a need for water exercise for their well-being. Often the tides or weather conditions on the beach make it dangerous for older dogs to go in the sea, so the stream is a safe alternative. I have never seen dogs harm wildlife in this area. However I have often seen families with young children playing safely with their pet in the shallow water on the edges of the stream.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?
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### 3. Back Beach

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### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

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### 5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe

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### 6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries

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### 7. Other comments

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 323**      **Cherry Smith, on behalf of Belgravia Leisure (NZ)**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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# Submission on the proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021.

Submitted on behalf of: Belgravia NZ

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This submission concerns '**Onaero Domain and the adjoining beach**' and is presented by Belgravia Leisure (NZ) who currently lease Onaero Bay Holiday Park, which is situated in the domain along with the baches and public access areas.

## He mihi

Tuatahi, he mihi ki a Ngāti Mutunga, ngā kaitiaki o te whenua nei, mai rā āno. We support Ngāti Mutunga, owners of the whenua and acknowledge the work DOC, TRC and NPDC do in and around the Domain, the reserve and the surrounding areas. Kei te mihi. Our submission aims to support the efforts of everyone to protect and support this significant taonga that is valued by so many.

## Points of clarification

We start with a couple of points of clarification - "Onaero Beach" usually refers to Onaero Beach, which is off Onaero **Beach** Road in the township of Onaero. Onaero **Domain** and Onaero **Bay** are located further North, near Onaero River Rd. This is an important distinction as we need to be clear about the degree of biodiversity Onaero Bay has due to its coastal, bush and river environment that provides a variety of ecosystems important to many different forms of flora and fauna. I note that

Secondly, both the initial 'consultation' survey and the current proposal only allow for options 'selected' by NPDC. In our oral submission of 9 November to counsellors, it was noted the survey put out by NPDC earlier this year only allowed for the status quo (i.e., Dogs are free to roam all year around **except** between 9am and 6pm in daylight saving months). The current proposal proposes to allow even more time for dogs (i.e., free to roam all year except between 10am and 6pm during summer months. People commented to us that the initial survey did not allow for an increase in prohibited times or a total dog ban in any areas at Onaero Domain, which would have been their preference (See Appendix 1 – people's voice). Subsequently, we restate that any reliance on that data would have a statistical bias towards the status quo or an increase in dog time, not because of what people want, but because of the way the NPDC has worded the survey and other 'consultation'. The survey we had sitting in our office that allowed for people to agree or disagree with our submission, shows a clear preference for a dog ban.

So, we **oppose** the current proposal that **only allows for two options**, both of which allow for dogs **to be present without restrictions** for most of the year,

including important feeding/breeding/nesting times for wildlife as well as at high use times by members of the public and during peak seasons in the campground (December-February and Whitebait season).

Both options suggested by NPDC in the proposal will continue to have a detrimental effect on wildlife, members of the public and key stakeholders. To only allow options that support a small minority of the stakeholders and users of the domain - seems counterintuitive and makes a mockery of the NPDC intent in the proposal to “‘protect wildlife’ (and dogs)”.

### **Background**

From what we understand, originally dogs were prohibited in this area. A complete dog ban was and still is largely consistent with **the current NPDC Coastal reserves management plan (2006) and policies (namely, section 5:39:4, f)**. However, in 2010 when the bylaw was last under review, for some reason this prohibition was lifted, and dogs were then permitted all year round **except** between 9am and 6pm during daylight savings hours. Rather than meeting the policy objectives, these 2010 changes led to an **increase** in transgressions by Dog owners that contravene section 5 of the Dog Control Act 1996. (See appendices that show evidence of these objectives not being met).

### **The problem with the former and current proposed policy/bylaw**

The current proposal (p. 6) proposes to “further enhance the protection of wildlife (and dogs) in two locations....”. Oddly though, despite *originally* being a protected area, and despite this being an area rich in biodiversity and environments conducive to wildlife – NPDC seems intent on ***not*** protecting wildlife here. Appendix 8 shows the area is clearly one of significance for estuarine habitat and kororā however, this does not include many other species that nest here (appendix 2).

When considering the biodiversity here and the known impact dogs can have on the types of wildlife here (e.g., coastal birds, penguins, a variety of wading birds and ducks, seals etc.), it is difficult to see why the prohibition was lifted at all. Do counsellors consider things like bird breeding times, penguin nesting times, penguin molting (Nov to March, a particularly vulnerable time when penguins are based on land) when they make these decisions? In our opinion, they should, especially when considering areas that are significantly more bio-diverse than the CBD – especially as much of our dwindling biodiversity does not have a voice – unlike users of the CBD. There is a helpful source outlining seabird feeding and nesting times in Taranaki, available via this link:

<https://www.trc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Guidelines/Biodiversity-infosheets/BioInfoSheet34-SeabirdAreas.pdf>

Dog owners are a small subset of users of the Domain and surrounding areas, yet they are afforded a large proportion of the time, with very few limits. Despite being aware of these limits, these are often ignored. With the benefit of hindsight, we can

see lifting of the prohibition has meant the majority of the 2010 bylaw objectives have **not** been met - with one exception, that being:

***'recognize the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners'.***

It is evident to us and should be evident to others (e.g., reading the NPDC council face-book page comments regarding the proposal to allow dogs in the CBD) that not all dog owners are as responsible, considerate or as rule abiding (or aware) as we might hope. Consequences seem to be virtually nonexistent for dog owners who have been reported. It is hard to understand why a small minority of Domain, Beach and River users at Onaero are granted such privilege, when this group is the same one that causes most of the problems for wildlife and other people who also use the Domain and surrounding areas.

In our experience, problems occur with dog owners with good intentions who sometimes lack responsibility or an ethic of care towards others. As former dog owners, we understand exercise and recreational needs are important. As *responsible dog* owners we also understand this shouldn't come at a cost to the public who are also entitled to exercise and peaceful recreational time - nor should it come at a cost to wildlife - but at Onaero Bay, it does.

When the prohibition was lifted in 2010, there didn't seem to be any consideration given to the impact on wildlife, members of the public or campground clientele that also use the domain. In the two years I have been monitoring birdlife at Onaero Domain and surrounding areas, there has been a marked decrease in numbers of wading shore birds, yet an increase in other species due to increased predator control by Iwi, DOC, TRC and volunteers.

Appendix (2) shows a sample of some of the biodiversity at Onaero Bay which have been photographed in the last year at Onaero Bay (inaturalist nz website). However, there are many other species that have not been captured through a lens. At times there are multiple bird carcasses on the beach – although the cause is not always evident. What is evident is owners calling frantically for their dogs when they attack wildlife – but it is often too late to capture this for evidence. Owners leave very quickly when this occurs! However, even in cases where owners have been identified and reported, consequences were not forthcoming.

In the year since Belgravia has taken over the lease, there have been multiple, ongoing problems with loving (but irresponsible) dog owners at Onaero Domain on the foreshore and in the campground. These include:

- Dogs killing, maiming, disturbing or chasing wild-life - some of these attacks have been reported to DOC and/or TRC however, we know this is significantly underreported. Verified attacks we know of include blue penguins, paradise ducks, rabbits, seals, a young peacock, herons, pukeko and shags

- Appendix 3 shows a map that has confirmed penguin sightings and a confirmed death that was reported to us and DOC by a concerned member of the public.
- Appendix 4 (a) shows a well-loved, but unleashed, uncontrolled dog that bailed up a member of the public and a staff member in September this year and wouldn't allow them back to the office. This lasted for some minutes, the barking could be heard by the manager on the other side of the campground, who came to investigate. When the owner appeared, they did not apologize or talk to the staff member concerned. What appeared to be the same or similar dog was chasing things, rushing at people and unleashed and 'at large' while owners were whitebaiting last year.
- Appendix 4 (b) shows unleashed dogs on the beach near an ailing seal. Concerned beach users alerted us to a dog worrying a seal and DOC was advised. The owner(s) had not seen the highly visible sign at the entrance to the beach – nor were they aware of the seal. It was not clear whether it was *these* dogs worrying the seal – reports suggest it wasn't.
- In the summer months dogs (and owners) are frequently seen on the beach and walking through the camp during the supposed 'banned' times. We don't consider that reporting this every time it happens would be a good use of time.

Unfortunately, these incidents are not uncommon. In addition to these incidences:

- Dog poo is not being picked up (appendix 1b) - could it be contributing to the high e-coli levels being recorded? *A local school notes: "It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million faecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans."*
- Dogs are not kept under continuous control and 'wander' unsupervised around the campground or on other places on the domain, they have taken food from campsites and on occasion entered tents, caravans or motorhomes. Unsupervised dogs have also gone into the camp kitchens.
- Other incidences of dogs 'bailing up' the public and campground customers (appendix 1b)
- Unleashed dogs coming over the bridge that have rushed at children on the playground (where dogs are banned)
- We have people ask 'if dogs are allowed here' after they have seen the 'no dogs' sign, yet had dogs run up to them on the beach. (Despite owners' reassurances - people who are anxious about dogs will not know if approaching dogs are 'harmless' or not).
- There have also been concerns raised of excessive barking and yapping (excited dogs) and complaints of dogs on the playground, with owners who should know better.
- Further, dogs themselves can be at risk when they wander off as there are multiple forms of predator control being used in and near the camp and there



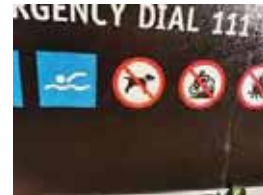
often carcasses from unknown origins that wash up on the beach or down the river.

Due to ongoing issues with well-intentioned but not-so-responsible pet owners, - early in the lease, Belgravia decided the best course of action to protect people and wildlife in the area was to ban pets in the campground. This decision was not taken lightly as it led to a loss of business as pet owners had previously enjoyed staying in our 'pet friendly' campground. Despite making a 'no pets' policy the problems persisted, and we can now see there are wider issues, including ambiguous rules/signage/information that results in confusion about the rules that apply to 'The Domain' and surrounding areas.

### **Confusing information**

As well as creating problems for people and wildlife, the removal of the prohibition in 2010, and its replacement with a partial, some-times ban/sometimes not-ban has created **a lot** of confusion and frustration for many of us.

- According to the NPDC website, dogs are both banned and not banned on the Domain.
- The current bylaw is completely contradictory to **all** NPDC signage around the domain which clearly says 'No dogs' in written and symbolic form.
- This is different from up the road at *Onaero Beach* where there are blue NPDC 'dogs on leashes' signs. At *Onaero Bay*, there are NO signs at all, that indicate dogs are allowed most of the time, (except between a few hours during the summer months).
- In the current 2010 bylaw under the section entitled '**prohibited (banned areas)** for dogs' (section 6 (p4)) the bylaw actually **allows** dogs .... all. year. round except between 9am and 6pm during daylight savings hours (p5).



Next, for those of us seeking clarity, the map on page 35 of the current Bylaw (Appendix 5) shows **prohibited** 'areas' and it is anyone's guess as to where those areas are. Two of the arrows on the map showing "prohibited areas" appear to be pointing to spaces near or associated with the baches, while the beach and adjoining foreshore appear to 'not' be a prohibited area at all. However, in the key - on the same page, it states '**prohibited areas**: 'Onaero Domain and adjoining foreshore and beach area except the area occupied by the baches'. The prohibited area shown on the map 'over the bridge' is the children's playground - yet if we continue reading on the same page - prohibition applies 9-6pm during daylight savings hours - so, as one dog owner pointed out - dogs are allowed on the playground before 9am and after 6 and any time out of daylight savings. This ambiguity is not only confusing, but also provides space for some people to avoid following what should be common sense, clear rules.

Management and staff at the motor camp bear the brunt of this confusion. Not only do we have complaints from members of the public (who we advise to fill in a NPDC feedback form) but we also have people turn up to stay at the campground with dogs as they have been informed by 'locals' that dogs are allowed because 'the council website says so'. The business has been targeted by irate dog owners who initiate campaigns against the business (or against us personally) - as they mistakenly believe "the council said we can bring our dog to the motor camp" or others who think we are trying to 'ban dogs from the baches'. This misinformation and targeting of the business is unhelpful, time consuming and often indicates a certain type of dog owner - those who consider their dogs should have priority over other people and/or wildlife (see appendix 6).

### **Education is needed if dogs are allowed**

Page 6 of the current proposal discusses protection of wildlife (and dogs) and that education (and "further investigation") is needed by NPDC to ascertain where/when greater protection is needed. Local school children and other community groups who love this area, have already voluntarily put time and effort into protecting the biodiversity at Onaero Bay and it is distressing for them to see dead/injured wildlife or to hear/see wildlife being chased, worried or killed by happy dogs who are clearly 'not under continuous control'.



One of the other issues we have identified is that many dog owners are not aware of the wildlife here - it is hard to be mindful of something you are not aware of. However, even with community led signage to protect wildlife and/or interim signage cautioning dog owners that there are injured animals (e.g., seals, birds) some dog owners either don't see/read, don't care or think it doesn't apply to their dogs (appendix 3a penguin hunting dog; appendix 4b seal and dogs).

### **Solutions if NPDC insists on keeping the status quo or increasing 'dog allowed' hours**

If you only plan to consider the two options provided for 'consultation' we would request NPDC supports all users of the Domain and surrounding areas by:

- Redoing all the signage (and maps) to align with the 2010 or updated 2021 bylaw). This would need to include clear and unambiguous direction for all users of the Domain to be clear on **when** and **where** dogs are allowed and when/where they are not. This would include the large signs and the smaller 'post' ones, all of which say 'no dogs'.
- Rewriting the Dog Control Policy to make it clearer (i.e., Dogs are not 'banned' most of the time, yet Onaero Bay (and other areas) are listed under the heading 'banned', which is confusing and ambiguous).

- Providing some sort of education and/or signage for dog users about the wildlife on and around the Domain, rather than leaving it to caring and proactive volunteers;
- Educating and enforcing the obligations dog owners have regarding the care and protection of other users and wildlife in the surrounding areas.
- Providing Camp Management and members of the public with some support around dog issues – we appreciate that the Dog Control Officer has very recently started some ‘drive throughs’ but we also need a clear and effective strategy for dealing with irresponsible dog owners – especially repeat ‘offenders. Simply informing people to fill in the feedback form or report concerns to DOC/TRC is frankly, a waste of time and dog owners continue to flaunt the law and damage is still being done.

### **Even better solution**

However, rather than sticking with the ‘two’ option model, we would like you to consider these issues more carefully. We would like councilors to consider the impacts that these decisions have on the broader community, beyond the voices of the Dog owners (a minority, but often vocal group), who create a disproportionate problem to other domain users and wildlife. We would like you to consider how to protect the public, the wildlife, the business **AND** provide a safe, suitable area for dog exercise and recreation. The current mish mash of rules, signage and information is so confusing, it is understandably, disregarded by dog owners.

**We suggested a solution on the 9 November meeting, that would mitigate the problems outlined here, one that would maximise dog supervision by our fabulous community at the Domain. This solution would provide clarity for everyone with some simple ‘tweaks’ and only one additional ‘dogs this way’ sign.**

*The solution is to create a dog-friendly space in the domain area roughly where the two lower arrows point to on the map on page 35 (appendix 5). This area is away from the playground, camp kitchens, popular and well used camping areas and the foreshore and beach where wildlife of significance breed, molt, rest and live. Dog poo would then occur in only one area and the clear visibility (multiple eyes) in the large flat area, would encourage people to pick up after their dogs and keep them under continuous control. Faeces could not enter the water or the playground here. Rather than have a free-for-all (not helpful to wildlife and the dogless public) or a complete ban (not helpful to dog owners), people with dogs could easily be directed to this area. This area is big enough to allow big dogs to run freely, it is a perfect place to play **with** a dog as opposed to simply let a dog off on a beach for it to make its own fun with unsuspecting or vulnerable wildlife – or people. It would be much easier to monitor as it is closer to the campground office, so if there are problems these can be addressed quickly and more effectively. Dog-anxious people can avoid the area easily. Dogs would not be a nuisance to the majority of the public or campground guests who come for rest*

*and relaxation, to use the playground or beach. Importantly, it is some distance from the tasty temptations found in the diverse wildlife habitat here. Dog owners would have a dedicated space - and NPDC rate payers would not need to pay to change all the signage to reflect a partial, occasional ban. If dog owners really want to run on a beach, Onaero Beach is just up the hill (all dogs come here in vehicles) and that beach appears to have no restrictions at all - and surrounding areas already have blue NPDC 'dogs allowed' signage too! We see this as a sensible win-win solution.*

### **Third solution**

Alternatively, a third solution would be to return to the NPDC Dog Control consolidated bylaw (2000) (amended May 2005) in which there was **a total dog ban on Onaero Domain, on both sides of the riverbank and the adjoining foreshore and beach**. A total ban is consistent with the current coastal reserves management plan (2006) with amendments up to June 2015. NPDC would not need to change any of its signage, nor add any. We believe the CRM is more consistent with protection of wildlife than the NPDC Dog Control Policy (2010) and the current proposal – however our position is we would prefer a win/win situation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

Appendix 1(a) – People's voices

## **Dogs at Onaero Bay**

**Onaero Bay holiday Park (OBHP) are planning on putting in a submission to the council as dogs are causing a few problems with campers and wildlife (e.g. penguins) here.**

**We would really appreciate your thoughts on this so we can represent YOU as well as the wildlife.**

### **Our submission:**

- **Will request a complete ban on the beach and riverbank (consistent with the coastal reserves management plan)**
- **Will support dogs being allowed at baches and 'under continuous control' on the grassy domain in front of the baches**
- **Request follow-through consequences for dog owners who flaunt/ignore the current or proposed rules (e.g., when dogs kill wildlife or cause concern for campers)**
- **Anything your feedback might suggest needs to be included**

Do you support/not support the  
OBHP (camp) submission re: Dogs.

If you would like more details or to make a submission  
in support or not, Cherry is happy to help with the  
submission process. Leave your name and phone  
number and she will contact you when time permits.

| Name/Comments/details | I support<br>OBHP |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| David Brown.          | Yes/No            |
| Renell                | Yes/No            |
| Mt Wells              | Yes/No            |
| A. Allen              | Yes/No            |
| Rup                   | Yes/No            |
| K Burrows             | Yes/No            |
| A Topp                | Yes/No            |
| Willow Smith          | Yes/No            |
| Sharon O'Reilly       | Yes/No            |
| Stevan Cream          | Yes/No            |
| J. L. Smith           | Yes/No            |
|                       | Yes/No            |

If you'd like to make a more detailed response  
please do!



|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Sezmah Gardiner - Fleming<br>02041622487 | Yes/No |
| Carly Gardiner 02040298844               | Yes/No |
| Angel Gibson 0223252151                  | Yes/No |
| Jolene Gibson 0272365531                 | Yes/No |
| 027-7598221<br>CHRIS NEATHERWAY          | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |
|  | Yes/No |

Appendix 1 (b)

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the submission from Onaero Bay Holiday Park and their proposal for a complete dog ban at Onaero Bay.

My reasons are the following reasons:

- Dogs come and shit on my site and the owners do not pick up after them
- I feed eels and birds at the camp, but dogs come and attack rabbits and birds here. Dogs have killed birds and animals in the camp, on the reserve and on the beach.
- Dog owners don't follow the rules and have dogs in the campsites in their vans when they are not meant to
- I have had dogs come for me when I am out walking
- One time when I told campers dogs were not allowed here, I was abused.

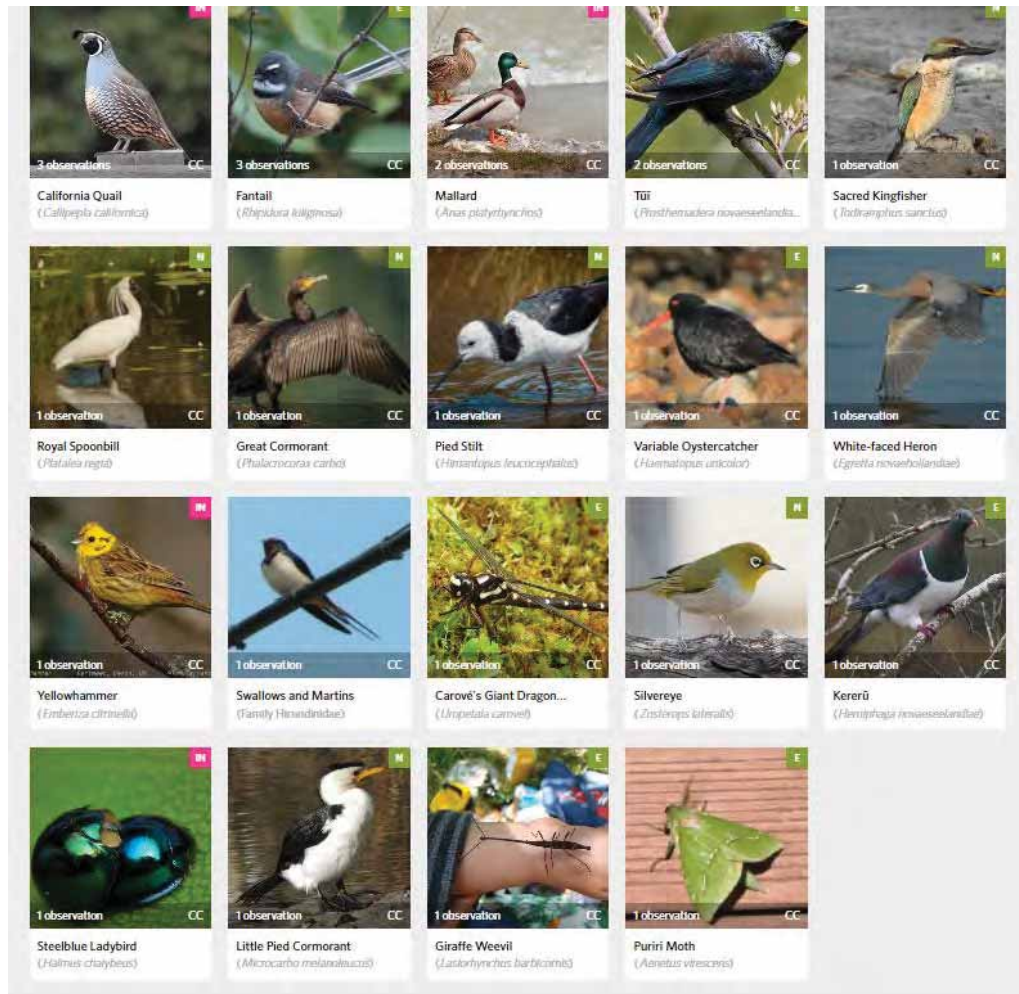
There are other places people can take their dogs for exercise. Onaero Bay has too much wildlife and people for dogs to be roaming whenever they like. Dog owners know the rules but don't seem to care.

Signed

*S. J. Egan*



Appendix 2 Sample of wildlife at Onaero Bay from the i-naturalist website, photographed by the author of this submission.



Appendix 3:

One source of Korora/penguin sightings, attacks and deaths at Onaero Bay.  
Many other people have photos and footprints of penguins have been frequently seen this year.

Source: <https://services.main.net.nz/naturemap/penguins/main/>

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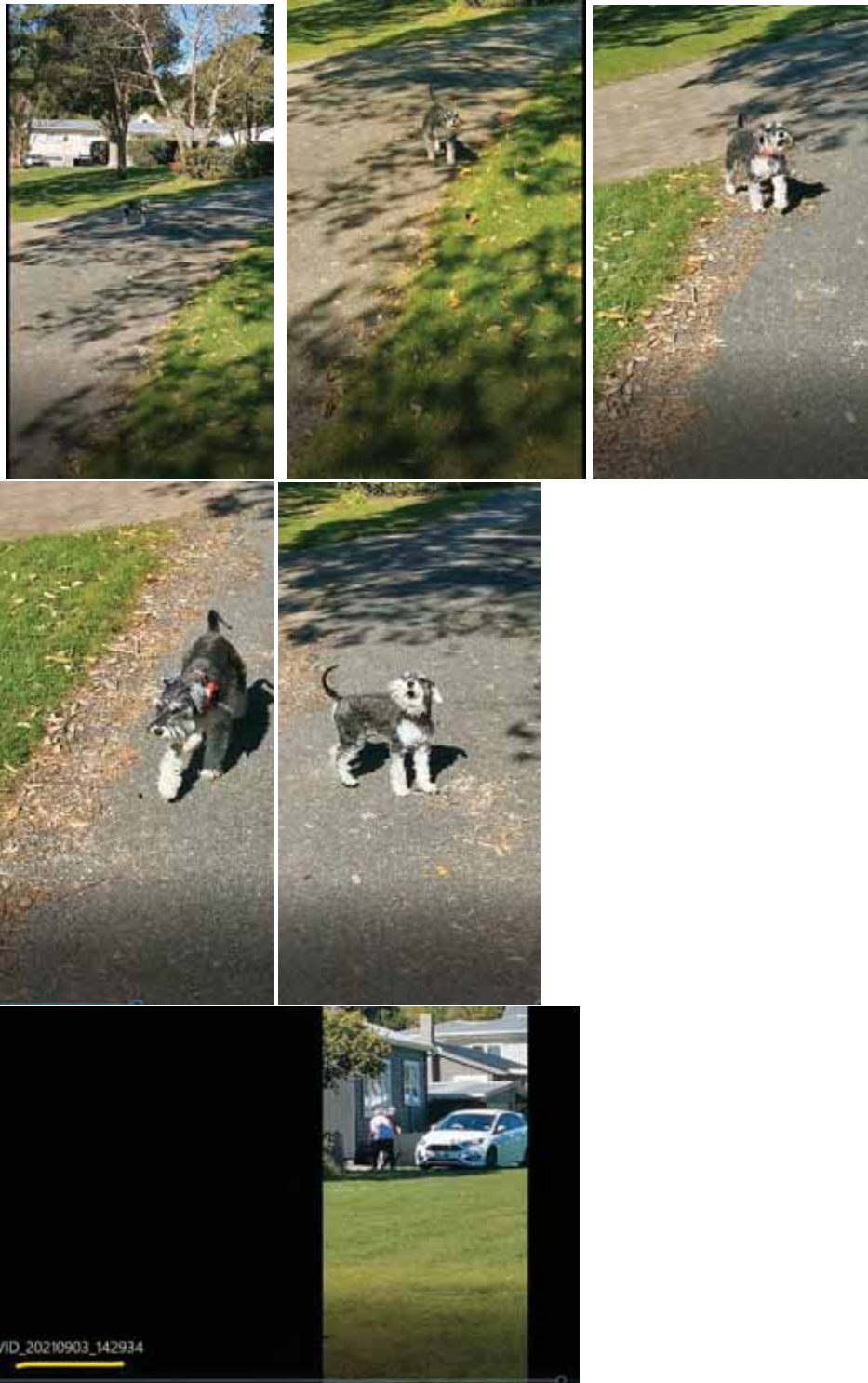
### Appendix 3a

A penguin-cam captured images of both penguins and dog following penguin tracks. The wood the dog is crossing is the same the penguin is standing on.



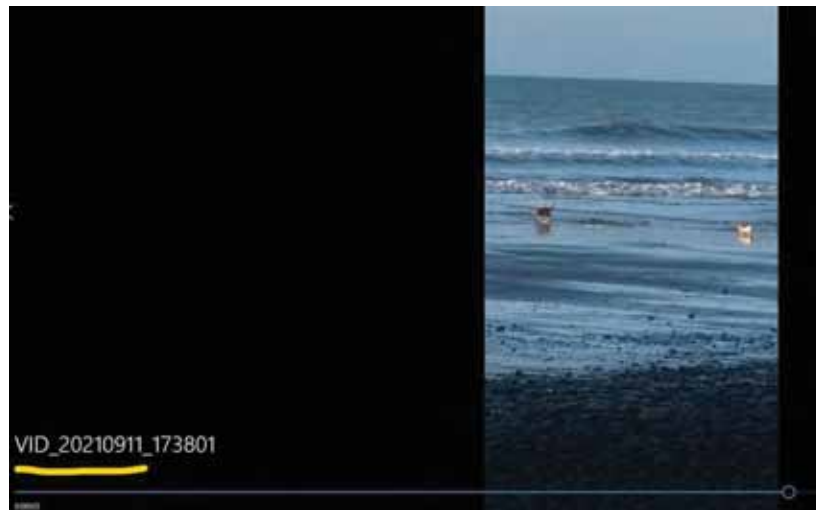
Dog following penguin tracks

Appendix 4 (a) Dogs at large, unleashed, uncontrolled dog in camp Sept 2021.

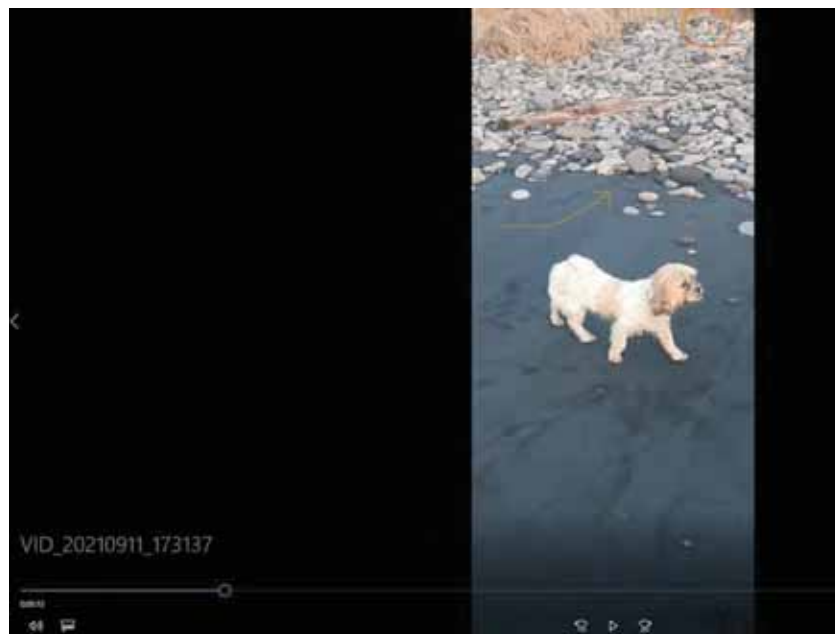




Appendix 4(b) Dogs at large and seal in top right by stones



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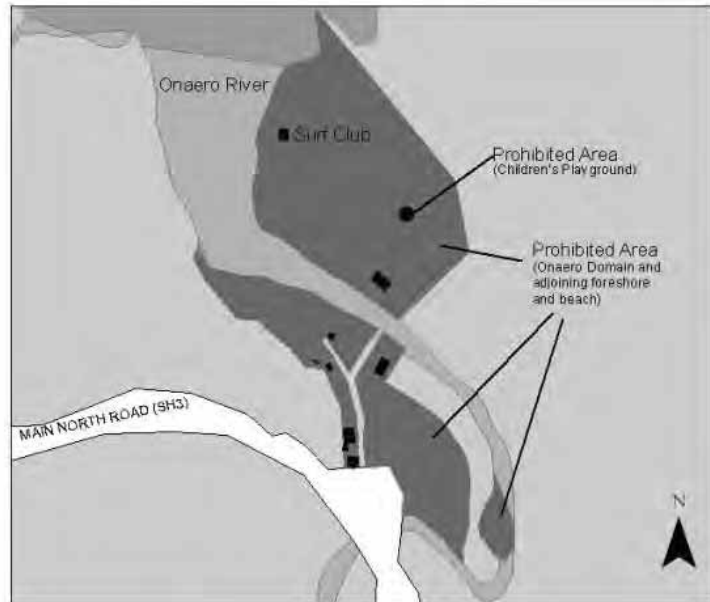




Appendix 5 – Dog control policy map

**Onaero**

**Onaero Domain and Adjoining Beach Area**



**Key**



Prohibited Areas  
(Onaero Domain and adjoining foreshore  
and beach area except the area occupied  
by baches, prohibition applies from 9am - 6pm  
during daylight saving)



Prohibited Playground

## Appendix 6

Lost, and confused customers who think are inconsistencies between campground management and NPDC. Some instigate campaigns against staff and management online and via phone as they feel camp management is 'at fault' and 'inconsistent' with 'the council'. Source: Onaero Bay Holiday Park facebook page.









Appendix 7 – One of many signs that show ‘no dogs’



Appendix 8 – LINZ Map showing biodiversity at Onaero Bay includes a significant amount of estuarine habitats and little blue penguin areas

Source: <https://maps.trc.govt.nz/LocalMapsViewer/?map=8c336441e5d44a699354ef777d8ac868>





Appendix 9 – Beach estuary users of the animal kind (same area)





## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 324**      **Wendy Stewart**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as there is an area somewhere at Back Beach for dogs to be unleashed and under control

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

As long as there is an area somewhere at Back Beach for dogs to be unleashed and under control

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**No**

***Comments***

I am a regular dog walker from Te Henui Stream to Fitzroy and sometimes to the Waiwhakaiho Groyne. Sometimes I walk early morning and late evening, I have never seen any evidence of blue penguins.

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

Labour weekend is too early. December to March.

**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

However, I think December to March is a better time frame to work with. East End Beach and Fitzroy Beach - as a person who has lived in the area for over 40 years, daylight saving times do not indicate a greater number of people on the beach. As a regular beach swimmer and dog walker, the best times to swim are usually mid to late December to early March. The water is cold in October, November and most of December and the weather is not often conducive to having picnics (lunchtime or evening), therefore the number of people on both beaches during daylight saving hours in the months indicated is low. I feel it is unfair to ask dog owners not to be on the beaches during the 9am-6pm banned times. If you feel the dogs need to be leashed during these times, then I would prefer that to not being able to be on the beach at all during daylight saving hours.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

***Comments***

This is a lovely walkway to be able to take our dogs on a full walk.

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I have never seen any evidence of unleashed dogs causing any problems. It is an area we often use.

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**7. Other comments**

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 325**      **Marlene Benson, Te Runanga o Ngati Mutunga**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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# TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI MUTUNGA

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Tēnā koe



## Submission on the New Plymouth District Council Dog Bylaw

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bylaw.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga is the post settlement entity that represents the Ngāti Mutunga iwi. The iwi boundaries are from Papatiki stream in the North to Waiau river in the south and include: the Wai-iti beach, the Mimitangiatua river mouth, Urenui river mouth and beach, Onaero river mouth (at the Onaero Campground) and beach (at Onaero Township)

### 1. Effect of uncontrolled dogs on indigenous biodiversity

The principle issue that Ngāti Mutunga wishes to address in this submission is the ability of the current and proposed dog bylaw to protect the coastal biodiversity within our rohe. There are several taonga species that occupy and nest along the coast and river mouths of the Ngāti Mutunga rohe – including kororā (little blue penguin), Tūturiwhatu/Dotterels, tōrea pango/ oyster catches. All these taonga species have been recorded as being fatally attacked within the Ngāti Mutunga rohe by uncontrolled dogs.

### 2. Ngāti Mutunga involvement in the protection of nesting birds within our rohe:

Over the last 5 years Ngāti Mutunga has put considerable effort into protecting these taonga species by:

- Pest control programme at Onaero Campground, Urenui Campground and estuary, Mimitangiatua Rivermouth and Wai-iti rivermouth and beach. This has included working with the local schools to establish a mustelid and rat trapping network that has been shown to be effective in reducing pest numbers
- Planting of coastal areas – Ngāti Mutunga has worked with the NPDC and the three schools within our rohe to carry out coastal plantings that have improved the habitat for nesting shorebird
- Education for schools and erection of signs – working with the Taranaki Regional Council, local Schools and project Hotspot, Ngāti Mutunga has been part of the design, construction and installation of signs at Onaero, Mimitangiatua and Wai-iti that educate beach users on the presence of nesting shore birds and the potential damage that uncontrolled dogs can do.

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- Kororā monitoring project – this is in working with Ngāti Te Whiti and the Ngamotu Marine Society to track the population at Wai-iti beach

Because of this work we have become increasingly aware of the impact that dogs are having on these populations and also the lack of awareness and understanding about the current dog bylaws by dog owners when it comes to beaches and campgrounds.

### 3. Problems with existing bylaw

We feel that the current bylaw and also to some extent the changes proposed have the following problems:

- Lack of consistency between coastal sites – ie there is a confusing number of different rules for different beaches that include variation in dates, times, areas on the coast where leashes are needed or not that makes it very difficult for dog owners to be able to comply with the bylaw.
- Lack of connection between the times when the populations will be most at risk from uncontrolled dogs and the rules – ie the bylaw rules change with daylight saving times and dates and this has little to do with the times when uncontrolled dogs will have an impact on the nesting birds
- Lack of consistency in signage – there are many different sizes and wording in the signs used to let people know what the rules are at different parts of the coast. Also the signs that are in place physically often do not match up with the rules posted on the NPDC website.
- Lack of enforcement – there appears to have been little or no action taken by NPDC to enforce the dog bylaws for the coast

### 4. Priorities for NPDC

We think that the priorities for NPDC going forward should be:

**Education** - Most of the non-compliance with the current bylaws seems to come from a lack of knowledge about the current rules and also a lack of appreciation of the impact that uncontrolled dogs can have on these important taonga species. Everyone thinks that their dogs would not harm these taonga species but in most cases the dogs are reacting to the birds attacking them.

**Enforcement of the bylaw** – we could not find any instances where the current bylaw had been enforced for uncontrolled dogs on beaches. The animal control officers that NPDC employ have very good skills when it comes to dealing with dogs and their owners but it appears that the priority has been to react to complaints that involve uncontrolled or dangerous dogs that effect people. We would like to suggest that NPDC employs animal control officers (even on a short term or part time basis) that will focus on educating about and where necessary enforcing the bylaws about uncontrolled dogs in coastal areas.

**Clear consistent signage throughout the district** - The current signage and rules are confusing – we would like to suggest the use of signs similar to those used in Coromandel that use maps and colour to show the bylaw rules and areas ie green for where dogs are allowed without leashes, red for areas that dogs are not allowed at all and yellow for areas where dogs are allowed by only on a leash.

**Community engagement.** We have seen increasing support from the general public for the protection of taonga species within our rohe and any rules that are imposed by a bylaw will work better if there is pre consultation with the community that uses the beaches in question

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– this would mean that people were aware of the problem and the danger that uncontrolled dogs pose to nesting birds but they would also be involved in coming up with a set of rules that suited the community that used the beach.

### 5. Suggested changes to rules at specific places within the Ngāti Mutunga rohe

We support the following changes to the current bylaws on important nesting sites within our rohe:

**Onaero Beach** – No controls necessary due to low numbers of nesting birds at this site.

**Onaero Campground** – complete ban on dogs within the campground and also at the river mouth and beach front

**Urenui Campground** – retain the current total ban on dogs within the campground area but extend it to include the rock wall and hill adjacent to the Urenui Golf Course. Recent surveys by TRC and NPDC have shown that this area is a well used nesting site for kororā

**Mimitangiatua** – Complete ban on dogs within the estuarine and sand dune areas.

**Waiototo beach to Mimi river** – No controls necessary due to low numbers of nesting birds at this site.

**Wai-iti beach** – Dogs on a leash above high tide mark at all times. No exceptions and to be for all times of year and day. This area has a high number of nesting kororā and is also a popular spot for both locals and visitors for walking their dogs – often without leads. The campground itself has a ban on dogs but there is public access to the Beach that does not go through the campground (unlike Urenui) We think that this means that community engagement by NPDC would be very effective at this site.

We would like to speak to this submission

Nāku ra,



Marlene Benson

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga

## **Dog Control Policy and Dog Control 2021 Bylaw Submissions 326-332**

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| Submission No: 326 | Emily Roberts, Dotterel Defenders .....                 | 694 |
| Submission No: 327 | D R Harrison, Taranaki Regional Council.....            | 869 |
| Submission No: 328 | Barbara Hammonds, Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society ..... | 875 |
| Submission No: 329 | Stephen Nigel Tooley .....                              | 885 |
| Submission No: 330 | Mel Whiting .....                                       | 891 |
| Submission No: 331 | Kathryn Mercer .....                                    | 893 |
| Submission No: 332 | Dion Tuuta, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust .....      | 913 |

## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 326**

**Emily Roberts, Dotterel Defenders**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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## Submission NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

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Dotterel Defenders welcome the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. Since the review of the previous Dog Control Policy and Bylaw in 2010, we have gained substantial knowledge about coastal protected wildlife around the district, mainly through work undertaken by a number of citizen science projects (e.g. Dotterel Defenders, Project Hotspot, Finding Little Blue, Kororā Project), societies (e.g. Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society, Taranaki Conservationists) and authorities (e.g. Taranaki Regional Council, Department of Conservation, New Plymouth District Council, Port Taranaki). Changes to the existing Policy and Bylaw are required to better protect coastal wildlife.

For ease of navigation we've split our submission into five main sections:

- 1) Policy relevant to the protection of coastal wildlife.
- 2) Inadequacy of the current Policy and Bylaw (2010) in the protection of coastal wildlife.
- 3) Support for the proposed additions and amendments within the proposed Policy and Bylaw to better protect wildlife.
- 4) Recommendations for greater protection of wildlife through further amendments to the proposed Policy and Bylaw. See map of recommended dog control areas [here](#).
- 5) Supplementary information – Powerpoint presentation including maps and images.

We are keen to talk to the Council about our submission. Please contact Emily Roberts, [emilyrobertsnz@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrobertsnz@gmail.com), 0278075107.

### 1) Policy relevant to the protection of coastal wildlife

- Dogs at large, in the vicinity of protected wildlife can be seized and destroyed Under the [Dog Control Act \(1996\) Policy 59](#).
- Offences in respect to absolutely protected wildlife are liable to large fines (up to \$100,000) and imprisonment under the [Wildlife Act \(1953\) Policy 67A](#).
- It is therefore in the best interests of protected wildlife, dogs and dog owners that wildlife is adequately protected from attack and disturbance by dogs.
- Through specifying areas of dog control, the NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw should aid dog owners to make responsible decisions relating to protected wildlife and safety of their dogs.
- The [New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement \(2010\) Policy 11](#) and [Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki Objective 8 and Policy 15](#) offer a high level of protection for coastal significant indigenous biodiversity.

- For indigenous coastal wildlife to be adequately protected there is a requirement for appropriate policy at national, regional and district levels. The NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw should be in line with and give effect to the Dog Control Act (1996), the Wildlife Act (1953), the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (2010) and the Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki.
- Effective regulation and enforcement of the NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw are crucial if adequate protection of wildlife is to be achieved.

## 2) Inadequacy of the current Policy and Bylaw (2010) in the protection of coastal wildlife

With a greater awareness and knowledge of threatened and at risk coastal bird species in Taranaki, it has become evident that the current NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw (2010) does not provide for adequate protection of these species required under national and regional policy outlined in Section 1 of this submission.

### **Tūturiwhatu, New Zealand dotterel (threat status: at risk recovering)**

This endemic shorebird has a population of approximately 2500 birds. It is a conservation dependant species and without appropriate conservation management the population will decline. Through Dotterel Defenders we are aware of six nesting sites in the North Taranaki District. None have any current dog control measures in place. These birds nest on the beach between September and March. Eggs take four weeks to hatch and chicks take six weeks until they can fly. Eggs, chicks and adults are all extremely vulnerable to disturbance and attack from dogs during this time. Suitable dog control measures are required at nesting sites to enable better protection. Given the current lack of sites for these shorebirds to safely nest, a district-wide extinction is not out of the question for this species in the near- to medium-term if better protection is not provided.

Here is a link to mapped [observations](#) of tūturiwhatu in Taranaki recorded on iNaturalist NZ.

Known shorebird nesting and feeding sites are shown on the [Taranaki Regional Council Biodiversity Portal](#) on TRC Maps (to clearly view coastal bird layers deselect the other layers).

Based on this information and further observations, we have made recommendations to provide better protection of nesting shorebirds in the North Taranaki District in Section 4.





**Tōrea, variable oystercatcher (threat status: at risk recovering)**

This endemic shorebird species has a population of approximately 6000 birds. Tōrea nest at the same sites as tūturiwhatu, plus a few other spots in North Taranaki and face many of the same threats as tūturiwhatu.



**Kororā, little blue penguin (threat status: at risk declining)**

Dogs pose a massive threat to this flightless seabird. Details of attacks on kororā by dogs will be provided in the Department of Conservation submission. Further useful information about kororā in Taranaki can be found [here](#). At kororā hotspots, protection of penguins needs to be year-round. Kororā burrows are typically occupied for most of the year, except for a short window in autumn when kororā remain out at sea. During burrow occupation, there are two distinct life stages – nesting from June to January and moulting from November to March. Kororā are vulnerable to dog attacks during both nesting and moulting stages.

The majority of dog attacks on kororā in Taranaki occur at night when they are moving to and from their burrows. Currently the protection of kororā at night at known penguin hotspots in Taranaki is inadequate.

Here is a link to mapped [observations](#) of kororā in Taranaki recorded on iNaturalist NZ.

Known kororā nesting sites are shown on [Taranaki Regional Council Biodiversity Portal](#) on TRC Maps.

Reports of dead kororā in Taranaki can be found [here](#) on the Project Hotspot website (zoom in and see red crosses).

Based on this information and further observations, we have made recommendations to provide better protection of kororā in the North Taranaki District in Section 4.



Here is a summary of the main issues with the current NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw (2010) in relation to the protection of coastal threatened species:

- There are no dog control measures at any of the shorebird nesting sites (tūturiwhatu and tōrea) in the district.
- Dog control measures at some of the known kororā hotspots in Taranaki are inadequate.
- Under 6.2c of the current Bylaw, daytime bans (9am – 6pm) during daylight saving hours encourages dog owners to walk their dogs at times when kororā are moving to and from their burrows i.e. are more vulnerable.
- Under 7.2h of the current Bylaw, leash control between August and April is not adequate for protecting kororā. Signage at these locations is inadequate or absent.
- Enforcement of the current Bylaw is inadequate in relation to the protection of indigenous coastal wildlife.

### **3) Support for the proposed additions and amendments within the proposed Policy and Bylaw to better protect wildlife**

#### **Policy and Bylaw updates to provide for the urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife**

We strongly support the new clause (12) to recognise the importance of, and provide for, the urgent temporary safeguarding of protected wildlife.

If applied correctly, this clause will be highly beneficial to nesting shorebirds (tūturiwhatu and tōrea).

We are keen to provide assistance, advice and work with council staff to ensure effective implementation of this clause.

In locations where shorebirds are known to nest every year, we recommend forward planning to minimise disturbance of the shorebirds during nesting season.

#### **Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream - sand dunes and rock wall area**

We support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream (as shown in Map 3 of proposal). In addition we recommend clear leashed control access to the beach as this will aid compliance (Figure 1). We also recommend that the Waiwhakaiho Groyne becomes a leash control area (Figure 1).

Kororā are known to nest in the Fitzroy and East End area with sites of higher burrow density in the rock walls at Waiwhakaiho Groyne and Te Henui Stream mouth (see Taranaki sea walls survey 2020 and supplementary information). Kororā also nest amongst the vegetation and under buildings in this area. The coastal scrub/dune area between East End and Waiwhakaiho provides ideal natural habitat where penguins are known to nest. Penguins nesting amongst the vegetation are more vulnerable to dog attack than those in the rock walls.



Figure 1: Recommended dog control areas between Waiwhakaiho Groyne and Te Henui Stream

Reported dog attacks on kororā are frequent in this area (supplementary information and Figure 2). Regulation and enforcement of the proposed dog control areas, together with increased education, advocacy and signage should reduce dog attacks at this location. Suitable measures to prevent dog attacks on kororā between dusk and dawn are needed.



Figure 2: Dead kororā reports between Waiwhakaiho Groyne and Te Henui Stream

### Back Beach

We advocate for the protection of coastal wildlife at the northern end of Back Beach. We support the leashed control area at the northern car park and beach access (Figure 3). We recommend a dog ban around Paritutu Rock and nearby islands accessible via the beach at low tide (Figure 3). There is a New Zealand fur seal breeding colony close by and seals are often present hauled out on the rocks within the red 'no dogs' polygon shown in Figure 3 (also see supplementary information). In our experience, it's unusual to visit this location without seeing seals basking on the rocky outcrops at the base of Motuotamatea Island (Snapper Rock) and Paritutu Rock. Seals are often in locations

easily accessible to dogs and it is not unusual for seals to get attacked by dogs at this location (e.g. [DOC Blog](#)). Dog owners charged under the Marine Mammals Protection Act (1978) with harassing, disturbing, injuring or killing a seal face a penalty of up to two years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$250,000.

Hundreds of tara (white-fronted terns) and tarāpunga (red-billed gull) nest on Paritutu Rock, Motuotamatea Island (Snapper Rock), Mataora Island (Round Rock) and Pararaki Island (Seagull Rock) between September and February each year (see photos in supplementary information). Some of the nest and roost sites of these 'at risk declining' coastal birds are accessible from the beach at low tide and therefore adults, chicks and eggs are at risk from dog attacks (supplementary information). Juvenile terns and gulls often hang out on the sand at the northern end of Back Beach and are vulnerable to dog attack until they become confident flyers (supplementary information). A prohibited area, as shown in Figure 3, would aid protection of both indigenous coastal wildlife and dogs.



Figure 3: Recommended dog control areas at Back Beach

Back Beach isn't a hotspot for kororā but there are numerous reports of dead penguins from this beach (Figure 4). A penguin survey using a trained penguin-dog (e.g. Rua) would be useful for understanding where kororā are nesting at Back Beach and could be used to inform suitable dog control measures. Given the number of dead kororā reported at the Herekawe Stream mouth, we support the proposed leashed control area at the Herekawe Stream mouth and adjoining car park (Figures 3 & 4).



Figure 4: Dead kororā reports from Back Beach

#### Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

We support reducing daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches. Daylight bans at these locations encourages dog walking at night when kororā are most vulnerable to attack. We advocate for dusk until dawn dog control at locations where kororā are known to nest.

#### 4) Recommendations for greater protection of wildlife through further amendments to the proposed Policy and Bylaw

While we welcome the additions to the proposed Plan and Bylaw outlined in Section 3 above, we view this as a first step and strongly advocate for further amendments for the greater protection of coastal wildlife. Based on evidence gathered, we have made a map of recommended dog control areas around the district using ArcGIS accessed using the link below:

#### [Map of dog control areas required to better protect coastal wildlife](#)





We have outlined the wildlife values used to guide our recommendations in Table 1. Further evidence supporting these recommendations have been provided as supplementary information (Powerpoint file, images and maps).

We also provide general recommendations that would aid the protection of coastal wildlife around the District:

- Clear signage for compliance and regulation of the Bylaw (see [Thames Coromandel District Council signs](#) that use a simple traffic light system to show dog control areas on a map).
- Education and advocacy for effective implementation of the Policy and Bylaw (we are happy to provide further advice and assistance with this).
- Appropriate funding and resources for effective regulation and enforcement of the Policy and Bylaw with respect to protecting indigenous wildlife.
- Appropriate dog control measures at shorebird nesting areas (see [map](#), Table 1 and Supplementary Information for site-specific recommendations).
- Year-round protection of kororā at nesting hotspots (see [map](#), Table 1 and Supplementary Information for site-specific recommendations).
- Protection measures between dusk and dawn for kororā moving to and from their burrows (current lack of regulation, enforcement and suitable dog control rules are resulting in frequent dog attacks on kororā in the District).
- Dog penguin surveys at locations where kororā nesting/presence is in question.

Table 1: Site-specific wildlife values used to guide recommendations for [dog control areas](#). Shorebird N&F★ = nesting and feeding site, F = feeding site. Kororā HS★ = nesting hotspot, ✓ = nesting. 'Value of implementing' indicates the priority of sites with 1 being the highest. At all sites, consultation with the local community, including iwi and hāpu, will be key to effective implementation.

| Location    | Comments   | Shorebirds | Kororā | Value of implementing recommended dog control measures |
|-------------|--|------------|--------|--|
| Mōhakatino  | Dogs pose a huge threat to the nesting birds (kororā and shorebirds) at this location. Threatened wetland birds are also present and nest at this site. Tricky location re enforcement and regulation. Advocacy, education and signage key.  | N&F★       | ✓      | 1-2  |
| Rapanui     | Dogs pose a threat to kororā and protected wetlands birds at this site. Tricky location re enforcement and regulation. Advocacy, education, signage key.   | F          | ✓      | 1-2  |
| Tongapōrutu | One of the most significant kororā and shorebird nesting hotspots in Taranaki. Strong level of protection required given environmental values and high numbers of visitors. 'Dog prohibited' areas required on both sides of the river mouth. Ban on the north side of the river mouth might be easier to implement in the first instance. | N&F★       | HS★    | 1  |

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|---------------------------------|---|------|-----|---|
|                                 | Consultation with local residents and bach owners important for effective implementation.   |      |     |   |
| Parininihi Marine Reserve       | Kororā present at Waipingau Stream mouth and Waikaramaramara Stream mouth. Consultation with Ngāti Tara and Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust important.  |      | ✓   | 2 |
| Wai-iti Beach                   | Current August to April timeframe not sufficient to protect nesting kororā.<br>Strong level of protection required at this important kororā hotspot.<br>Camp owners, Ngāti Mutunga and local residents/bach owners need consulting.   |      | HS☆ | 1 |
| Mimitangiatua Estuary & Beach   | Dogs pose a threat to nesting birds (kororā and shorebirds) at this location.<br>Tricky location re enforcement and regulation.<br>Advocacy, education, signage key.<br>Restricted access, so consultation with the local residents and Ngāti Mutunga crucial.                          | N&F☆ | ✓   | 1 |
| Urenui Beach & Estuary          | Support regulation and enforcement of total dog ban: Required to protect kororā nesting hotspot.<br>See Taranaki seawall penguin surveys (2020 & 2021).<br>Extend dog prohibited area to include coast/beach east of the camp and north of the golf course ( <a href="#">see map</a> ). | N&F  | HS☆ | 1 |
| Onaero Domain & adjoining beach | Kororā present.<br>Camp owners, Ngāti Mutunga and local residents/bach owners need consulting.  |      | ✓   | 2 |
| Onaero Settlement               | Kororā present.<br>See Taranaki seawall penguin survey 2021.  |      | ✓   | 3 |
| Waitara Reefs & River mouth     | Reefs and river mouth popular with feeding protected coastal birds.<br>Hapū and local community are best placed to recommend suitable control measures in this area.  | F    |     | ? |
| Wiaongana Stream mouth          | Shorebird hotspot at all times of year (nesting resident shorebirds and rare migrants).<br>Plenty of nearby suitable /alternative places to walk dogs.<br>Strong level of protection required i.e. dog ban.   | N&F☆ |     | 1 |
| Bell Block Beach                | Kororā hotspot. See Taranaki seawall penguin survey 2021.<br>'Leash control' and 'no dog' areas required in addition to 'off leash' areas. Clear signage required for effective implementation and compliance.  |      | HS☆ | 1 |
| Waiwhakaiho River mouth         | Coastal bird hotspot including threatened and at risk species. Stronger level of protection required.<br>Currently a popular dog walking spot.<br>'No dog' area required to protect nesting and feeding shorebirds.<br>See Taranaki seawall penguin survey 2020 and 2021.               | N&F☆ | ✓   | 1 |
| Fitzroy & East End beaches      | Appropriate that the coastal walkway is a leashed control area at all times.  |      | ✓   | 2 |


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|                                      | <p>More advocacy, education, signage required around the importance of this for kororā.</p> <p>Beach ban during daylight saving 9am to 6pm encourages dog walking when kororā most likely present on the beach i.e. after dusk and before dawn.</p> <p>Dog surveys and kororā footprint observations show that kororā nest around the Te Henui Stream mouth and the Waiwhakaiho Groyne. Kororā also nesting under buildings, vegetation and other sections of seawall in this area.</p> <p>See Taranaki seawall penguin survey 2020.</p> <p>Common spot for kororā to get attacked by dogs.</p>   |   |     |     |
| NP Coastal Walkway                   | <p>Appropriate that the coastal walkway is a leashed control area at all times.</p> <p>More advocacy, education, signage required around the importance of this for kororā.</p>   |   | HS☆ | 1-2 |
| Lee Breakwater & Eastern Reclamation | Kororā nesting hotspot. Strong level of protection required. Recommend a complete dog ban.  |   | HS☆ | 1   |
| Ngamotu Beach and Reserve            | Support regulation and enforcement of total dog ban. Dog ban required to protect kororā nesting hotspot. Advocacy, education, signage key.  |   | HS☆ | 1   |
| Back Beach                           | <p>Back Beach is a popular dog walking location. Along the majority of the beach dogs can be walked off leash without any threat to wildlife. On the whole it is a good location to encourage dog walkers to go.</p> <p>The north end of the beach around Paritutu and surrounding islands is an important haul out area for seals and nesting area for 'at risk declining' terns and gulls.</p> <p>A survey undertaken by a trained penguin-dog would provide evidence of where kororā are nesting, informing suitable dog control at southern end.</p> <p>Advocacy, education, signage key.</p> | F | ✓   | 2   |
| Tapuae Marine Reserve                | <p>Kororā sightings at this location are not common. A penguin-dog survey would be of value to inform dog control areas. As a safety precaution, dogs could be kept out of dune areas.</p> <p>The reefs are a popular feeding spot for many coastal birds, for which dogs don't pose a huge immediate threat.</p> <p>Potential tōrea nest site south of Tapuae Stream.</p> <p>Proposed Clause 12 useful for protection.</p> <p>The beach at the south end of the reserve is popular with dog walkers. Most dog walkers do not comply with the current bylaw, maybe due to lack of signage.</p>    | F | ✓   | 3   |
| Ōakura River/Corbett Park            | <p>Ōakura used to be a kororā hotspot but is no longer, likely due to habitat loss, dogs and other predators.</p> <p>There are a few areas along the sea wall where penguin footprints can still be seen.</p>   |   | ✓   | 3   |



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|   | Ban during daylight saving 9am to 6pm encourages dog walking when kororā most likely present on the beach i.e. after dusk and before dawn.<br>Advocacy, education, signage key.   |      |   |     |
| Ōākura Beach  | See comments above re previous kororā hotspot.<br>Ban during daylight saving 9am to 6pm encourages dog walking when kororā most likely present on the beach i.e. after dusk and before dawn.<br>The stretch of beach between Ōākura and Weld Road is popular with dog walkers. Responsible dog ownership would reduce attacks on coastal wildlife in this area.   |      | ✓ | 3   |
| Ahu Ahu Beach & Weld Road                               | Popular dog walking spot. Stricter dog control measures at the beach could result in dog walkers visiting more sensitive sites nearby. Advocacy, education and signage might be the most effective option at the beach.<br>Leash control area recommended for the coastal path between the beach camp at Ōākura and the Timaru Stream mouth at the bottom of Weld Road. This would be to protect <a href="#">ōi</a> (grey-faced petrel, see supplementary information) and kororā.<br>Ongoing high levels of predator control in the area is likely to be beneficial for protected coastal birds.<br>The reefs surrounding the Timaru Stream mouth are popular with feeding shorebirds and other protected coastal birds. | F    | ✓ | 2-3 |
| Greenwood Road & Fort St George beaches, Tataraimaka Pā | The reefs are popular with feeding shorebirds and other protected coastal birds.<br>Advocacy, education and signage might be the most effective option for this area?<br>Proposed Clause 12 useful for protection of any nesting coastal birds at this site.  | F    |   | 3   |
| Perth Road beach  | Shorebirds are commonly present along this stretch of coast but high vehicle use prevents successful nesting.<br>Advocacy, education and signage might be the most effective option for this area?<br>Proposed Clause 12 useful for protection of any nesting coastal birds at this site.   | F    |   | 3   |
| Kaihihi Beach   | Important tūturiwhatu and tōrea nesting site on the beach between access to the beach from Kaihihi Road and the Kaihihi Stream mouth. Stricter dog control measures required in this area (dog ban recommended).<br>Suitable dog walking area to the south of the beach access point from Kaihihi Road providing appropriate control measures are followed.<br>Consultation with Taranaki Iwi, Ngā Mahanga and Puniho Pā Trustees important.  | N&F☆ |   | 1   |



Dogs chasing nesting tōrea (oystercatcher). The owners had been informed about the nesting shorebirds via polite conversation and signage. The owner was under the impression that her dogs were 'well under control'. They were until they spotted the nesting oystercatcher.....



## Dotterel Defenders

Through our work protecting threatened and at risk birds around the Taranaki coastline, we have gained extensive knowledge and evidence about the threats at each site.

Based on our knowledge and evidence, we have recommended areas of dog control at each coastal location to better protect coastal wildlife.

This presentation provides supplementary evidence to our main submission including maps and photographs.

An online version of the maps can be viewed [here](#).

See 'notes' below each photograph for relevant comments and information.

# Mōhakatino







Driftwood 'fence' used to protect shorebird nesting area from vehicles



Kororā (little blue penguin) footprints



Tōrea (oystercatcher) adults and chicks feeding in the middle of the estuary (very vulnerable to dogs)





Tōrea (oystercatcher) chicks



Kororā (little blue penguin) and dog footprints. Common to see together at this site.



Dogs and vehicles on the beach



Nesting tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) with vehicle tracks close by.



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) sitting on nest



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) nest with eggs



Dog chasing nesting tōrea (oystercatcher) in nesting area





Nesting tōrea (oystercatcher) disturbed by dog





Nesting tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) disturbed by dog



Often it is too late by the time dog owners realise that their dogs are a threat to protected wildlife. Suitable dog control measures are required to protect both protected wildlife and dogs.

# Rapanui



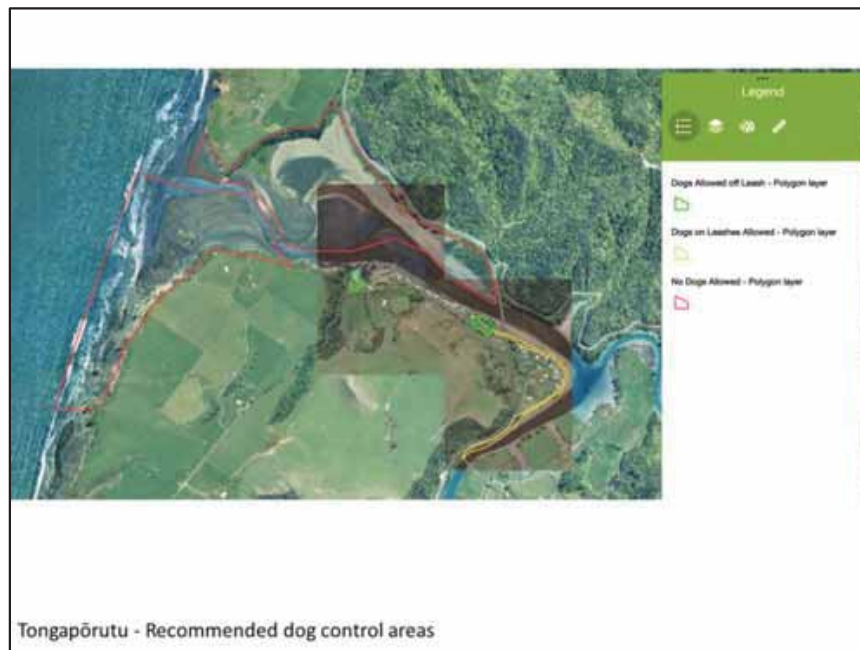




Rapanui is a significant feeding and breeding site for coastal bird species including little blue penguin, reef heron, grey-faced petrel and threatened wetland species.

# Tongapōrutu







Kororā (little blue penguin) and dog footprints. This is a common site on the southern side of the river mouth.





Dog footprints leading into the caves where kororā (little blue penguin) nest on the southern side of the river mouth.



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Kororā (little blue penguin) in the caves on the southern side of the river mouth.



Kororā (little blue penguin) in the caves on the southern side of the river mouth.





Abundant kororā (little blue penguin) footprints on the northern side of the river mouth.





Abundant kororā (little blue penguin) footprints on the northern side of the river mouth.



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Feathers from moulting kororā (little blue penguin) on the northern side of the river mouth.



Dog accessing the shorebird nest site and kororā (little blue penguin) colony on the northern side of the river mouth.



Dog accessing the shorebird nest site and kororā (little blue penguin) colony on the northern side of the river mouth.



Tōrea (oystercatcher) juveniles at the shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth





Tōrea chicks (oystercatcher) at the shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth. Very vulnerable to attack by dogs.





Tōrea chicks at the shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth. Very vulnerable to attack by dogs.



Tōrea chicks at the shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth. Very vulnerable to attack by dogs.



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick at the shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth. Very vulnerable to attack by dogs.



Signs at shorebird nest site on the northern side of the river mouth



Sign with penguin footprints close by



Sign with dog footprints close by

## Parininihi Marine Reserve





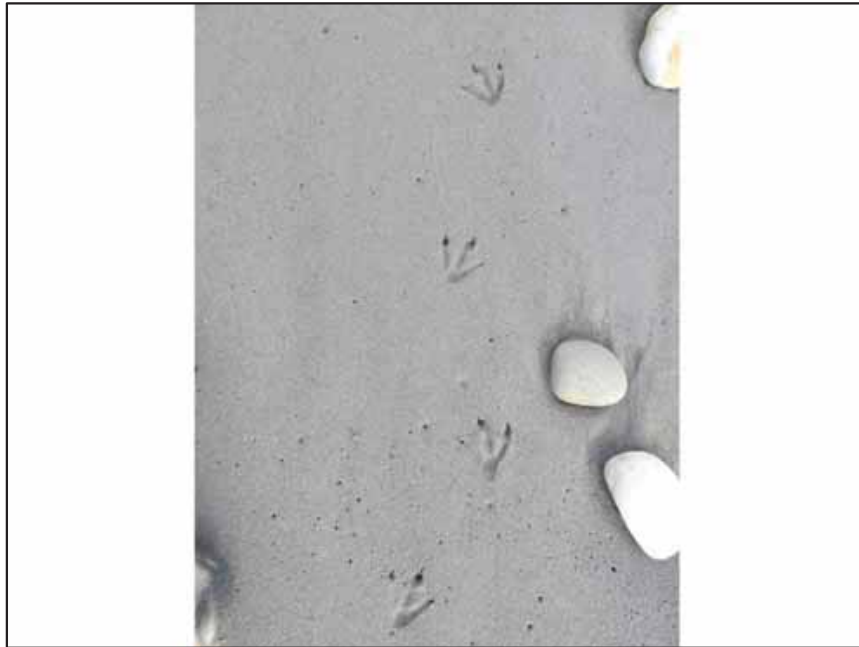




Kororā footprints present at Waipingau Stream mouth



Kororā footprints present at Waipingau Stream mouth



Kororā footprints present at Waipingau Stream mouth

# Wai-iti Beach







Kororā footprints on beach



Kororā and dog footprints on beach



Kororā footprints on beach





Sign made by students from Mimi School

## Mimitangiatua Beach







Kororā footprints on beach



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick very vulnerable to attack by dogs



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick very vulnerable to attack by dogs



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick very vulnerable to attack by dogs



Unsupervised dogs chasing nesting tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) in the nesting area. Dogs have been known to kill tūturiwhatu chicks at this site.





Nesting adult tūturiwhatu just after being chased by dogs in the previous image



Signs made by students at Mimi School

## Urenui Beach & Estuary







Signs made by students from Frances Douglas



Student survey of kororā footprints



Kororā footprints



Kororā footprints





Students invention to detect kororā nesting under baches at Urenui Beach Camp



Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog at the eastern end of the beach at Urenui Beach Camp during the 2020 & 2021 Taranaki sea walls penguin survey

Onaero







Signs made by students from Uruti School. A number of penguins have been noticed to be nesting at Onaero Beach Camp this year by camp owners and Ngāti Mutunga.

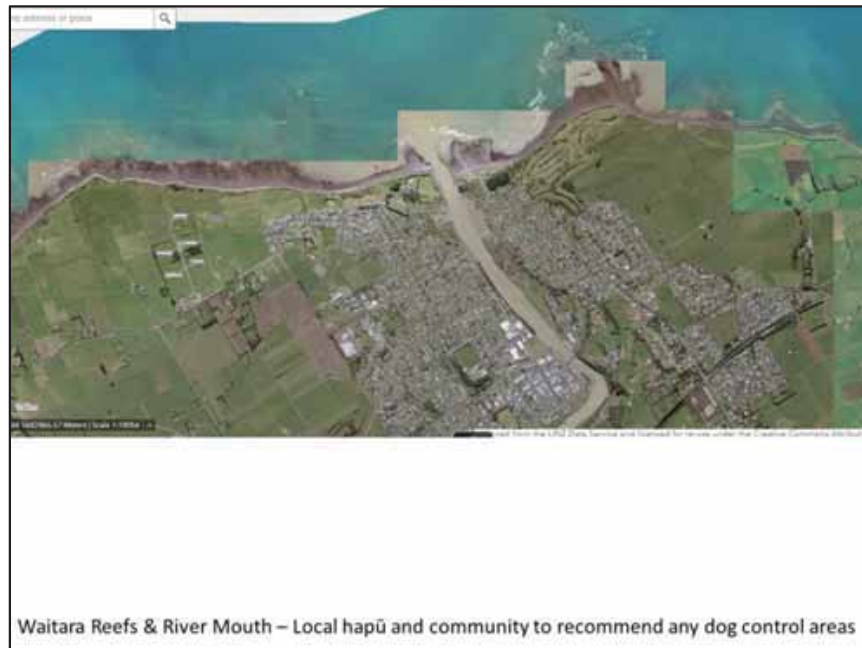


Figure 5. Showing penguin locations found at Onaero (previously unsurveyed for penguins).

Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog at Onaero Settlement during the 2020 & 2021 Taranaki sea walls penguin survey

## Waitara Reefs & River Mouth









Kōtuku ngutupapa (royal spoonbills) are commonly seen feeding around the Waitara River mouth.

Waiongana







Pacific golden plover, one of the rare migrants commonly seen at Waiongana



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel)



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel)



Pōhōwera (banded dotterel, threatened – nationally vulnerable): flocks of up to 100 overwinter at this site



Nesting pied stilts





Pied stilt juvenile



Kōtuku (white heron, threatened – nationally critical)



Kōtuku (white heron, threatened – nationally critical)

## Bell Block Beach







Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog during the Nov 2021 Taranaki sea walls penguin survey



Kororā (little blue penguin) footprints



Sign made by students from Puketapu School





Sign made by students from Puketapu School

## Waiwhakaiho River mouth







Popular dog walking spot. Dogs are often spotted chasing birds in the area. Dogs pose a huge threat to nesting shorebirds.



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick very vulnerable to attack by dogs



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick and adult



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) juvenile





Matuku moana (reef heron, nationally endangered)





Matuku moana (reef heron, nationally endangered) juvenile



Pied stilts – adults with juvenile



Tōrea also nest at this site

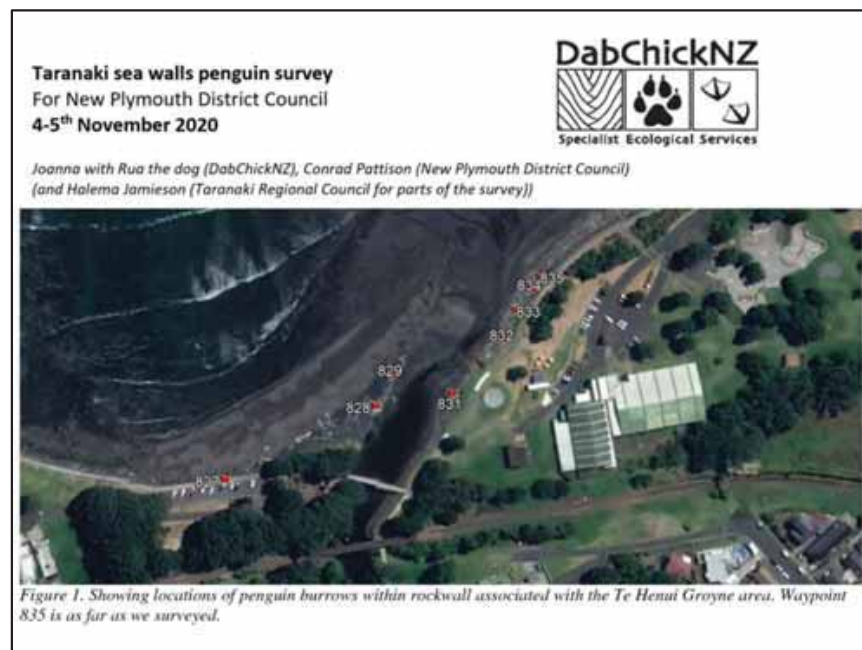


Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog during the 2020 and 2021 Taranaki sea walls penguin survey

## Fitzroy & East End Beaches







Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog during the 2020 Taranaki sea walls penguin survey



Dead kororā reports for the East End – Fitzroy area

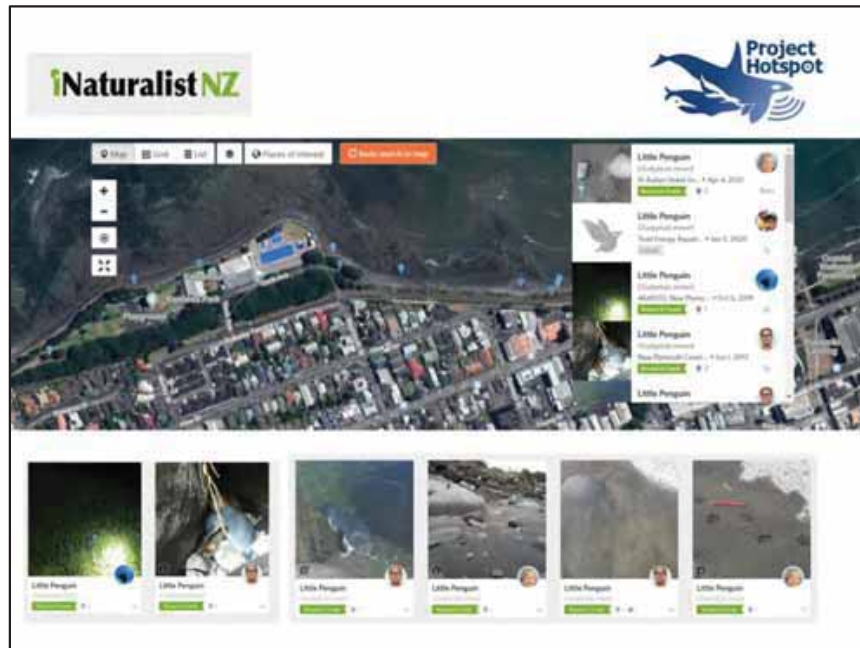




Moulting kororā attacked by dog at East End Beach. Had to be euthanized due to it's injuries.

## NP Coastal Walkway

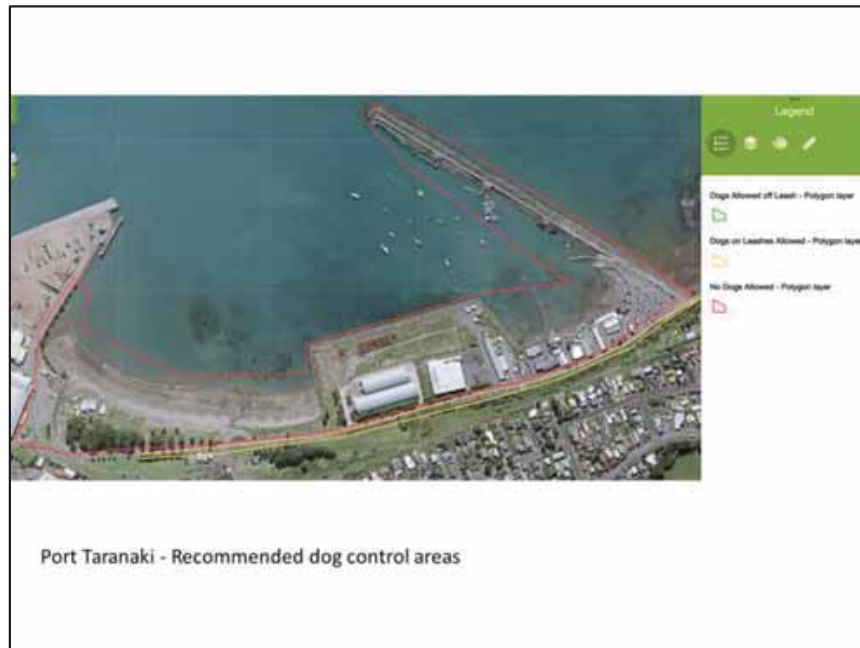




Examples of kororā reports along the coastal walkway recorded on iNaturalist NZ. Additional observations by Ngamotu Marine Reserve Society (see their submission) indicate that this is a popular spot for kororā.

## Port Taranaki: Lee Breakwater, Eastern Reclamation, Ngamotu Beach







Kororā (little blue penguin) close to Chaddy's Charters, Port Taranaki (photo taken by Sharyn Smart)



Kororā indications detected by Rua the penguin dog during the Feb 2020 survey of Port Taranaki



Female little blue penguin released back into the wild following recovery from a dog attack (leg wound) in January 2016. Penguin had been cared for at Wildbase. For more details see <http://smartwritingnz.com/injured-little-blue-penguin-returned-fit-and-healthy-to-nga-motu-marine-reserve/>  
Photos provided by Sharyn Smart.





Little blue penguin attacked by a small dog was brought to DOC by NP VET group. Penguin went to Massey University wildlife vet. They removed the damaged eye, later found the other eye had no sight. The penguin was euthanized.



Kororā (little blue penguin) at Ngamotu Beach. The elongated neck is often seen on dead kororā attacks by dogs (see Department of Conservation submission)



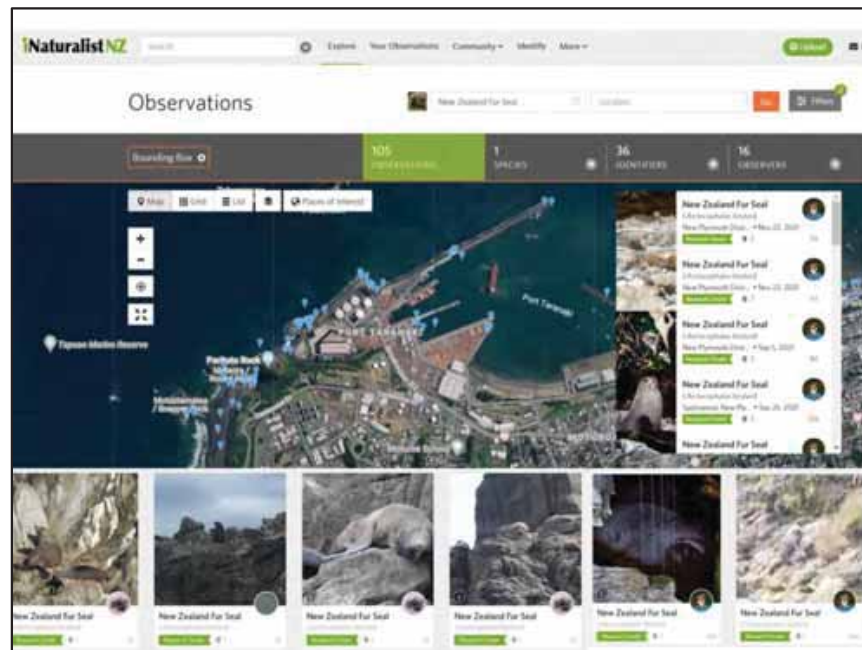


Sign at Ngamotu Beach made by students from Moturoa School

## Back Beach





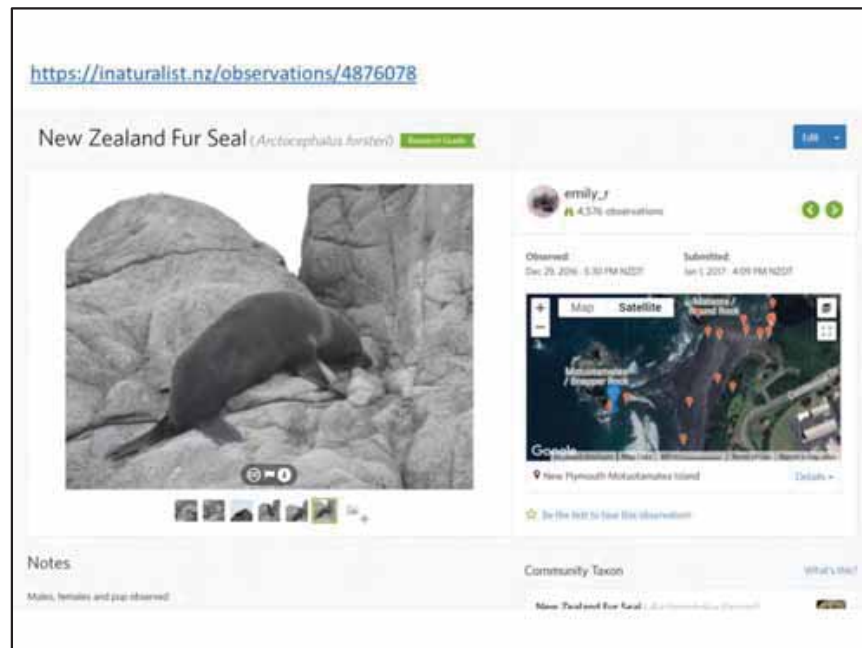


Examples of New Zealand fur seal reports at the northern end of Back Beach recorded on iNaturalist NZ



Seal basking on the rocks at Motuotamatea Island (Snapper Rock), accessible to dogs at low tide





Both adult seals and pups are vulnerable to dog attack at low tide. This is an example of a seal observation at Motuotamatea Island (Snapper Rock)



Female NZ fur seal at the base of Paritutu Rock



Bull NZ fur seal at the base of Paritutu Rock



Dog footprints at the base of Mataora Island (Round Rock) 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021



Red-billed gulls and white-fronted terns (both at risk declining) nesting on Pararaki Island (Seagull Rock) 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021



Juvenile red-billed gull (at risk declining) at the northern end of Back Beach 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021. Vulnerable to dog attack.



Nesting red-billed gulls (at risk declining) on Paritutu Rock 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021. Some nests and chicks accessible to dogs at low tide.





Nesting red-billed gulls (at risk declining) on Paritutu Rock 12th Dec 2021. Some nests and chicks accessible to dogs at low tide.



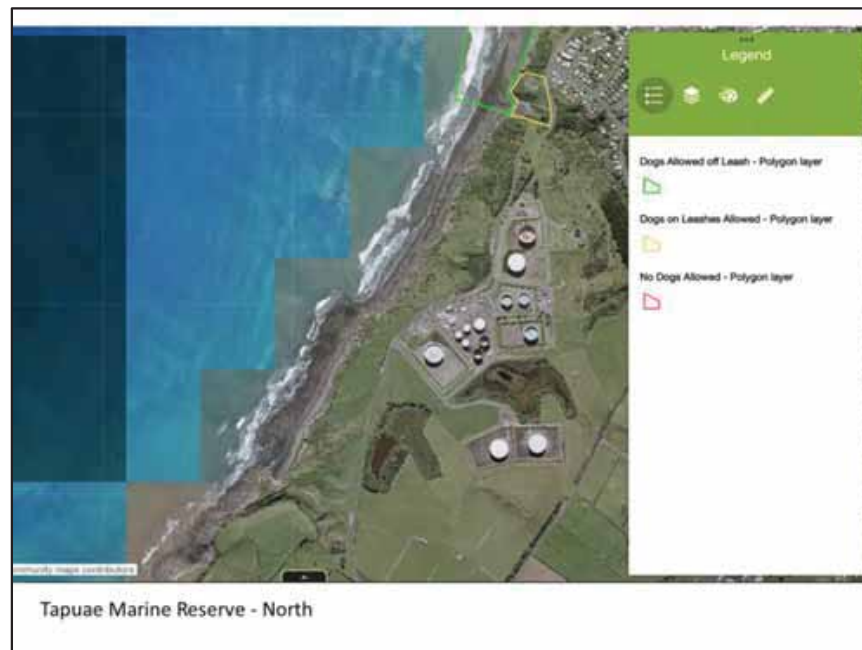


White-fronted tern (at risk declining) nesting on Motuotamatea Island (Snapper Rock)  
Dec 2016



## Tapuae Marine Reserve





A penguin-dog survey would be useful to determine the location of any nesting kororā and guide recommendations for dog control in this area



Penguin-dog surveys would be useful to inform the location of any nesting kororā



Matuku moana (reef heron, nationally endangered)



Tōrea (variable oystercatcher)

## Ōakura Beach









## Ahu Ahu Beach & Weld Rd







Ōi (grey-faced petrel) on the cliffs above Ahu Ahu Beach. Taken by Toby Shanley. Nesting and prospecting petrels are extremely vulnerable to dog attacks.

## Kaihihi Beach







Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chicks very vulnerable to dog attacks





Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) chick very vulnerable to dog attacks



Tōrea (oystercatcher) chick very vulnerable to dog attacks



Tōrea (oystercatcher) parent guarding the nesting area



Tōrea (oystercatcher) juveniles and adult



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) nest with eggs





Pied stilt juvenile at Kaihihi Stream mouth



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) nest with eggs





Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) adult



Tūturiwhatu (NZ dotterel) nest with eggs. Vehicle tracks close by.



Tōrea (oystercatcher) chick



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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

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## Submission on Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw

### Introduction

The Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) thanks the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) for the opportunity to make a submission on the *Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021* (the Proposed Bylaw).

The Council makes this submission in recognition of its:

- functions and responsibilities for indigenous biodiversity under the *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA), the *Biosecurity Act 1993* (BSA), and the *Local Government Act 2002* (LGA);
- regional advocacy responsibilities whereby the Council represents the Taranaki region on matters of regional significance or concern; and
- experience in implementing regulatory and non-regulatory programmes maintaining and enhancing indigenous biodiversity in the Taranaki region.

The Council has also been guided by its Mission Statement '*To work for a thriving and prosperous Taranaki*' across all of its various functions, roles and responsibilities, in making this submission.

### General comments

The Council commends NPDC in undertaking the review of the *Dog Control Policy* and the *New Plymouth District Council 2010: Part 2 Dog Control bylaw*, including the pre-consultation survey and engagement with key stakeholders of the community.

The Council notes that NPDC, in undertaking the review of its policy, has had particular regard to:

- The need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally.
- The need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not they are accompanied by adults.
- The importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs.
- The exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

The Council notes that while the focus of the review is on responsible dog ownership and public health and safety considerations, the effects of the review can also enhance biodiversity outcomes for the region. In particular, the Council suggests that the Proposed Bylaw has the potential to significantly contribute to the better protection of coastal biodiversity in the New Plymouth District.

The Council notes Policy 15 of the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* (Coastal Plan), which sets out a stronger policy and regulatory approach for coastal management, including the identification and mapping of those elements and values of the coastal environment that are truly unique and worthy of added protection. Policy 15 reads as follows:

*Policy 15: Significant indigenous biodiversity*

*Protect significant indigenous biodiversity in the coastal environment by:*

- a) *avoiding adverse effects of activities on:*
  - i. *indigenous taxa that are nationally threatened or at risk, or regionally distinctive, including those identified in Schedule 4A;*
  - ii. *taxa that are internationally threatened including those identified in Schedule 4A;*
  - iii. *indigenous ecosystems and vegetation types that are threatened in the coastal environment, or are naturally rare, including those identified in Schedule 4A;*
  - iv. *habitats of indigenous species where the species are at the limit of their natural range, or are naturally rare;*
  - v. *areas containing nationally significant examples of indigenous community types; and*
  - vi. *areas set aside for full or partial protection of indigenous biological diversity under other legislation;*
- b) *avoiding significant adverse effects and avoiding, remedying and mitigating other adverse effects of activities on:*
  - i. *areas of predominantly indigenous vegetation in the coastal environment;*
  - ii. *habitats in the coastal environment that are important during the vulnerable life stage of indigenous species including:*
  - iii. *estuaries;*
  - iv. *spawning areas (e.g. snapper-trevally spawning area in the North Taranaki Bight between Mōhakatino River and Pariokariwa Point);*
  - v. *areas that provide passage for diadromous species;*
  - vi. *marine mammal resting, feeding and breeding areas; and*
  - vii. *bird roosting and nesting areas;*
  - viii. *indigenous ecosystems and habitats found only in the coastal environment and which are particularly vulnerable to modification including estuaries, lagoons, coastal wetlands, dunelands, intertidal zones, rocky reef systems, eelgrass, saltmarsh, and sensitive marine benthic habitats including those identified in Schedule 4B;*

- ix. *habitats of indigenous species in the coastal environment that are important for recreational, commercial, traditional or cultural purposes;*
- x. *habitats, including areas and routes, that are important to migratory species; and*
- xi. *ecological corridors and areas important for linking or maintaining biological values identified under this policy; and*
- c) *avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of activities in significant marine animal and seabird areas consistent with (a) and (b) above.*

An important feature of the Coastal Plan is the identification and mapping of significant indigenous biodiversity in the coastal environment, including links to important nesting and feeding areas for coastal seabirds through the biodiversity portal. The Coastal Plan has elevated the status of significant indigenous biodiversity, which includes native coastal bird species.

The Council is therefore very supportive of NPDC's preferred option of reviewing and amending its Bylaw. The Council makes the following specific comments on key areas of particular interest and concern, including highlighting a small number of minor changes to promote biodiversity outcomes arising from the Proposed Bylaws.

### **Protection of wildlife (and dogs)**

The Council support the need to consider greater protection of wildlife (and dogs) in particular areas across the New Plymouth district that have significant biodiversity values (7.4.1 Proposed Policy and clause 12 Proposed Bylaw).

As noted on page 6 of the Statement of Proposal, the current Policy and Bylaw already have leashed control restrictions in place to protect wildlife (and dogs) on the coast at four locations (Bell Block Beach, Waiiti Beach, Tapuae Marine Reserve, and Parininihi Marine Reserve). The Council supports restrictions at these current locations.

The Council further supports leashed control restrictions proposed for Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream and Back Beach. These areas contain threatened and rear species such as kororā, red-billed gulls and white fronted terns that are vulnerable to dog attacks or disturbance.

By ensuring all dogs are leashed, incidences of dogs harassing and on occasion killing and maiming nesting and roosting protected coastal birds should be reduced. These new areas, combined with the existing locations, enhance protection of biodiversity in coastal areas. Notwithstanding its support for the restrictions relating to the 'breeding season between August and April', the Council notes that this only provides protection for shorebirds. The 'seasonal' restriction affords only partial protection for nesting and roosting penguins, which can be found, and are vulnerable to dog attacks, all year round at Bell Block and Waiiti. Therefore the Council recommends that restrictions be extended year round at these sites.

The Council further support the inclusion of the new proposed clauses for the temporary urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife. The clause will provide for clear communication to the public and give NPDC flexibility to act quickly when there is an urgent need to protect wildlife. The Council agree that this clause is important for the protection of nesting shorebirds including tāturiwhatu (New Zealand dotterel) and tōrea (oyster catcher).



### Other areas

As previously discussed with NPDC and Department of Conservation officers in pre-engagement consultation, other biodiversity hotspots also warrant further investigations on the appropriateness for better regulatory control for dogs and/or educational opportunities to promote awareness and responsible behaviours by dog owners in or near areas of significant indigenous biodiversity. The Council recommends that further review should be undertaken by NPDC to locate areas with significant biodiversity values using the [Taranaki Regional Council Biodiversity Portal](#) located on Local Maps.

### Prohibited areas

The Council supports amendments to the Bylaws for the inclusion of two new proposed prohibited areas for dogs comprising of the rockwall between the Te Henui Stream and East End Beach, and the sand dune area between East End Beach and the Waiwhakaiho Groyne bordered on the landward side by the Coastal Walkway.

The Council's support recognises the importance of the proposed prohibited areas for the protection of kororā (little blue penguin). As noted in the Statement of Proposal, the prohibited areas are important nesting sites for the kororā (and as confirmed via the findings of the 2020 NPDC Penguin survey which identified evidence of penguins nesting within the rockwall and sand dunes).

### Leashed control

The Council further supports the establishment of two new leashed control areas at Back Beach northern end car park and adjoining reserve and the beach areas between the bottom of the access steps, Round Rock and Paritutu. As noted in the Statement of Proposal New Zealand fur seals, kororā and other nesting coastal birds are commonly found in these areas and protection from unleashed dogs is essential.

However, in addition to the above, the Council strongly recommend that dogs also be prohibited off leash after dark at significant penguin nesting and roosting sites, all year round. These sites can be identified in the [Taranaki Regional Council Biodiversity Portal](#) located on Local Maps. The Council notes that penguins are especially at risk between dusk and dawn when they are moving to and from the sea and their burrows.

### Education

The Council support clause 7.2.1 which states '*The Council will encourage responsible dog ownership within the New Plymouth District through public education and enforcement of the Council's Bylaw, and other relevant legislation*'.

The Council recommends that NPDC be proactive and clear with their messaging to the public and provide plenty of opportunities for the public to be educated on the value of places in and around the district, and the importance of these places for coastal biodiversity and the potential risks to native bird species.

The Council's Biodiversity Portal may help to inform NPDC on places to focus educational efforts such as through signage identifying important nesting and feeding sites of protected coastal birds across the district. Educational tools such as signage promote responsible dog owner behaviours and awareness of the risk their dog may pose to wildlife.

### Summary and conclusion

The Council thanks NPDC for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Bylaw.

The Council supports the proposed changes as it aligns well with biodiversity objectives of the Council and provisions of the *Proposed Coastal Plan for Taranaki* and *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*. Notwithstanding that support, the Council seeks some minor changes to improve biodiversity outcomes and encourage further significant site review. Recommendations made in this submission only seek to build on synergies and alignment across regional and district council functions and responsibilities and ensure a high level of protection for coastal biodiversity.

If you require any additional information on this submission, please contact Adelaide Campbell, Planning Officer (Adelaide.Campbell@trc.govt.nz or 06 765 7127).

The Council does not wish to be heard in regard to this submission.

Yours faithfully  
S J Ruru  
**Chief Executive**



per: D R Harrison  
**Director - Operations**

## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 328**  
**Society**

**Barbara Hammonds, Nga Motu Marine Reserve**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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### NPDC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Submission

We welcome this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The Society has been concerned about the impacts of dogs on coastal and marine species for a long time, and has in the past directly advocated for greater awareness from dog owners in order to better protect our vulnerable species. Two of our four objectives directly relate to this:

- To ensure the marine life and other natural resources in the region are protected.
- To foster community awareness of the coastal environment by education.

Another of our objectives is about knowing more about what lives in Taranaki's coastal and marine area. We engage directly in scientific studies and also support others in this.

- To encourage the scientific study of marine life on the Taranaki coast.

As a result we know a lot about some of our coastal and marine species.

The Society applauds Council for the improvements suggested in the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw around protecting coastal wildlife.

We would however like to see changes that would significantly increase the protection of vulnerable shorebirds and kororā / Little Blue Penguins. Over the last ten years much knowledge has been gained about protected coastal species, through citizen science projects, many under the umbrella of the Society like Kororā Kōrero, Project Hotspot and Finding Little Blue, and also through work done by TRC, the Port, DOC and NPDC. This knowledge informs our recommendations.

Yes, we would like to talk to Council about our submission. Please contact Barbara Hammonds, [Barbara\\_ha@outlook.com](mailto:Barbara_ha@outlook.com), 021 1825545

Kororā Kōrero, a current project of the Society in collaboration with Ngāti Te Whiti and Ngāti Mutunga, is monitoring selected penguin populations with the intention of understanding long term population trends and finding out more about their behaviour.

We will comment further on this later in our submission.

Figure 1: Mother kororā returns to feed chicks; smaller images – chicks sitting outside the nest box



Our submission is mainly focussed on kororā as this is the species we know most about, but any dog controls that protect kororā are also likely to benefit other shorebirds and seals.

The fewer stresses and predators that impact on shorebirds, the better they will survive and breed. There comes a tipping point where an apparently common species suddenly becomes threatened, often the cumulative effects of adverse conditions, and by then it may be too late to address the problems the species faces. We are only at the beginning of our kororā census, and still do not know if the population is stable or falling.

# **1) Support for the proposed additions and amendments within the proposed Policy and Bylaw to better protect wildlife.**

## **Policy and Bylaw updates to provide for the urgent safeguarding of protected wildlife**

We think this new clause is excellent. Locations of nesting shorebirds and, to some extent, kororā are dynamic. Although there are known hotspots, which will be better protected if our recommendations are adopted, there will likely be nesting areas that aren't known about yet, or birds will nest in new locations.

Where seals haul out is very unpredictable and this clause will also increase protection for them (and for the people and dogs which might encounter them).

## **Protecting wildlife (and dogs) - from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream**

We support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream. In addition we support the further suggestions for this area made by Dotterel Defenders.

## **Back Beach**

We support the recommendations made by Dotterel Defenders for this area. As stated in their submission it's not a known hotspot for kororā but many dead penguins have been reported here. Footprints have also been recorded from near the base of Paritutu (see Figure 2 below).

A survey by a trained penguin dog would be useful.

Figure 2: Left - kororā footprints heading out to sea; R – where they came from



#### Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

We support this as this gives dog walkers more daylight hours to walk dogs, which will help discourage dog walking before dawn. As the evidence shows, including our Kororā Kōrero monitoring, penguins typically come in under cover of darkness.

## 2) Recommendations for greater protection of wildlife through further amendments to the proposed Policy and Bylaw.

We endorse all the recommendations made in the Dotterel Defenders submission for:

- Additional areas where wildlife need protection, and in addition we propose a 'no dogs allowed' area for the foreshore below Tasman Towers (see further comment)
- The duration of this protection, i.e. that 'no dogs allowed' areas at kororā nesting hotspots are made year round. This also simplifies the messages for dog owners. (see further comment)
- Dawn and dusk protection (see further comment)
- Clear signage and simple, easy to understand messages (see further comment)
- Education and advocacy (see further comment)
- Adequate funding and resources for enforcement. Unless there's enforcement it's less likely that people will pay any attention to the Policy and Bylaw.
- Appropriate dog control measures at shorebird nesting areas

- Surveys by a trained penguin dog
- Consultation with iwi and hapu

#### **Additional areas where wildlife need protection**

We support the 'no dogs allowed' and 'dogs allowed on a leash' areas on the map provided in the Dotterel Defenders submission.

In particular we have ample evidence for a large population of breeding kororā in the Port area, and therefore strongly support a 'no dogs allowed' area from the southern end of Ngamotu Beach to the Lee Breakwater.

*Figure 3: Kororā using the Lee Breakwater boat ramp to access a nest in the rock wall*



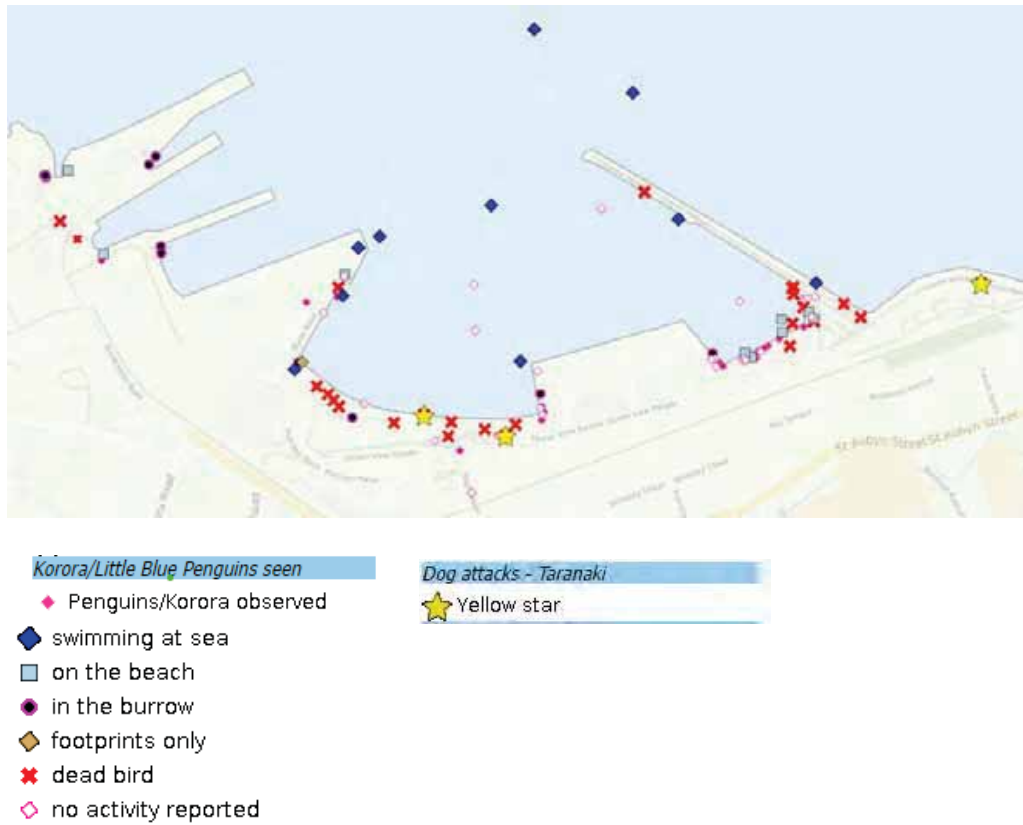
[Publicly available records](#) show how significant this area is (see the screenshot in Figure 4 below) yet until the Society began Kororā Kōrero we had no idea just how many penguins called this area home.

In the first year of this long term project, with DOC permits, we have tagged (inserted transponders - 'microchips' - which uniquely identify each bird) more than 100 kororā in the small area from the eastern side of the reclamation to the western side of the Lee Breakwater carpark. We know there will be many more in all the rock walls around the area, including at the southern end of Ngāmotu Beach.

We now have detailed information on breeding success through monitoring nests, and also information on where these kororā are feeding. We are happy to provide this information in confidence should you be interested.



Figure 4: Map of kororā sightings (not including the current Kororā Kōrero project data): yellow stars = known dog kills, red crosses = dead penguins



One of the unexpected findings so far has been that older chicks are in and out of their nest boxes during the night and often sit outside in the open for long periods. This even includes chicks still covered in down (See Figure 5 below).

It was also surprising to discover that adult birds sit out in the open for extended periods.

One bird was a solo parent feeding two chicks. If this bird had died, her chicks would most likely have died also. Normally both parents go out to sea and bring back food for their chicks.

In daylight hours the birds are typically hidden from view and quiet. Anyone walking by in the daytime would have no idea there are kororā tucked in the rock walls.

This behaviour of both chicks and adults makes them very vulnerable to dog attack.

Adult birds do sometimes arrive from the sea during daylight, which makes them even more vulnerable to dogs.



Figure 5: Chicks hanging out outside nest boxes (November). The two chicks on the outside of this group are still covered in down



In addition, we would like to see a 'no dogs allowed' area on the beach and rocky reef between the beach access from the walkway on the sea side of the railway line (approximately below Tasman Towers) and the carpark at the north end of the Aquatic Centre as we know this is an area used by kororā (see Figure 6 below). This is an area where a survey by a trained penguin dog would be useful. This would also help with timing of any seawall maintenance.

Figure 6: L - Footprints to and from roosting or nesting sites in the rock wall below the railway line in front of Tasman Towers; R - Clear evidence kororā roost (and possibly nest) here



The [map of kororā records](#) around the Taranaki coast (referred to near the top of this section) shows how widespread this vulnerable species is. There's a layer showing deaths attributed to dog attacks. This is far from a complete record but it's the best we have, and is based largely on observations recorded in iNaturalist.

### Duration of protection

Because kororā burrows are typically occupied for most of the year, except for a short window in autumn when kororā remain out at sea, a year round ban on dogs in kororā hotspots is essential for their protection. This will also greatly simplify the messaging around dog control areas, which will improve compliance.

See Table 1 below, copied from Taranaki Regional Council's [Coastal structure maintenance - guidance for planning works with regard to kororā / Little Blue Penguins](#)

| Jan                         | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| •                           | •   | •     |       |     | •    | •    | •   | •    | •   | •   | •   |
| •                           | •   | •     |       |     | •    | •    | •   | •    | •   | •   | •   |
| • – Nesting    • – Moulting |     |       |       |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |

**Table 1.** Note that this table is indicative only and generally shows nesting and moulting for kororā across a year. Depending on seasonal variability exact timing may vary; therefore these timings should not be solely relied upon.

Year round dog bans would also protect shorebirds which are either nesting, feeding or resting in the same areas. Feeding and resting can occur at any time of year.

### Dawn and dusk protection

As already mentioned, adult kororā come in and out of the sea to their burrows in darkness and often sit outside for some time, and chicks are often out of their nests when it is dark. It's therefore very important in any areas where kororā might be present that dogs are not walked between dusk and dawn (in areas that are not 'no dogs allowed').

### Clear signage and simple easy to understand messages

Dog control areas need to be clear and easy to understand. Signs need to be sufficiently large that they are obvious to beach users. This will enable better compliance with the Bylaw. For example, [Thames Coromandel District Council signs](#) that use a simple traffic light system to show dog control areas on a map (see the following image).



### Education and advocacy

This is key to bringing the public on board with protecting species that live in our coastal backyard. Many people still do not know that kororā live around our coast, let alone in areas where we frequently walk and take dogs, often off leash. Shorebirds including tōrea /variable oystercatchers and tūturiwhatu / New Zealand dotterel which live on our coast are also little known to most people.

The Society is available to collaborate on this. Over the years we have provided a variety of public resources on wildlife around the Taranaki coast as part of our education and advocacy:

- We have collaborated with NPDC in the past to include information about shorebirds which went out with the dog licence renewals.
- Shore bird pamphlet with OSNZ and Forest and Bird
- [Finding Little Blue](#) (also accessible on the [CitSci Hub](#)): working with Devon Intermediate and Puketapu School students
- Material for [teachers](#) with guest access
- NMMRS/Taranaki Mouna webcam was streaming live footage of kororā year-round. This indicated that kororā spent a lot of time in the nest box - coming and going outside breeding or moulting seasons.
- Our recent Kororā Kōrero research trail and security cam footage shows adult birds and chicks sitting out in the open most nights. They have an active outdoor social life where there are no disturbances. Penguin videos from these are now showing in Chaddy's
- Other educational [resources](#) include this simple [map](#) of bird hotspots from 2012

This coastal area of New Plymouth District was studied to determine environmentally significant areas, particularly "bird hotspots", from Waitara to Okura.

Ornithological experts were consulted - these are the 'contacts'.

Sites held to be of significance for bird life are marked with yellow stars.

The data was provided by Sevi Hattley. This project was funded by The George Meun Charitable Trust

**Legend**

Bird Conservation Area

Limited Natural Interest

Wild Habitat

Wild Habitat

Localised habitat walking

Threatened wildlife observation

SPRIS

Special Purpose Habitat

Roads

0 5000 10000 m

**Hotspot**

Whangarei River Mouth + Lagoons and Lake Rotomua  
Whangarei Wetland Reserve  
Dune  
Mudflat and Lagoon Habitat Protected Area  
Te Henui Whangarei Harbour

Map prepared by NABU Trust NZ, 29th January 2012  
Aerial images are by courtesy of Taranaki Regional Council to the community GIS project

## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 329**

**Stephen Nigel Tooley**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

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### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Will help protect penguins. But, nothing to be gained since seals are often seen hauled out along whole of beach length.

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Around car park can be congested so a good idea.

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

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### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No**

***Comments***

The so called "seasonal prohibition area" (red hatched on map - ECM 8684627) is much too confusing when in fact dogs on a leash are permitted here. Just simply define the area as "Leashed Control" (yellow on map - ECM 8684627) at all times instead. The "Leashed Control" area to south of Herekawe Stream has steep cliffs so no point trying to protect penguins who are more likely to use a beach with no cliff. Suggest allow unleashed for 400m south of the Herekawe Stream.

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**4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

***Comments***

NOTE: Still allow leashed access across steps from coastal walkway onto beach.

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**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

Do you support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe to enable dog walkers to complete a lake circuit route?

**Yes**

**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

Do you support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries?

**No**

***Comments***

I have never seen a problem with dogs being off leash in NP cemeteries.

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**7. Other comments**

Back Beach is the only free running dog beach in the city, and there is no dog exercise park like other cities/towns have (eg Hawera, Whanganui, Levin). So we need to retain Back Beach with few controls either side of the stream (other than on leash of carpark).

See following pages for marked up changes to page 8 Dog Control Policy and page 15, 21 and 22 Dog Control Bylaw.

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| Area and description   | Rules  |
|--|--|
| <b>Fitzroy</b>   |  |
| Fitzroy Seaside Park swimming pool and adjacent playground – the area defined in the Bylaw | Prohibited   |
| Fitzroy and East End beaches – foreshore and beach area defined in the Bylaw               | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Fitzroy and East End beaches – dune area as defined in the Bylaw                           | Prohibited   |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park</b>  |  |
| Back Beach - the beach area as defined in the Bylaw  | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Back Beach – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park to Tapuae Stream</b>   |  |
| Tapuae Marine Reserve – the area defined in the Bylaw                                      | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Port Taranaki</b>   |  |
| Ngāmotu Beach and Reserve – the area defined in the Bylaw                                  | Prohibited   |
| Lee Breakwater/Port area – as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Bell Block</b>  |  |
| Hickford Park cycling facilities – area as defined in the Bylaw                            | Prohibited   |
| Bell Block shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| Bell Block Beach – the area defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw |
| <b>Waitara</b>   |  |
| Waitara main shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw                                       | Leashed control  |
| <b>Inglewood</b>   |  |
| Inglewood shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control  |
| <b>Ōākura</b>  |  |
| Ōākura Beach – foreshore and beach area as defined in the Bylaw                            | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Ōākura River/Corbett Park – the area defined in the Bylaw                                  | Prohibited at certain dates and times as specified in the Bylaw      |
| Ōākura shopping area as defined in the Bylaw   | Leashed control  |
| <b>Ōkato</b>   |  |
| Ōkato shopping area - as defined in the Bylaw  | Leashed control  |

*Renamed "Leashed Control" poor description (confusing)*

| Area and description  | At all dates and times | At specific dates and times   |
|---|------------------------|---|
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park</b>   |                        |   |
| Back Beach southern end, the beach area adjoining the lower car park, bounded by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower car park.</li> <li>• The northern headland.</li> <li>• The southern headland.</li> </ul> <i>Therefore is not a prohibited area at all.</i><br><i>Note: Dogs may pass quickly through this prohibited area under leashed control to access the adjacent leashed control and/or off leash area. Simply a controlled area.</i><br><i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i> |                        | Prohibited 10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to the end of Easter Monday. |
| Back Beach southern end, stream, beach, foreshore and adjoining reserve area bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower car park and access road.</li> <li>• The adjoining grass area up to the underpass tunnel and across to the grassed river bank on the true left side of the Herekawe Stream.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i>  | Leashed control        |   |
| Back Beach northern end, the foreshore, beach, dunes and adjoining reserve areas bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sand dune beach access from Centennial/Paritutu Park.</li> <li>• The southern side of Mataora/Round Rock.</li> <li>• The southern side of Paritutu Rock.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Refer to Map 4 for clarity of the above description.</i>   | Leashed control        |   |
| <b>Back Beach/Centennial Park to Tapuae Stream</b>  |                        |   |
| Tapuae Marine Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area between the Tapuae Stream boundary to the Herekawe Stream boundary.</li> </ul> <i>Change to allow use of first 400m south of Herekawe Stream</i>  |                        | Leashed control during breeding season 1 August to 30 April.                                  |
| <b>Port Taranaki</b>  |                        |   |
| Ngāmotu Beach and Reserve, foreshore, beach, reserve and playground area, bounded by and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern side of the Blyde Wharf reclamation area.</li> <li>• Western side of the industrial reclamation area.</li> <li>• All land on the seaward side of Ocean View Parade.</li> </ul>   | Prohibited             |   |







Map 3 Fitzroy / East End dune area



## Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021

**Submission No: 330**

**Mel Whiting**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### 1. New Plymouth Central Business Area (CBA)

Do you support the proposal of changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control, but retaining the prohibition for menacing and dangerous dogs?

**Yes**

### 2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs)

- a) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and beach area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Does not go far enough and needs to be enforced

- b) Do you support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (car park, adjoining reserve and stream area)?

**Yes**

***Comments***

Does not go far enough and needs to be enforced

- c) Do you support the proposed prohibition for the sand dunes and rock wall area from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to the Te Henui Stream?

**Yes**

### 3. Back Beach

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibition (with leashed control walk through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower car park?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**Yes**

### 4. Reducing the daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches

Do you support the proposed seasonal\* prohibitions at East End/Fitzroy beaches, Ōākura Beach, Corbett Park/Ōākura River area and Onaero Beach?

\*10am to 6pm from Labour Weekend (commencing Saturday) to Easter Monday

**No, retain current daylight saving ban (9am to 6pm)**

**5. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

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**6. Leashed control for Council cemeteries**

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**7. Other comments**

The impact of dogs on wildlife around our coasts is getting worse and is not restricted to direct attacks on birds or nesting site disturbance. I have regularly seen shorebirds, including dotterel, reef herons and oystercatchers, being chased by dogs off beaches where they are feeding or roosting. We have increasing population with higher dog ownership using more of the coast on a daily basis. We need more sites where dogs are excluded to allow wildlife to take precedence. Better education and enforcement are also required. I also regularly see surfers leaving their dogs unrestrained and unattended at places like weld road. Perhaps some regular messaging on social media could be used- not just when there is an issue? Also designated dog parks?

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## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 331**      **Kathryn Mercer**

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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## Submission on the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw



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There is no doubt that dogs love going to the beach, preferably running freely off leash. At the end of a walk, we can take our dogs and go home. But for our wildlife, the beach IS their home.

**New Plymouth's...**

- **population of people and dogs is growing**
- **foreshore is eroding**
- **population of native shoreline species are mostly in decline**

This submission is based on what I have observed as a regular beach goer and the research I have accessed, the recommended policy does not go far enough to recognise this and to protect this important taonga in even a short-term manner.

The recommendations I make in this submission relate primarily to my 'local' dog exercise area, Back Beach, but much is more broadly applicable to other parts of our NPDC coastline, in particular Tongapōrutu.

**Key recommendations:**

1. Increased education of dog owners about the needs of the species that share our coastal environment
2. that the proposed dog-on-leash area at the Ngā Motu Islands Marine Protected Area of Back Beach be not only implemented, but extended further
3. That compliance be monitored and visibly enforced.

**Protection of the species that call our foreshore home**

I am glad to see that the new policy has gone so far as to recognise that we share our local area with species other than humans and their dogs in our local area. However, I do not think that the dog control measures as proposed go far enough to recognise and protect the value (and some would argue moral rights) of these other species, particularly the ones found only in our part of the world.



## Nature blindness



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"We have seals on this beach?! I've walked my dog here every day for 18 years and I've never seen one!"

– Dog walker, Back Beach

Many people in New Plymouth are not even aware we have penguins, seals, etc living right here in our city - overseas tourists are often better informed and more excited about this than locals.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile other dog owners have told me they "see seals all the time".

The 'Resilience through nature' report this year demonstrated that "Our personal wellbeing and nature's wellbeing are strongly interconnected. Our health and resilience is strengthened when we connect with nature."<sup>2</sup> This makes biodiverse places like Back Beach a rich asset in a city and country where suicide and anxiety rates are high.

Viewing the birds coming in to roost at night on the Nga Motu/Sugar Loaf islands is a favourite pastime with locals – the carpark is usually full. Out of town visitors I've taken to witness this spectacle often mention it as the highlight of their trip to New Plymouth. Let's make sure this awesome natural event is protected!

Most bird fledglings (including the local moreporks/ruru that frequent the scrub at the top of cliff adjacent to Back Beach and Paritutu Rock) spend some time on the ground while they work on their ability to fly. Unfortunately this makes them vulnerable to off-leash dogs. Few dog owners seem to know this, let alone when the peak seasons for this occur – usually in the warmer months when we especially want to be out and about with our hairy buddies.

<sup>1</sup> The seal ignorance is based on my conversations with locals, particularly Back Beach users with dogs. The penguin ignorance is something I've also struck, backed up by the experience of penguin specialist Dr Thomas Mattern (TRC Councillor Elvira Van Der Leden, 'Our penguins with Dr Mattern', Talking Taiao Podcast, Access Radio Taranaki 27 November, 2021. <https://accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=8f2e0c29-2b6f-4b26-8c22-6223207a0fd3>)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2021-media-releases/take-a-moment-for-nature-and-yourself-this-conservation-week/>



### Our co-residents and their conservation status:<sup>3</sup>

See Appendix 1: Taranaki Regional Council's biodiversity map for information about the native species habitats in the Paritutu/Back Beach area.

The marine/land species that I have personally seen on Back Beach particularly in the Nga motu marine reserve boundary:

#### New Zealand Fur Seal

The Nga motu / Sugar Loaf Islands Marine Reserve is recognised as an important nursery and haul out area for the native New Zealand Fur Seal in Taranaki, as shown on the map in Appendix 1.



Seals are well camouflaged. Did you spot the seal in the photo above?

I had observed seals on the beach before, but I still had to get up within 3 metres before I could be certain the blob on the right was a young seal, not a piece of driftwood or a stone.

Within an hour after this photograph was taken, the juvenile seal was attacked by two dogs (the site is marked 1 on the map in Appendix 2, and falls outside of the NPDC recommended on-leash area). The owners were around the corner where they could not see the dogs, let alone see the seal.

Several people fishing from the beach a few metres from the seal had recognised it, but assumed it was dead - it was snoozing (check out the mellow fellow in the image below).

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<sup>3</sup> Information from New Zealand Birds Online, 2013. <https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz>



It was only when the dogs started harassing the pup that the fisher-people noticed it moving and tried to intervene, eventually allowing the pup to head out into the water.

Even then one of the dogs kept chasing after the seal into the water. By this stage the owner had arrived, but the dog did not obey his calls and the owner ended up having to reluctantly wade into the

sea to retrieve the dog. I was too far away to do anything, even to photograph, but as you can imagine the sight was distressing. Even if I had immediately called the DOC hotline, it would have been well over and done with by the time they arrived. I did report it, but there was insufficient information to prosecute anyone.



This is one of two occasions in the past season where I and/or a friend have seen dogs (off leash of course) attacking live seals. It seems to happen very quickly and scaring off the dog tends to take precedence over taking photographs of the action. Witnesses have tended to be reluctant to go on record.

One of the dog owners said it was just normal predatory behaviour for a dog and therefore apparently not a problem, before encouraging his young daughter to pat the seal.

Left: Observations of NZ Fur Seals on iNaturalist, marked in orange. iNaturalist is a citizen science project, and only one potential source of data – some other groups do more formal surveys which they will hopefully submit.  
(<https://inaturalist.nz/taxa/41752-Arctocephalus-forsteri> 14/12/21)

## White fronted terns

Most White fronted terns produce only one egg per year, and few of the resulting chicks survive. "The New Zealand population has declined markedly over the last 40 years and is currently regarded as At Risk/Declining."<sup>4</sup>



iNaturalist obscures accurate locations for terns for their protection, because of their at Risk status. However, their nesting areas are shown in the Taranaki Regional Council biodiversity maps (Appendix 1 shows the Back Beach map). The examples discussed below are marked on the map in Appendix 2 to provide evidence that they are outside of the proposed on-leash or no-dog areas.

Breeding usually occurs in large dense colonies on shingle river beds, sand dunes, stacks and cliffs.

The two general areas where terns are known to breed in Taranaki are Tongaporutu and the islands and rocky outcrops of the Nga Motu

marine protected area: we are really privileged to have these elegant birds on our city's doorstep – the pair above we photographed this month on Back Beach.

Having watched terns doing their courtship 'trot' where they match the pace and pose of their mate (see below), I doubt it could be done on a cliff or rock stack: they were using an area of flattish sand between Motuotamatea/Snapper Rock and the Back Beach cliffs, marked as 2 on the map in Appendix 2. As you can see, there is a dog off leash in the background.



<sup>4</sup> <https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/white-fronted-tern>



The picture left shows their location in relationship to the power pylon marked as number 3 on the map in Appendix 2.

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## Gulls

Most people don't realise that some of our native gull numbers are declining. I have seen the following three species on the Paritutu/Nga Motu islands end of Back Beach:

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|  | <b>Southern black-backed gull</b><br><i>Larus dominicanus</i><br><b>Conservation status:</b> Not Threatened<br><i>Laridae, Larus</i><br><b>Other Names are:</b> karoro, kelp gull, dominican gull, black-backed gull, mollyhawk, seagull, blackbacked gull, black backed gull |
|  | <b>Black-billed gull</b><br><i>Larus bulleri</i><br><b>Conservation status:</b> Nationally Critical<br><i>Laridae, Larus</i><br><b>Other Names are:</b> Buller's gull, tarāpuka, tarapuka, seagull, blackbilled gull, black billed gull                                       |



Just last week I saw fledgling (out of the nest, but yet to properly fly) red-billed gulls at the base of the stairs where people and dogs walk, marked as number 5 on the map in Appendix 2: *photographs below*



*Below another red-billed gull chick seen the same day near the sand dune and a freshwater seep where the gulls often drink. (Number 6 on the Appendix 2 map)*





This chick was part of a group being rushed and harassed by two dogs off leash while their two walkers watched from approximately 20 metres away without any intervention or apparent concern. The chick got particular attention from the dogs because it could not fly away.

My friend and I ended up chasing the dogs off. When I spoke to the dog walkers (who were upset we'd harassed their dogs) they were unaware that there were fledglings in the area.

In addition to the nesting areas shared with terns indicated on the map in Appendix 1, this species also nests on the lower cliffs of Paritutu rock next to Back Beach.

### Little (blue) penguin



#### Little penguin

*Eudyptula minor*

**Conservation status:** Declining

Spheniscidae, Eudyptula

**Other Names are:** little blue penguin, blue penguin, fairy penguin, white-flipped penguin, kororā, korora

All of the little blue penguins I've seen thus far around Taranaki have been dead. The first was half-way up the sand dune, where various dogs were finding it most 'interesting' (marked 7 on the Appendix 2 map). But then, most of us are asleep when they are out crossing the beach.

I have also found penguin feathers amongst the boulders at the base of the stairs, near an area that seeps water. I came back the following evening with a friend to try and see the bird, but all we saw was a live stoat drinking from the seep! It fled into the rocky area under Paritutu when we attempted to approach.

We hung about a bit longer but were only surprised by a group of tourists with headlamps running down the dune before setting off rock-hopping around the base of Paritutu towards the Port, much to the consternation of the seabirds that roost and nest on that face of Paritutu – many took flight: spectacular for us, but not exactly restful for the birds.

*Below:* Verified evidence of penguins on iNaturalist - all dead.



#### Other seabird species

Following are species have personally witnessed – unfortunately all found dead - up the Paritutu end of Back Beach.

### Australasian Gannet



#### Australasian gannet

*Morus serrator*

**Conservation status:** Not Threatened

Native. Not threatened.

### Common diving petrel



#### Common diving petrel

*Pelecanoides urinatrix*

**Conservation status:** Relict

Native. At risk.

### Buller's Shearwater



#### Buller's shearwater

*Puffinus bulleri*

**Conservation status:** Naturally Uncommon

Endemic. Naturally uncommon.

### Fluttering Shearwater



#### Fluttering shearwater

*Puffinus gavia*

**Conservation status:** Relict

Native. At risk.

## Effectiveness of dog control measures

People I've talked to express frustration with the lack of monitoring and enforcement of even the current dog control regulations – for example at the seaside markets where people just ignore the dog control signs. Unfortunately this has undermined people's willingness to make the effort of writing a submission advocating for increasing the areas where wildlife are (in theory) protected.





Every time I go to the beach around New Plymouth I see abandoned piles of dog crap, which is further evidence of the existing regs being ignored by dog owners.

This is a health hazard for all beach users whether they be children swimming or the species that call the beach home.

*Left: Just one of many piles of dog faeces left on Back Beach. It is a rare day not to see any, usually there are multiple deposits.*

If dogs were kept on a leash there would be far less chance of owners not seeing when their dog has made a mess and thus hopefully a better chance of them cleaning up after their animal as

per the existing requirements.

The NPDC vision to be the *Sustainable Lifestyle Capital* attractive to residents and tourists alike does not fit with having to pick your way between the dog faeces (crap) abandoned on our beaches – despite this being a health hazard and owners already theoretically being required to remove and safely dispose of such material.

### Back Beach in focus

The area from Matuotamatea/Snapper Rock to Paritutu and the port is an important habitat for many native animal species (see Appendix 1). Some dog owners voluntarily put their dogs on a leash when walking at this end of the beach, and thumbs up to them!

However, most dogs I've observed in this area are off leash and frequently not even visible to their owners (let alone under their control). This is illustrated in Appendix 2: Points A,B,C and D illustrate how the dog owner's view is obscured by the topography – not just by the cliff face jutting out, but the way the sand is currently mounded – it moves according to storms. Even the leash control area in the plan is not fully visible if the owner his approaching from point D if the off-leash dog has dashed ahead.

Because of this, I recommend making the area from Matuotamatea/Snapper Rock to Paritutu an "on leash only" area. My first preference would actually be to make the entire area of Back Beach an on leash area in acknowledgement of the marine reserve and the species that use the beach – or would if it was safe enough. However, I understand that there are limited areas where people can walk their dogs, and I'm advised of the need to compromise the area heading away from Paritutu from about point D as an off-leash area as it is less used as a rookery/nesting site.

One of the challenges with creating special dog control areas is making this clear to the public on the ground on an ongoing basis. Signs need to be well placed, durable, and monitored regularly (say annually) to assess if they need replacement or relocating due to erosion or rising storm surges/sea levels.

For example, the no dogs allowed sign (circled top right in photo) on Motuotamatea/Snapper Rock is well above the area where terns nest and seals haul out and rest (juvenile seal circled in middle of image), and is so faded you can barely make out more than 'dogs'.



## Inconsistency with other existing policy & guidelines

According to DOC, the Ngā Motu Islands Marine Protected Area includes the foreshore around the Nga Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands,<sup>5</sup> but the species that we share the shoreline with are vulnerable to harassment, injury and sometimes death from unrestrained dogs.



The current dog control approach does not fit well with the NPDC sustainable city goal or with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy's "vision to combat climate change. Together, we are working towards a low-emission and climate-resilient future". New Plymouth is a signatory<sup>6</sup>.

At the recent COP-26 conference the IPCC presented 10 new insights of climate science, the 9<sup>th</sup> was to do with the importance of conserving and supporting the marine environment<sup>7</sup>.

They are calling for an increase in marine reserves internationally to 30% of the oceans as a key solution to reducing greenhouse gases in

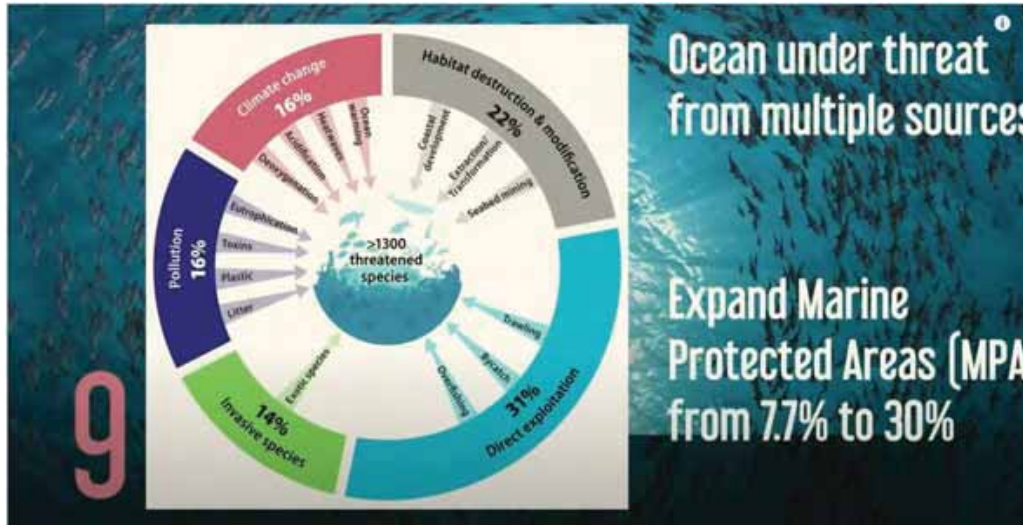
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/taranaki/places/nga-motu-sugar-loaf-islands/?tab-id=Diving-and-snorkelling>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/>

<sup>7</sup> [Johan Rockström at #COP26: 10 New Insights in Climate Science | UN Climate Change - YouTube](#)

the atmosphere, curbing climate heating and the deaths of many marine species.<sup>8</sup>

Ideally individual marine reserves should be of a minimum of 10, 360 hectares/25,000 acres/40 square miles extent - our Nga Motu Islands Marine Protected area is only approximately 750 square hectares, but that's another submission...



Species that live around Back Beach are already experiencing threats indicated in this IPDCC slide *above* such as ocean warming, pollution - from humans and domesticated/exotic animals (such as the dog crap), and the effects of coastal development which is increasing the population of people and dogs using the beaches, interfering with the wildlife's natural behaviours such as mating rituals, ground nesting & resting on the sand, and with juveniles still learning to swim or fly.

The marine environment is not just what lives under the water. It includes the birds, seals and other species whose key habitat also includes the land, particularly the foreshore.

I believe we should show respect to our native wild species, giving them space to engage in their natural behaviours - including lounging on a sandy beach without harassment, injury or death from introduced predator species – including dogs. As in the penguin example above, there is evidence our native species are already under pressure from wild mustelids, not to mention the rats and possums.

Volunteer groups (including school students) are trapping these predators. Having dogs off the leash in this area seems inconsistent with the spirit of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Taranaki Taku Tūrangā's commitment to restoring "abundant and diverse native wildlife", "a promise to the next generation" as the country works towards a Predator Free 2050 target.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The concept has been taken up by the 30 x 30 campaign, an international agreement to putting aside 30 percent of land and sea for nature by 2030 to turn climate change and the current extinction crisis around. See <https://www.hacfornatureandpeople.org/why-30x30> and Paul Hawkin, *Regeneration* (Penguin: 2021): the section on marine protected areas.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.trc.govt.nz/environment/working-together/towards-predator-free-taranaki/about-towards-predator-free-taranaki/>

We have a responsibility to our native species, many of which are described as 'data deficient' - we know comparatively little about the species that call our beaches home compared with northern hemisphere species.

I note that the dog owners are not supposed to have more than two dogs per property without a special permit. I wonder how widely this is known, and why is this not also applied to cats, given that they are also a predatory pet species that impacts on the viability of our wildlife, not to mention the issue of cat-dumping and feral cats. Again, their numbers are increasing, even as the habitat of our wild species if anything is shrinking.

Zoos have their place in conservation but the behaviour, diet and physical form of animals is different in a zoo setting, eg penguins beaks are often overgrown due to lack of the wear and tear they get in a natural environment.<sup>10</sup> I want us and future generations of this place to be able to increasingly enjoy our native creatures in the wild with no fences, engaging in their awesome natural behaviours! Please make the dog control plan and bylaws consistent with this vision!

Noho mā mā = Live lightly

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<sup>10</sup> Elvisa - 'Our penguins with Dr [Thomas] Mattern', Talking Taiao Podcast, Access Radio Taranaki 27 November, 2021. <https://accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=8f2e0c29-2b6f-4b26-8c22-6223207a0fd3>



Appendix 1: Taranaki Regional Council’s biodiversity map



## Appendix 2: Map of Back Beach

### Notes:

A, B, C and D are key points with lines demonstrating where the sight-line of the viewer is obscured by the landscape - cliffs, coves and the mounding of the beach sand/rocks, so that dog owners beyond these points cannot observe what their off-leash dog's activities outside of those sight lines, showing that key areas used by protected native species are not visible, thus making the case for extending the off-lead area to at least Motuotamatea/Snapper Rock.

Numbered sites mentioned in the submission text:

1. Seal pup, later attacked by dogs (<https://inaturalist.nz/observations/102116087>)
2. Flat sandy area used by terns for their 1920s-style courtship dances (<https://inaturalist.nz/observations/103009152>)
3. Power pylon as landmark in a photograph (ditto observation point above)
4. Adult tern spotted resting, possibly contemplating a sandy nest site. (<https://inaturalist.nz/observations/103009151>)
5. Red-billed gull fledgling at the base of the stairs and area where penguin feathers (and stoat) were sighted. (<https://inaturalist.nz/observations/103010983> and <https://inaturalist.nz/observations/67128255>)
6. Red-billed gull fledgling harassed by two dogs. It was close to one of the areas where the gulls like to flock and drink from the seep at the base of the cliff. (<https://inaturalist.nz/observations/103010982>)
7. Place where I saw my first penguin on Back Beach, dead and being checked out by dogs.

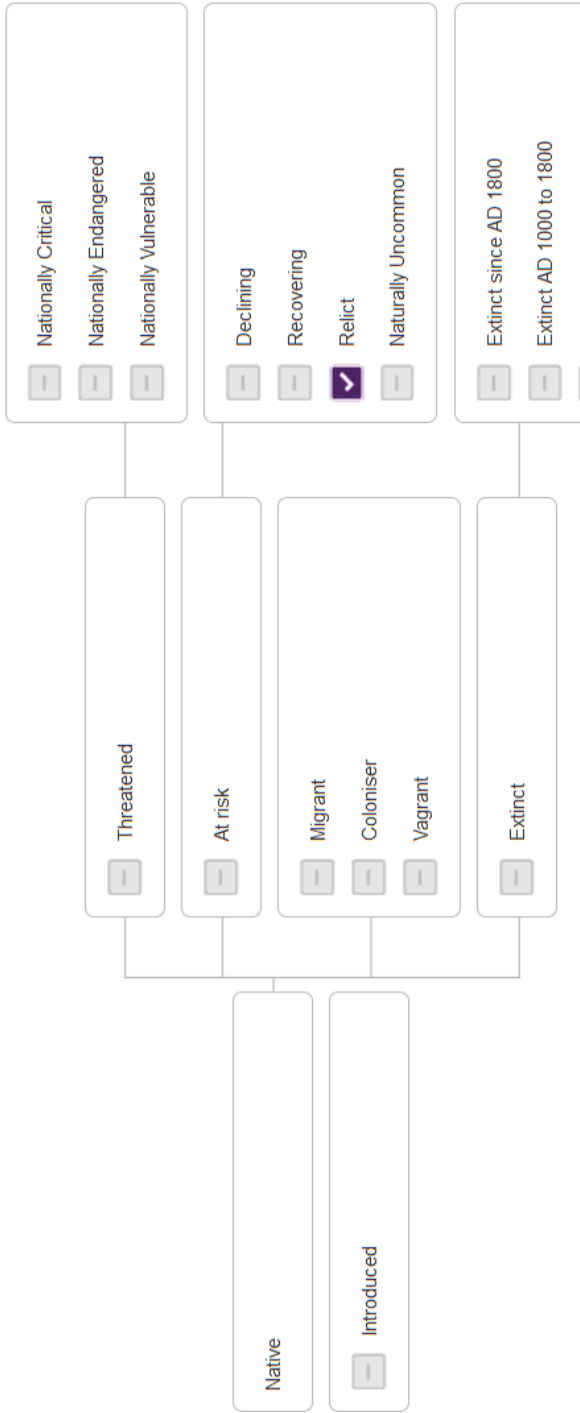
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**Composite image with critical viewing sectors, Points A, B, C and D added to**  
Base Image: New Plymouth City Council Porposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021  
Statement of Proposal Nov 2021, page 22.

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Appendix 3: Threatened species levels:



Source: [https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/?q=status-search&field\\_status\\_term\\_ids=169&field\\_status\\_term\\_value=Relict](https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/?q=status-search&field_status_term_ids=169&field_status_term_value=Relict)



## **Proposed Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2021**

**Submission No: 332**      **Dion Tuuta, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust**

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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#### **SUBMISSION TO THE NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL POLICY AND DOG CONTROL BYLAW**

Tēnā koe Mitchell,

On behalf of ngā hapū o Te Atiawa and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust ('Te Kotahitanga'), we appreciate the opportunity to provide a submission to the New Plymouth District Council ('NPDC') Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.

Te Atiawa are tangata whenua over the lands, water, sites, taonga, species, wāhi tapu, wāhi taonga, urupā, sites and areas of significance to Māori and other taonga within our Te Atiawa rohe. The Te Atiawa iwi rohe extends from Te Rau o te Huia along the coast to Herekawe, inland to Tahuna Tutawa, east to Whakangerengere, northeast to Taramoukou, and north back to Te Rau o te Huia and offshore out to 200 nautical miles. Te Atiawa iwi rohe encompasses much of the New Plymouth district.

Te Atiawa has strong historical, cultural, spiritual and traditional connections within this rohe, our environment is a part of who we are. In return, we as kaitiaki, have the responsibility of ensuring the mauri of these environmental and cultural resources is protected and enhanced for future generations.

Today Te Atiawa iwi is comprised of the following hapū: Manukorihi, Otaraua, Ngāti Rāhiri, Ngāti Tawhirikura, Ngāti Te Whiti, Pukerangiora and Puketapu ('Ngā hapū o Te Atiawa').

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust ('Te Kotahitanga') is the post settlement governance entity for Te Atiawa iwi.

The entire coastline of the Te Atiawa iwi rohe, and Lake Mangamahoe (a tributary of the Waiwhakaiho River) are identified as areas subject to statutory acknowledgement set out in the Te Atiawa Claims Settlement Act 2016. Statutory acknowledgements are formal recognition of the traditional, historical, cultural and spiritual associations of Te Atiawa iwi and hapū with the identified areas.

Ngā hapū o Te Atiawa and Te Kotahitanga make the following submission to the proposed New Plymouth District Council ('NPDC') Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw based on the questions from the submission form:

#### **1. New Plymouth Central Business Area ('CBA')**

- We do not support changing the current prohibition of dogs in the CBA to leashed control.
- We support the current prohibition for all dogs, and seek that this is continued under the new dog control policy and dog control bylaw.

#### **2. Protecting wildlife (and dogs) Northern Back Beach**

- We support the proposed leashed control area at the northern end carpark and adjoining reserve and beach area at Back Beach
- The rationale for this leashed control area is to protect seals in this area as it is an important seal haul out area. This is in response to dog attacks on seals including two recent attacks.
- Ngā Motu are a known breeding location for seals and are often present on the rocky outcrops surrounding Paritūtū and Ngā Motu which are accessible from the beach.
- Provision for sufficient enforcement and monitoring is required.
- Encourage community monitoring – hotline number to report breaches, volunteer monitors
- Provision of educational public signage – description of the habitat and species present, ways to keep whānau and pets safe when sharing the beach

**3. Protection of wildlife (and dogs) Southern Back Beach**

- We support the proposed leashed control area at the southern end of Back Beach (carpark, adjoining reserve and stream area)
- The rationale for this leashed control area is to protect Kororā (blue penguins) and other wildlife in response to previous dog attacks on Kororā, a grey faced petrel and a shag in this area.
- Provision for sufficient enforcement and monitoring of the proposed leashed control area is required.
- Encourage community monitoring – hotline number to report breaches, volunteer monitors
- Provision for educational public signage – description of the habitat and species present, ways to keep whānau and pets safe when sharing the beach

**4. Protecting wildlife (and dogs) – from the Waiwhakaiho Groyne to Te Henui Stream**

- We support a new prohibited area comprising the rockwall between the Te Henui Stream and East End Beach, and the sand dune area between East End Beach and the Waiwhakaiho Groyne bordered on the landward side by the Coastal Walkway.
- The rationale for this prohibition is to protect Kororā that nest in this area year-round. In 2020, a Penguin survey was undertaken by TRC which identified evidence of penguins nesting within the rockwall and sand dunes.
- Kororā are a taonga species to tangata whenua
- In addition to the new prohibited area, a leashed control area should be imposed along the beach adjoining the proposed new prohibited area. There is currently no leash control in this area. The Kororā need to feed and the proposed leash control in this area, a known habitat of kororā, will provide further protection

**5. Back beach area seasonal prohibition**

- We support the proposed seasonal prohibition (with leashed control walk-through) for the beach area immediately adjacent to the lower carpark
- The rationale for this proposal is that the beach area immediately adjacent to the Back Beach lower car park is seasonally a high congestion point for people and dogs with a significantly increased potential for dog control issues. Back Beach is a popular beach with whānau and other recreational users including walkers, dog walkers and surfers and the proposed prohibited area is often crowded in the peak summer months. The proposal also recognises that the majority of the greater Back Beach area is suitable for dogs without the need for regulatory control with the exception of the seasonal leashed control related to Tapuae Marine Reserve

**6. Reducing daylight saving prohibitions at popular beaches**

- We support the recommended changes

**7. Improving dog walking opportunities at Lake Mangamahoe**

- We do not support the proposed change to the dog controls at Lake Mangamahoe
- We support the existing prohibition of dogs in Lake Mangamahoe and within 200 metres of the water's edge of Lake Mangamahoe, as this serves to protect the wildlife in and surrounding Lake Mangamahoe
- Lake Mangamahoe and the surrounding area provide habitat to several taonga species, which could be disrupted through the introduction of dogs
- There are ample opportunities for dog walking elsewhere in the district
- The first preference is for the existing prohibition to remain in place for dogs in or within 200 metres of Lake Mangamahoe
- The second preference is to provide the proposed leashed control area near Lake Mangamahoe, with off-leash dogs remaining prohibited

**8. Leased control for Council cemeteries**

- We support the proposed leashed control in all Council owned and operated cemeteries

**9. Other comments**

- The default rule in public areas should be leashed control, rather than off-leash
- Increase community education around responsible dog owner behaviour, seasonal nesting sites, and look to establish a dog park specifically for dogs as many of our public places are sensitive natural environments where particularly off-leash dogs are inappropriate
- All *'other changes to the proposed policy and bylaw (section 9)'* are supported

If you have any questions or wish to seek clarification on any matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kasey@teatiawa.iwi.nz](mailto:kasey@teatiawa.iwi.nz) or (06) 758 4685.

Nāku noa, nā



Dion Tuuta  
**Pouwhakahaere/ Chief Executive**  
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

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## **NPDC PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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### **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise of the Council's performance for the period 1 July to 31 December 2021 of the 2021/22 financial year.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### **FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

3. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance.

### **DISCUSSION**

4. The Council's performance and progress towards meeting its objectives and key performance measures, as set out in its Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031, are reported on a quarterly basis. The quarterly report also covers information on financial performance.
5. The Council has 108 Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of which 72 have been achieved or are on track. Twenty-six KPIs do not have data available yet and will be reported in the annual report. One KPI relating to Governance is not applicable as there are no triennial elections in 2021/22. Seven KPIs are behind target relating to Puke Ariki and Community Libraries Venues and Events and Waste Management and Minimisation reflective of the effects of Covid. The target has not been met for two KPI relating to high numbers of building and resource consent applications.
6. This report covers the financial performance and performance against objectives for the period 1 July to 31 December 2021 of the 2021/22 financial year. The highlights and issues are set out in the performance report.
7. The Council adopted the LTP 2021-2031 with a balanced budget in the 2022 financial year and a budgeted operating surplus of \$4.3 million. The second quarter of the financial year shows a current overall rating surplus of \$0.2m. The noteworthy financial considerations for the year to date include:

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- Covid restrictions continue to impact some activities with revenue at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre \$0.4m down on year to date budget. Revenue from parking fines and permits and street parking impacted by the level four restrictions in August/September has resulted in a \$0.3m revenue shortfall for these activities.
  - Subsidy and Grants revenue is behind budget, largely due to timing issues on the delivery of the local roading programme (\$1.3m) and the thermal drying facility (\$3.3m). The roading programme is anticipated to be delivered by year end, whilst subsidy revenue for the thermal dryer is held as revenue in advance. These variances have been partially offset with NZTA subsidies for opex, received ahead of budget (\$0.4m) and a grant from the DIA for additional three waters capital works (\$1.3m).
  - Offsetting the reduced revenue, planning and maintenance expenditure of \$1.4m not yet undertaken as a result of the level four restrictions and \$0.8m has been saved as a result of lower operating costs during level four in some activities.
  - Building consent revenue continues to exceed year to date budget (\$0.3m) largely due to the hospital stage 2 development.
  - Finance costs are lower than year to date budget by \$0.4m as interest costs were budgeted at three per cent per annum and the current average cost of funds is 2.76 per cent per annum.
8. The operating surplus to period six is \$32.4m against a budgeted surplus of \$9.3m. The favourable variance of \$23.1m is largely explained through the following variances to budget;
- Investment revenue is greater than budget (\$18.1m) as the PIF has increased in value by \$21.4m during the first half of the financial year. PIF releases of \$2.4m (October) and \$2.6m (January) have been received by the council.
  - As noted above, subsidy revenue is \$3.1m below budget largely related to timing differences for subsidised capital expenditure (\$4.6m). This is partially offset with grant revenue for three waters expenditure funded from the DIA subsidy (\$1.3m), timing related operational subsidies from Waka Kotahi (\$0.4m) and grant funding for the Mana in Mahi cadet programme (\$0.1m).
  - Other expenditure is favourable to budget by \$3.5m. As noted above, this is due to a combination of timing (\$1.4m planning and maintenance) and permanent savings (\$0.8m) resulting from the Covid restrictions. The unfavourable variance in personnel costs (\$1.2m) is offset with savings in other expenditure as some roles have been brought in-house.
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- Depreciation and amortisation expense has a favourable variance of \$1.2m as the prior year's capex programme was behind schedule.
  - As noted above, interest expense is favourable to budget (\$0.4m) as the current weighted average interest rate is 24 basis points below budget.
9. Budgeted capital expenditure based on the revised budget (including carry forwards \$15m) for the 2022 financial year is \$94.6m. Year to date spend is \$28.6m representing 30 per cent of the total revised budget. Year-end forecasting at period six indicates capital expenditure of approximately \$74.9m for the financial year.
10. Staff are working towards preparing financial forecasts alongside period seven management reporting, based on agreed organisational assumptions. This will help to inform any potential financial implications and provide an indicative year end position.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

11. There are no financial and resourcing implications associated with performance reporting. The performance report includes financial and resourcing implications against key performance indicators where relevant.

#### **IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

12. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
  - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
  - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
  - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
  - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
  - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.
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## APPENDIX

Appendix 1: NPDC Quarter 2 Performance Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2021 (ECM 8716215)

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### Report Details

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-----*End of Report*-----





# Performance Report

for period 1 July to 31 December 2021



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# Year In Review 1 July to 31 December 2021

The second quarter saw NPDC round out the year adapting its events and operations to the Covid Delta strain and the government's new traffic light restrictions and scoop some major national and international accolades across the organisation. Progress was also made towards our Zero Waste goal and upgrading our Three Waters infrastructure and the City Centre Strategy for 2050 was unveiled to a positive reception in the news.

## October 2021

- Two drinking water reservoirs, costing \$18million, are completed at Henwood and Mountain roads to supply Bell Block, Waitara, Lepperton and further north.
- Puke Ariki begins issuing new library cards that will speed up the automated self-issue machines for borrowers.
- Sixteen jobseekers join NPDC's Mana in Mahi cadet training programme, run in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development.
- NPDC secures more than \$420,000 in Ministry for the Environment funding for a planned commercial and industrial waste sorting facility on Colson Road.
- NPDC holds a wastewater/septic tank information evening in Urenui to discuss the contamination in the stormwater system and Urenui River mudflats.
- International ratings agency S&P Global reconfirms NPDC's AA+ stable credit rating, the highest possible rating for councils in Aotearoa.
- We survey 53 residents using the Ōkato transfer station over five days to identify possible improvements that can be included in a site master plan for future upgrades.

## November

- The Bowl of Brooklands is crowned NZ's Best Large Venue ahead of Auckland's Eden Park and Hamilton's Claudelands Oval.
- The courage and leadership of NPDC's Supply Chain Leadership in infrastructure delivery is recognised in the Construction Sector Accord's inaugural Beacons Award.
- The new Camden Street bridge, built by eight high school students in an NPDC trades training programme, officially opens on the upper Huatoki Walkway.
- NPDC cancels the iconic TSB Festival of Lights in the face of the Covid Delta strain and pandemic rules after taking advice from TDHB and government officials.
- The six-yearly Representation Review passes, ushering in a new Puketapu-Bell Block community board, some changes to the ward boundaries, and a new Māori ward.
- The draft City Centre Strategy for a vibrant and sustainable city centre through to 2050 is unveiled after two years of design work with hapū, businesses and other stakeholders.
- New paint work and wooden boards are replaced at Waitara Manukorihi Lookout platform.
- A 17-day project to shore up the seawall on the Coastal Walkway below Buller Street is completed with 680 tonnes of rock put in place.
- Inglewood Band Rotunda gets a facelift with rust treatment and new paint work.
- Waititi Reserve car park sealing completed.

## December

- New Plymouth Airport's new terminal building, Te Hono, picks up the Paris-based Prix Versailles award for best airport exterior, seeing off competition from major airports in Europe, Asia and North America.
- NPDC, working with Downer and Torpedo7, delivers 25 new bikes to Waitara Central and Inglewood Primary schools as part of it Let's Go Bikes in Schools programme.
- Len Lye's massive Convolutions kinetic sculpture finally comes to life at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre 60 years after the artist came up with the idea.
- The UN-backed International Awards for Liveable Communities names New Plymouth the World's Most Liveable City (population 75,000 to 150,000) after a rigorous presentation up against cities in Egypt, China and Israel.
- Designs are completed for the stormwater upgrades for Waitara's Tangaroa Stream restoration project.
- Construction starts on the \$37million upgrade of the New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant, funded by the Government's Covid-19 Infrastructure Fund for shovel-ready projects.
- A month-long trial of dogs in the city centre comes to an end as part of the Dog Control Bylaw review, which received 332 pieces of public feedback.
- Playground upgraded at Waitara's Kincade Park.
- Annual audits begin on 337 recycling bins across the district to determine what is being recycled and identifying non-recyclable items.



The **first quarter** saw parts of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) start to kick in with campaigns around water meters and parking in the city centre, along with some major events such as the Festival of Words and the Taranaki Bulls playing Hawke's Bay in the first rugby game at Pukekura Park in 76 years. With the Covid-19 lockdown in August, NPDC teams were quick to adapt and focus their efforts on core services like water, rubbish, roads and communication before gradually reopening as the Alert Levels fell.

## July 2021

- The \$11 million upgrade of Inglewood water pipes hits the three-quarters complete mark, with 10.7km of the 12.5km of pipes replaced.
- Brooklands Zoo marks another success with injured wildlife releasing a ruru back into the wild after its recovery from a car accident.
- New Zealand literary giant Witi Ihimaera kicks off Puke Ariki's four-day Festival of Words, featuring 16 ticketed events with 1,445 total attendees.
- Chart-topping Kiwi band L.A.B announce their return to the Bowl of Brooklands in January.
- New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant staff help health authorities in tracing two Covid-19 samples that turned up in the city's sewage.
- The Trimble Walkway opens linking parks and reserves in Inglewood.
- The TSB Festival of Lights is named a finalist in the Best Local Government Event category in the New Zealand Event Association Awards.
- The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery holds its most successful film festival with more than 4 000 people in total attending 20 films during the French film festival.

## August

- TVNZ's Seven Sharp news programme profiles the work of Pukekura Park's grounds team ahead of the first rugby match there for 76 years.
- 4,500 fans turn out to see the Taranaki Bulls play Hawke's Bay broadcast live from Pukekura Park to about 35,000 viewers on Sky Sport.
- The world's most stunning wildlife pictures go on show at Puke Ariki in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition produced by London's Natural History Museum.
- Rainbow Dance opens at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> birthday of Len Lye.
- Puke Ariki reveals it's married its virtual reality tech to Three Waters planning to help improve safety and design at facilities.
- NPDC rubbish, water, waste, communications and other key services swing into lockdown mode as the country goes into Covid-19 level 4.
- The Representation Review gets underway with public feedback on how many elected members NPDC should have and the electorates.
- NPDC steps up operations as most of the country moves into Covid-19 level 3 and resets rates deadlines for people paying at the counter.

## September

- NPDC's Puke Ariki libraries and museum, TEAC, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, Brooklands Zoo and the Civic Centre reopen under special Delta Covid-19 level 2 conditions.
- Draft Annual Report shows the Perpetual Investment Fund hit a record \$346m in the 2020/21 financial year, up almost 20 per cent.
- NPDC announces its feedback on the government's proposed Three Waters reforms.
- Five new drainage megapits are fitted to fix decades-long flooding problems as part of a stormwater upgrade in New Plymouth's Bromley Place.
- The Auckland Symphony Orchestra and other artists announce they're returning to the Bowl of Brooklands for a second Synthony in February.
- Te Reo Māori pedestrian silhouettes light up the rainbow crossing on Ariki Street for Māori Language Week.
- Puke Ariki launches a virtual online tour of its Points of View exhibition of historic New Plymouth photos.

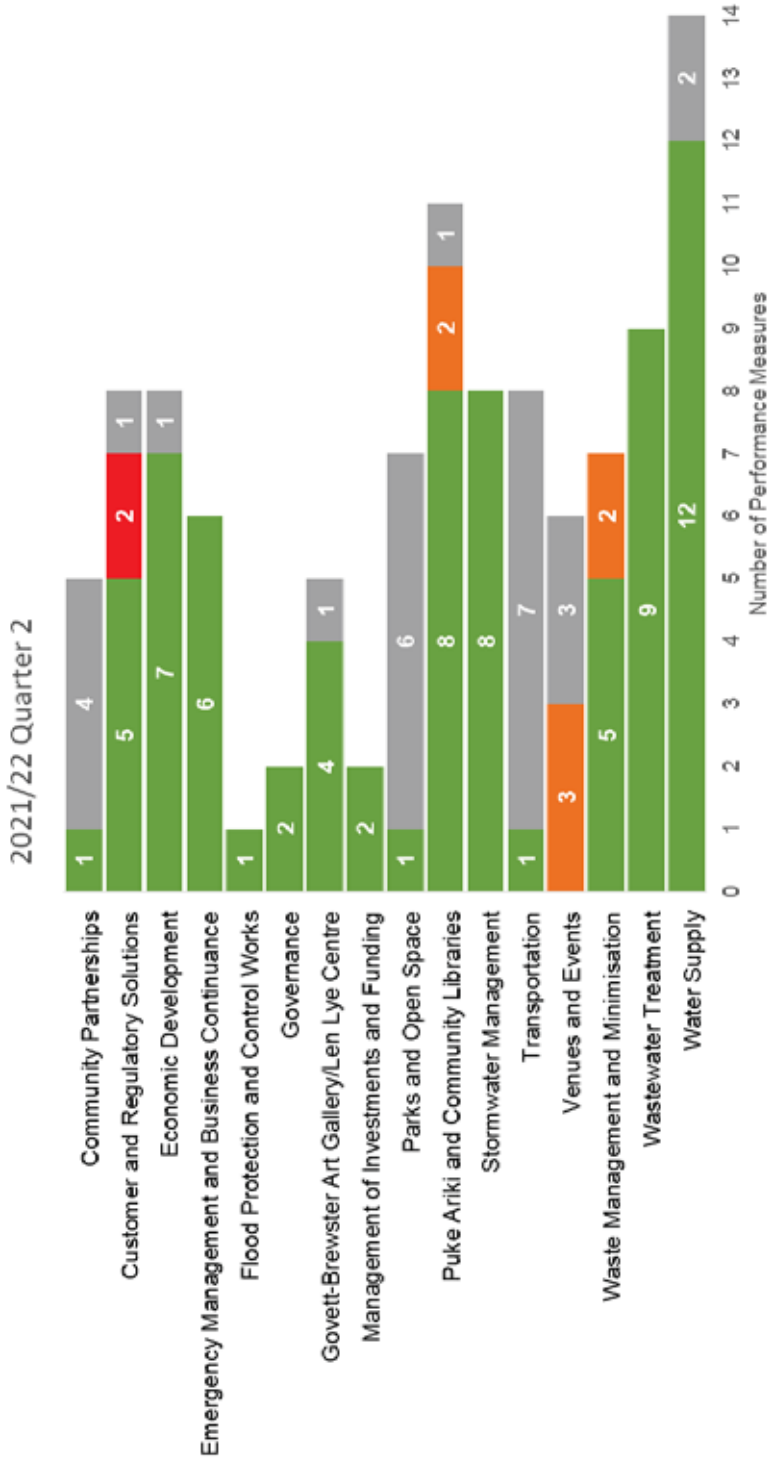
# Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 Performance Measures

# Overview

Performance measures help us report back on our service performance. Targets are set for the full financial year. The graph below gives an overview of how we're tracking on performance measures across NPDC for 2021/22 Quarter 2 (LTP 2021-2031: 108 performance measures). A summary comparison is shown for the same period last year, however this comparison is based on the LTP 2018-2028 and 82 performance measures.

|                          |           |                       |          |               |          |                |           |                        |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>2021/22 Q2 (107)*</b> | <b>72</b> | Achieved or on target | <b>7</b> | Behind target | <b>2</b> | Target not met | <b>26</b> | Data not yet available |
| <b>2020/21 Q2 (81)*</b>  | <b>44</b> | Achieved or on target | <b>2</b> | Behind target | <b>7</b> | Target not met | <b>28</b> | Data not yet available |


\* One measure in Governance not applicable as no triennial elections in 2020/21.







# Community Partnerships



| Build strategic relationships that support collaboration, capability and capacity in the community sector.   |  | Provide a 'start-up' fund to support creativity and collaboration in new community initiatives.   |
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| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of partners satisfied with NPDC's advice and involvement in community initiatives.</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>                           | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with NPDC's advice and support to community groups (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 90%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>On target - 2</b></p> <p>The number of initiatives receiving 'start up' financial support.</p> <p><b>Target: 3</b></p>  <p>One initiative funded in this quarter: Great Lives Coordinator Training.</p> <p>Q1: One</p> |
| Provide effective funding support for community organisations and initiatives.   |  | Effectively coordinate and administer the Housing for the Elderly service.  |
| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of key performance indicators achieved by recipients of the NPDC's grants (as set out in funding contracts).</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of tenants satisfied with the service.</p> <p><b>Target: 90%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>   |   |

# Customer and Regulatory Solutions






| Animal control processes contribute to a safe and healthy community.  |   |  |
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| <div><div>On target – 100%</div><div>The percentage of animal control emergency situations<sup>1</sup> responded to within two hours.</div><div>Target: 100%</div><div></div><div>Consistent with same period last year. All emergencies responded to within two hours.</div><div>Q1: 100%</div></div> | <div><div>On target – 87%</div><div>The percentage of known dogs registered.</div><div>Target: 95%</div><div></div><div>A decrease from same period last year (93%). Staff are actively following up with owners of unregistered dogs and infringements issued to non-compliant owners. It is anticipated target will be met.</div><div>Q1: 84%</div></div> | <div><div>Not yet available</div><div>The percentage of residents satisfied with animal control activities (satisfaction survey).</div><div>Target: 90%</div><div>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</div></div> |

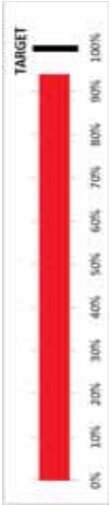
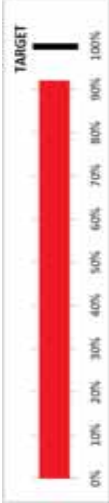
<sup>1</sup> Animal control emergency situations: assisting emergency services, attacks by dogs, stock on roads and injured animals.



## Customer and Regulatory Solutions

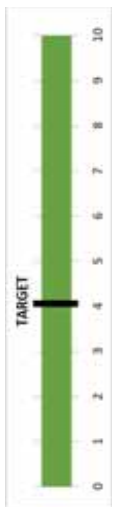
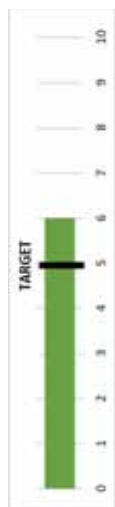

| Respond to logged complaints in a timely manner.  | Process requests for official information within timeframes set under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987).   | Conduct licensing inspections in accordance with statutory requirements.   |
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| <p><b>On target - 93%</b></p> <p>The percentage of formal complaints that receive an interim reply or are resolved within five working days.</p>  <p><b>Target: 90%</b></p> <p>An increase from same period last year (91%). There have been a total of 151 formal complaints received to date (75 in Q1, 76 in Q2), compared to 128 for same period last year.</p> <p>Q1: 92%</p> | <p><b>On target – 100%</b></p> <p>The percentage of requests for official information completed within statutory timeframe.</p>  <p><b>Target: 100%</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. There have been 146 official information requests received to date (74 in Q1 and 72 in Q2), compared to 133 for same period last year.</p> <p>Q1: 100%</p> | <p><b>On target – 100%</b></p> <p>All businesses required to be licensed are inspected in accordance with statutory requirements.</p>  <p><b>Target: 100%</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. We have a total of 214 licensed premises in the district. All premises are inspected when new or renewal applications are received, or on a report of non-compliance. All licensing requirements have been met.</p> <p>Q1: 100%</p> |

# Customer and Regulatory Solutions

| Process consent applications within statutory timeframes.  |   |
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| <p><b>Target not met – 94%</b></p> <p>The percentage of building applications processed within statutory timeframes (consents and code compliance certificates).</p> <p><b>Target: 100%</b></p>  <p>An increase from same period last year (91%). There have been a total of 1,607 building applications processed to date (829 in Q1 and 778 in Q2), compared to 1,580 for same period last year. Whilst the industry is still extremely busy, compliance levels have been progressing towards Building Act 2004 requirements (100%) with the addition of new inspectorate staff.</p> <p>Q1: 89%</p> | <p><b>Target not met – 92%</b></p> <p>The percentage of non-notified resource management consents processed within statutory timeframes.</p> <p><b>Target: 100%</b></p>  <p>A decrease from same period last year (98%). There have been a total of 217 non-notified consents processed to date (108 in Q1 and 109 in Q2). Nine resource consents exceeded timeframes (two land use and seven subdivision) compared to two for same period last year. The number of non-notified consents corresponds with the same number issued over the same period last year.</p> <p>The complexity of processing resource consents has increased as the Proposed District Plan is required to be taken into account in decision making.</p> <p>Q1: 92%</p> |



# Economic Development



| Promote the New Plymouth District and the Taranaki region as a vibrant and desirable place to work, live, learn, play and invest.   |   |   |
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| <p><b>Achieved - 10</b></p> <p>The number of major events attracted or retained.</p> <p><b>Target: 4</b></p>  <p>An increase from same period last year (8).</p> <p>The events contracted in this quarter were: Central Districts Cricket (Dec 2021 to Jan 2022); New Plymouth World Triathlon Continental Cup (Mar 2022); NZ Schools Tri Champs and NA Sprint Tri Champs (Mar 2022).</p> <p>Unfortunately The TSB Festival of Lights contracted in Q1 was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>Q1: Seven</p> | <p><b>Achieved - 6</b></p> <p>Undertaking initiatives to support investment in Taranaki.</p> <p><b>Target: 5</b></p>  <p>The three initiatives in this quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A full VT team briefing arranged on the Kānoa - Regional Economic Development &amp; Investment Unit - Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) prior to its availability in February 2022.</li> <li>A discussion held with the Energy Efficiency &amp; Conservation Authority to make applications from Taranaki businesses easier.</li> <li>Attendance at online startup competition events from Waikato and Manawatu to gain learnings for the PowerUp programme.</li> </ul> <p>Q1: Three</p> | <p><b>On target - 718</b></p> <p>The number of engagements<sup>1</sup> with visitor industry operators.</p> <p><b>Target: 1,000</b></p>  <p>Engagement with operators varies throughout the year depending on campaign and project activity.</p> <p>Three visitor promotion campaigns were continued during Q2: Christchurch campaign (an initial broad awareness campaign in collaboration with Christchurch Airport attracting tourists to Taranaki); drive and flight markets (due to alert level change, promotion contents need to be reviewed); and partnerships continued with Neat Places, Air New Zealand, AA and Tourism NZ for promotional activities.</p> <p>Q1: 451</p> |

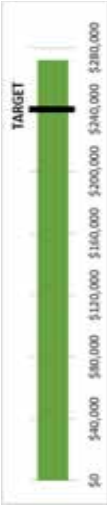
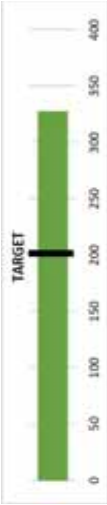
<sup>1</sup> Engagement is defined as a significant interaction made with an external party.

# Economic Development

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| <p>Promote the New Plymouth District and the Taranaki region as a vibrant and desirable place to work, live, learn, play and invest.</p> | <p><b>Achieved - 8</b></p> <p>The number of talent initiatives<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p><b>Target: 2</b></p>  <p>The three talent initiatives in this quarter were an Investor migrants event with stakeholders to identify who can support investor migrants; digital and IT sectors workshop on talent shortages; and the completion of research into a strategy for long-term retention of Taranaki international students.</p> <p>Q1: Five</p> | <p><b>On target - \$938,030</b></p> <p>The level of annual investment in regional businesses (subject to central government policy).</p> <p><b>Target: \$1,000,000</b></p>  <p>\$682,747 in New Plymouth District and \$255,283 in the wider Taranaki region.</p> <p>A decrease from same period last year (\$4,424,261). These amounts vary during the year depending on the timing of funding rounds and grants available.</p> <p>Q1: \$289,516</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The annual percentage of clients satisfied with Venture Taranaki business support services.</p> <p><b>Target: &gt;85%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> |
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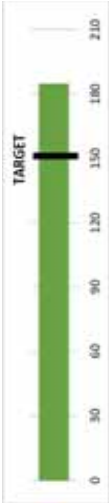
<sup>2</sup> Talent initiatives are those that facilitate the retention, growth or attraction of talent (i.e. human resources) in/into Taranaki.

# Economic Development

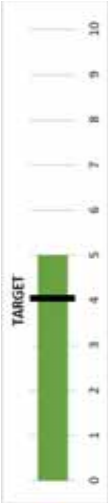
| Facilitate, promote, and support sustainable business growth, innovation, investment and employment opportunities in Taranaki  |  |
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| <div><div>Achieved - \$272,366</div><div>The level of annual investment<sup>3</sup> in the management capability of Taranaki's small and medium sized businesses.</div><div>Target: \$240,000</div><div></div><div><p>\$195,520 in New Plymouth District, \$76,846 in wider Taranaki region.</p><p>An increase from same period last year (\$175,072). The figure from last year was low due to availability of an alternative Covid relief fund through Regional Business Partner network funding. This Covid relief funding is no longer available.</p><p>Q1: \$188,868</p></div></div> | <div><div>Achieved - 328</div><div>Number of enterprise referrals and connections made by Venture Taranaki staff.</div><div>Target: 200</div><div></div><div><p>There has been a significant increase in need for general support.</p><p>Q1: 180</p></div></div> |

<sup>3</sup> Investment includes capability development and voucher funding as part of the nationwide Regional Business Partner Network.

# Emergency Management and Business Continuance

| Ensure NPDC is ready for, can respond to, and can recover from emergencies.   |   |  |
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| <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Emergency processes and plans are reviewed and updated annually.</p> <p><b>Target: Emergency plans are reviewed and updated as per exercise schedule</b></p> <p>Processes continue to be reviewed and updated. Business Continuity Plans being developed for the Omnicom outbreak.</p> | <p><b>On target - 185</b></p> <p>Recruit, train, and maintain a database of staff and volunteers capable of responding to an emergency.</p> <p><b>Target: Maintain 150 recruited and trained staff and volunteers</b></p>  <p>Database up-to-date. Training calendar for 2022 has been circulated.</p> <p>Q1: 190</p> | <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Ensure the NPDC Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is fit for purpose.</p> <p><b>Target: Complete monthly system checks and an annual EOC capability audit</b></p> <p>Monthly systems checks completed. Audit to be completed 8 February 2022.</p> |

# Emergency Management and Business Continuance

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| <p>Ensure NPDC is ready for, can respond to, and can recover from emergencies.</p>   | <p>Assist the New Plymouth community in becoming ready for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies</p>   |
| <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Develop and implementation an NPDC emergency exercise programme.</p> <p><b>Target: Complete NPDC emergency exercise programme</b></p> <p>Three Waters exercise planned for Q3.</p> <p>Q1: Waitara Awa exercise in collaboration with multi agencies was completed on 21 July.</p> | <p><b>Achieved - 5</b></p> <p>Civil Defence centres are identified, assessed and formalised with Memorandum(s) of Understanding.</p> <p><b>Target: 4</b></p>  <p>A further two MOUs still to be completed.</p> <p>Q1: Five</p> <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Engage with key community groups, and stakeholders (particularly iwi and hapū) to develop community emergency response capability.</p> <p><b>Target: Establish a team that can deliver a community-based emergency response capability</b></p> <p>Engagement is ongoing.</p> |



# Flood Protection and Control Works

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| Effectively maintain NPDC's flood protection and control works.  |
| <div><div>On target</div><div>Major flood protection and control works are maintained, repaired and renewed in accordance with the asset management plans and annual works programme.</div><div>Target: Achieved</div></div> |

On target

Major flood protection and control works are maintained, repaired and renewed in accordance with the asset management plans and annual works programme.

Target: Achieved








# Governance

| Ensure NPDC processes comply with statutory requirements.  |  |  |
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| <p><b>Effectively manage local elections in accordance with statutory requirements.</b></p>  | <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>The Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan and Annual Report are each adopted within statutory timeframes.</p> <p><b>Target: Full compliance</b></p> <p>Preparatory work on the Annual Plan 2022/23 continued. Annual Report 2020/21 adopted 21 December 2021.</p> | <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Meeting agendas are available as specified by legislation.</p> <p><b>Target: Full compliance</b></p> <p>Meeting agendas provided online within statutory timeframes. Hard copies available to members of the public on request.</p> |
| <p><b>Not applicable</b></p> <p>Elections and polls comply with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and are without successful petitions for inquiry into the conduct of elections.</p> <p><b>No triennial elections in this year</b></p> |  |  |


# Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre



| Provide access to an engaging range of contemporary art from New Zealand and around the world.  |   |  |
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| <p><b>On target – 3</b></p> <p>The annual number of exhibitions on offer.</p> <p><b>Target: 7</b></p>  <p>A decrease from same period last year (8). Two exhibitions opened during Q2 – Swallowing Geography and Len Lye: Convolutions. Covid-based freight and travel restrictions have impacted one exhibition, due to open in December 2021, which will now open in February 2022.</p> <p>Q1: One</p> | <p><b>On target – 28,230</b></p> <p>The annual number of visitor entries.</p> <p><b>Target: 60,000</b></p>  <p>Year to date visitor numbers are up on last year (25,429), though Q2 tracked below target with visitor entries heavily impacted by the national lockdown and Covid-based travel restrictions on Auckland. The Gallery attracted 4,936 visitors in October, 3,493 in November, and 4,321 in December, tracked by the automated Axis Store Reporter.</p> <p>Q1: 15,480</p> | <p><b>Achieved - 51</b></p> <p>The annual number of audience engagement events.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Target: 50</b></p>  <p>Eighteen audience engagement events were held during Q2 – two in October, 12 in November and four in December. Covid impacts saw a further six events and a number of regular programmes cancelled and two events postponed.</p> <p>Q1: 33</p> |

<sup>1</sup> These include formal ticketed events such as the Monica Brewster evenings, free and paid gallery and exhibition tours, targeted free events such as Sense Art tours, Gallery Babes and Gallery Seniors, education programmes including Young Visionaries, family art and workshops, and other public talks, lectures, tours and workshops.

# Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre

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| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the service (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 65%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>On target – 93%</b></p> <p>The percentage of customers satisfied with their overall experience at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre (in-house surveys).</p> <p><b>Target: 82%</b></p>  <p>Rounded down from 93.3%, result mirrors the same period last year (93%). Based on a sample size of 59 surveys. Covid-19 safety measures have impacted ability to undertake face-to-face visitor surveys. A remote digital platform is in development.</p> <p>Q1: 100%</p> |
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# Management of Investments and Funding

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| Manage the Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF) to provide sustainable NPDC revenue.  | Manage NPDC's borrowing programme in accordance with the Liability Management Policy <sup>1</sup> .  |
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| <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>The annual return from the PIF received by NPDC.</p> <p><b>Target: 3.3% + CPI + management fees and costs</b></p> <p>The fund has an unrealised gain of \$21.4m for the six months to 31 December 2021.</p> <p>NPDC have received \$2.4m from the PIF to date and received the second quarterly release payment of \$2.6m (including NP PIF Guardian's Management Fee reimbursement of \$600k) in January 2022.</p> <p>This payment is recognised in the December quarter and aligns to budget.</p> | <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Debt levels comply with limits set by policy.</p> <p><b>Target: All measures met</b></p> <p>Net debt as at 31 December 2021 was -\$242m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Net debt of total revenue is -36.1% - TMP maximum limit is 135%.</li><li>• Net interest expense on external debt is 2.9% of total revenue – TMP maximum limit is 10%.</li><li>• Net interest expense on external debt of total annual rates income is 4.6% - TMP maximum limit is 20%.</li><li>• Liquidity is 201.6% over existing debt – TMP target is to be greater than 110%.</li></ul> |

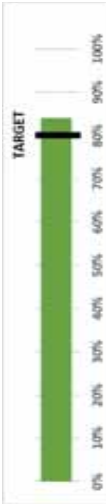
<sup>1</sup> The Liability Management Policy is incorporated within the Treasury Management Policy (TMP) which was updated and approved by the Council on 2 June 2020.



# Parks and Open Spaces

| Maintain quality district parks, reserves and open spaces.   |   |   |
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| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the quality of the district's parks and reserves, including the Coastal Walkway and Pukekura Park (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the quality of the district's urban landscapes and streets (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the quality of the district's sports parks (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 85%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> |
| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the quality of the district's playgrounds (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>   | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of Brooklands Zoo visitors satisfied with the zoo (in-house survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 90%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q3.</p>  |   |



# Parks and Open Spaces

| Maintain access to the district's parks, reserves and open spaces.   | Provide quality public toilets across the district.   |
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| <div><div>On target – 84%</div><p>The percentage of households in the district that are within 500 metres of a park, reserve or neighbourhood open space.</p><div><div>Target: 80%</div></div><p>There has been some additional esplanade reserves and park land acquired over the last year, particularly in growth areas. Updated GIS mapping of the 500m (5min to 7min) walkable catchment (PedShed) around open spaces across the city indicate that the previous target of 71% has improved. There is further refinement of the PedShed mapping that will provide a finer grained assessment of walkability and the formulas for this are proposed to be developed for the 2021/22 year.</p><p>Q1: 84%</p></div> | <div><div>Not yet available</div><p>The percentage of the community satisfied with the quality of the district's public toilets (satisfaction survey).</p><p>Target: 80%</p><p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p></div> |

# Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

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| Provide an accessible and informative point of contact and booking service for visitors to New Plymouth District.  | Ensure library collections, including digital resources, are available to meet the needs of the community.   | Number of annual physical visits across Puke Ariki libraries (except during times of closure).  |
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| <p><b>On target – 100%</b></p> <p>The percentage of customers satisfied with the i-SITE Visitor Information Centre (in-house survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 98%</b></p>  <p>Feedback collection is ongoing throughout the year.</p> <p>Q1: 100%</p> | <p><b>On target – 3.2</b></p> <p>The number of items per capita is maintained.</p> <p><b>Target: 3 to 3.5 items</b></p> <p>Library collections are made available to meet community needs. Library collections are within the appropriate range of items per capita, including both print and digital material.</p> <p>Q1: 3.3</p> | <p><b>On target – 5,297</b></p> <p>Average customers per week.</p> <p><b>Target: 5,000</b></p>  <p>Average visitor numbers achieved over past six months when Puke Ariki Library was open to the public (takes into account closures and public holidays, does not include Covid-19 lockdown (18 August to 9 September 2021).</p> <p>Q1: 5,881</p> |

# Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

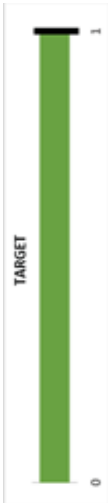


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| Provide access to online information using public computing devices.  |
| <div>On target</div> <div>Free WiFi available and access to online information using public computers and customer devices is available.</div> <div>Target: Free access at all libraries</div> <div>Free WiFi was available and access to online information using public computers and customer devices was available, except during periods of closure due to alert levels or specific government Covid-19 regulations.</div> |




# Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

| Offer widely accessible and engaging education programmes and public and community programmes.  |   |  |
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| <div><div>Behind target – 425</div><div>The annual number of programmed learning opportunities on offer.</div><div><div>Target: 1,200</div><div></div></div></div> <div><div>A decrease from same period last year (828) due to Covid-19 lockdown and closure from 18 August to 9 September 2021. No events, programmes, educational opportunities offered during Alert Level 2 or under the Orange setting for the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF).</div><div>Q1: 334</div></div> | <div><div>Behind target – 9,961</div><div>The number of participants attending.</div><div><div>Target: 29,000</div><div></div></div></div> <div><div>A decrease from same period last year (19,730) due to Covid-19 restrictions. No events, programmes, or educational opportunities offered during Alert Level 2 or under the Orange setting for the Covid-19 Protection Framework.</div><div>Q1: 8,064</div></div> | <div><div>Not yet available</div><div>The percentage of participants satisfied with programmes (in-house survey).</div><div>Target: 95%</div><div>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</div></div> |

# Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

| Provide new, dynamic exhibitions regularly to ensure visitor engagement and repeat visits.   |          |       |        |   |        |   |   |          |       |        |   |        |   |  |          |       |        |   |        |   |
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| <div><div>Achieved - 1</div><div>Refresh of permanent galleries.</div><div>Target: 1</div><div><table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Value</th></tr><tr><td>Actual</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Target</td><td>1</td></tr></table></div><div>Reef Alive Stages 1, 2 and 3 are completed. Stage 4 delayed by Covid-19.</div><div>Q1: One</div></div> | Category | Value | Actual | 1 | Target | 1 | <div><div>Achieved - 2</div><div>Temporary exhibitions annually.</div><div>Target: 2</div><div><table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Value</th></tr><tr><td>Actual</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Target</td><td>2</td></tr></table></div><div>Map It opened 4 December 2021.</div><div>Q1: One</div></div> | Category | Value | Actual | 2 | Target | 2 | <div><div>On target - 2</div><div>Additional exhibitions per year in other Gallery spaces.</div><div>Target: 4</div><div><table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Value</th></tr><tr><td>Actual</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Target</td><td>4</td></tr></table></div><div>This is Our World opened 1 October 2021.</div><div>Q1: One</div></div> | Category | Value | Actual | 2 | Target | 4 |
| Category   | Value    |       |        |   |        |   |   |          |       |        |   |        |   |  |          |       |        |   |        |   |
| Actual   | 1        |       |        |   |        |   |   |          |       |        |   |        |   |  |          |       |        |   |        |   |
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| Target   | 4        |       |        |   |        |   |   |          |       |        |   |        |   |  |          |       |        |   |        |   |

# Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

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| <p>Provide online access to the heritage collection through a variety of platforms.</p> | <div><div>Achieved - 4</div><div><p>Addition of digital product/experiences and other digital platform exhibitions per year.</p><p>Target: 4</p><p>Completed projects include 18%: Christopher Aubrey's Taranaki Virtual Tour (December 2021) and Home Work Taranaki Art 2020 Virtual Tour – updated with educational resources (November 2021).</p><p>Q1: Two</p></div></div> |
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# Stormwater Management



| Provide a stormwater management system that protects people and property.   |  |
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| <b>On target - 0</b><br><br>The number of flooding events in the district per financial year.<br><br><b>Target: 0</b><br><br>Consistent with same period last year. No flooding events which have flooded habitable floors. | <b>On target - 0</b><br><br>The number of habitable floors affected in each flooding event (per 1,000 properties connected to NPDC's stormwater system).<br><br><b>Target: 1 or less</b><br><br>Consistent with same period last year. No flooding events which have flooded habitable floors. |

# Stormwater Management

| Comply with all resource consents for discharges from our stormwater system.   |   |  |
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| <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of abatement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Same period last year six abatement notices were received.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of infringement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No Infringement notices received.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of enforcement orders received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No enforcement orders received</p> |
| <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of convictions received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No convictions received.</p>  |   |  |

# Stormwater Management

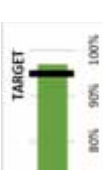
| Respond to service requests in a timely manner.  | Ensure customers are satisfied with the performance of our stormwater system.  |
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| <div>On target – 0.64 hours</div> <p>The median response time to a flooding event (from the time that NPDC receives notification to the time service personnel reach the site).</p> <p><b>Target: One hour</b></p> <p>An increase from same period last year (0.44 hours).</p> <p>Q1: 0.66 hours</p> | <div>On target – 2.21</div> <p>The number of complaints received about the performance of NPDC's stormwater system (per 1,000 properties connected).</p> <p><b>Target: 8 or less</b></p> <p>A decrease from same period last year (2.49). The measure allows for 63 or less complaints for each quarter. There have been 70 complaints to date (28 in Q1 and 42 in Q2) from 31,679 connections to the stormwater system.</p> <p>Q1: 0.88</p> |

# Transportation

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| Provide good quality district roads.  |   |
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| <p><b>Provide a local road network that is safe for all road users.</b></p> <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The change from the previous financial year in the number of fatality and serious injury crashes on the district's local road network.</p> <p><b>Target: Reducing</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4. However, with six fatal/serious crashes in Q1, there is a possibility of an increasing trend result for 2021/22.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The average quality of ride on the district's sealed local road network, as measured by smooth travel exposure.</p> <p><b>Target: 88%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>  |
| <p><b>Provide a local road network that is safe for all road users.</b></p> <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The change from the previous financial year in the number of fatality and serious injury crashes on the district's local road network.</p> <p><b>Target: Reducing</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4. However, with six fatal/serious crashes in Q1, there is a possibility of an increasing trend result for 2021/22.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the overall quality of the district's roads (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 85%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>  |
| Provide a high quality and safe footpath network.   |   |
| <p><b>Appropriately maintain the district's sealed roads.</b></p> <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The minimum percentage of the sealed local road network that is resurfaced.</p> <p><b>Target: 4%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>   | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of footpaths that meet the levels of service and service standards in current condition surveys, as set out in the Transportation Asset Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Target: More than 90% of footpath length surveyed in good or excellent condition</b></p> <p>Measured every three years, with the next condition survey due in 2022/23.</p> |
| <p><b>Appropriately maintain the district's sealed roads.</b></p> <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The minimum percentage of the sealed local road network that is resurfaced.</p> <p><b>Target: 4%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p>   | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>Footpath length recorded as failed.</p> <p><b>Target: Less than 1% of footpath length recorded as failed</b></p> <p>Measured every three years, with the next condition survey due in 2022/23.</p>   |

# Transportation

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| <p><b>Respond to service requests in a timely manner.</b></p> <p><b>On target – 97%</b></p> <p>The percentage of roading and footpath related customer service requests responded to within target timeframes<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p>  <p>A decrease from same period last year (99%). There have been a total of 2,275 service requests to date, of which 60 were responded to late (1,002 service requests, 22 responded to late in Q1 and 1,273 service requests, 38 responded to late in Q2).</p> <p>Q1: 98%</p> | <p><b>We provide a quality and safe cycle network.</b></p> <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with the quality and safety of the district's cycle network (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 85%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> |
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<sup>1</sup> Service request timeframes:

- One day for an electrical fault with traffic signals, flooding, diesel spills, chemical spills or a slip to be cleared.
- Three days for street lighting faults and potholes.
- Five days for traffic counts, bus shelter repairs, road marking enquiries, culvert maintenance, rubbish bins, reinstatement of footpaths and debris in the roadside channel.
- Ten days for road surface faults, kerb and channel repairs, new kerb and channel, missing road signs and vegetation clearing.





# Venues and Events



| Provide high quality pools that encourage community participation in aquatic activities.  |  |
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| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with NPDC's swimming facilities (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 94%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>Behind target – 84,196</b></p> <p>The number of pool patrons per year.</p> <p><b>Target: 390,000</b></p>  <p>A decrease from same period last year (181,223) due to the impact of Covid-19. Todd Energy Aquatic Centre operated in October and November under tight restrictions with no more than 50 patrons in the centre at a time. No 'Learn to Swim' or fitness classes operated.</p> <p>With less restrictions in place under the Covid-19 Protection Framework, numbers did increase in December but number limits still applied. Whilst we are seeing an increase in patrons, it is unlikely numbers will be recouped throughout the rest of the year.</p> <p>Q1: 41,946</p> |

## Venues and Events

| Provide a range of appealing events at high quality venues.  |   | Provide a network of high quality venues that create opportunities for the community to attend arts, cultural, sporting and recreation activities.   |
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| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with NPDC's events (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 95%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The percentage of residents satisfied with NPDC's events venues (satisfaction survey).</p> <p><b>Target: 93%</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p>The number of attendees and events/bookings across all venues.</p> <p><b>Behind target – 75,553</b></p> <p><b>Target: 260,000 attendees</b></p>  <p><b>Behind target - 421</b></p> <p><b>Target: 1,000 events</b></p>  <p>A decrease from same period last year of attendees (103,923) and events/bookings (535). Whilst it is anticipated that attendance figures will substantially increase due to the summer concert season, it is unlikely we will meet the annual target due to the Covid-19 impact on the events industry. The continued closure of Yarrow Stadium is also having an impact on these targets.</p> <p>Q1: 46,517 attendees, 239 events/bookings.</p> |

# Waste Management and Minimisation

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| Encourage district-wide waste minimisation.  |   |
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| <b>Behind target – 2% increase</b><br><br>The reduction in total landfill waste generated per capita in the district (measured as a year on year percentage).<br><br><b>Target: 1%</b><br><br>There has been a total of 159 kg per capita of waste landfilled from the district to date (74 kg in Q1 and 85 kg in Q2), compared to 157 kg for same period last year.<br><br>Q1: 1% increase. | <b>Behind target – 10% increase</b><br><br>The reduction in landfill waste generated per household (measured as a year on year percentage).<br><br><b>Target: 5%</b><br><br>Waste collected at the kerbside increased by 9% (134 kg/household) compared to same period last year (123 kg/household). This is likely due to Covid-19 level 4 lockdown occurring during Q1, resulting in collected recycling being landfilled as the processing facility could not operate safely.<br><br>Q1: 13% increase. |

# Waste Management and Minimisation

| Comply with all resource consents related to solid waste collection and management.   |   |   |
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| <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of abatement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>No abatement notices received. Two abatement notices received for same period last year relating to Colson Road landfill, with one of these still active pending mitigation plan due in April 2023.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of infringement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No Infringement notices received.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of enforcement orders received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No enforcement orders received.</p> |

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| <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of convictions received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No convictions received.</p> |
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# Waste Management and Minimisation

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| Ensure customers are satisfied with our waste management and minimisation service.  |
| <div><div>On target – 0.73</div><div>The number of complaints about NPDC's waste management and minimisation service received (per 1,000 customers).</div><div>Target: 2 or less</div><div>A decrease from same period last year (0.98). The measure allows for 16 or less complaints for each quarter. There have been a total of 22 complaints to date (8 in Q1 and 14 in Q2) from 32,852 customers.</div><div>Q1: 0.52</div></div> |

# Wastewater Treatment

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| <b>Provide an effective wastewater treatment and disposal system.</b>   |  |
| <b>On target – 0.07</b>   |  |
| The number of dry weather sewerage overflows per 1,000 connections to the wastewater system.  |  |
| <b>Target: 1.5</b>  |  |
| A decrease from same period last year (0.53). The measure allows for 11 or less overflows for each quarter. There have been a total of two dry weather overflows to date (one in Q1 and one in Q2) over 30,595 connections to the wastewater system. <sup>1</sup> |  |
| Q1: 0.03  |  |
| <sup>1</sup> Based upon the sum of the following: Sewer Drainage Charges Commercial/Industrial + Half Charge + Residential, Farm, Small Holdings as per Audit NZ instruction.   |  |

# Wastewater Treatment

| Comply with all resource consents for wastewater discharge from our system.   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <div><div><b>On target - 0</b></div><div>The number of abatement notices received.</div><div><b>Target: 0</b></div><div>Consistent with same period last year. No abatement notices received.</div></div> | <div><div><b>On target - 0</b></div><div>The number of infringement notices received.</div><div><b>Target: 0</b></div><div>Consistent with same period last year. No Infringement notices received.</div></div> | <div><div><b>On target - 0</b></div><div>The number of enforcement orders received.</div><div><b>Target: 0</b></div><div>Consistent with same period last year. No enforcement orders received.</div></div> |

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|---|
| <div><div><b>On target - 0</b></div><div>The number of convictions received.</div><div><b>Target: 0</b></div><div>Consistent with same period last year. No convictions received.</div></div> |
|---|

# Wastewater Treatment

| Respond to customer and maintenance requests in a timely manner.   |  | Ensure customers are satisfied with the wastewater treatment and disposal service   |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b>On target – 0.70 hours</b></p> <p>The median response time to sewerage overflow callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site).</p> <p><b>Target: 1 hour or less</b></p> <p>A slight increase from same period last year (0.69 hours).</p> <p>Q1: 0.76 hours.</p> | <p>The median resolution time for sewerage overflow callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption)</p> <p><b>On target – 2.99 hours</b></p> <p><b>Target: 4 hours or less for sewers &lt;250 dia</b></p> <p><b>On target – No callouts</b></p> <p><b>Target: 8 hours or less for sewers ≥ 250 dia</b></p> <p>An increase from same period last year (2.28 hours) for &lt;250 dia, with no callouts for ≥250 dia.</p> <p>Q1: 3.29 hours for &lt;250 dia, with no callouts for ≥250 dia.</p> <p>dia = diameter</p> | <p><b>On target – 3.40</b></p> <p>The total number of complaints received about sewerage odour; system faults or blockages; or NPDC's response to issues with the sewerage system (per 1,000 connected properties).</p> <p><b>Target: 13 or less</b></p> <p>An increase from same period last year (3.04). The measure allows for 99 or less complaints for each quarter. There have been a total of 104 complaints to date (57 in Q1 and 47 in Q2) from 30,595 connections to the wastewater system.</p> <p>Q1: 1.86</p> |



# Water Supply

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| Provide water that is safe to drink.  |  | Maintain the reticulated water network in good condition.   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>On target</b><br>Our level of compliance with Part 4 of the Drinking-water Standards (bacteria compliance criteria).<br><b>Target: Full compliance</b> | <b>On target</b><br>Our level of compliance with Part 5 of the Drinking-water Standards (protozoal compliance criteria).<br><b>Target: Full compliance</b> | <b>Not yet available</b><br>The percentage of real water loss from NPD's networked reticulation system <sup>1</sup> .<br><b>Target: 20% or less</b><br>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4. |

<sup>1</sup> We calculate water loss following the method contained within Water New Zealand's Benchmarking of Water Losses in New Zealand Manual.

# Water Supply

| Respond to faults and unplanned interruptions to the water supply network in a timely manner.   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>On target – 0.65 hours</b></p> <p>The median response time to urgent callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site).</p> <p><b>Target: 1 hour or less</b></p> <p>An increase from same period last year (0.63 hours).</p> <p>Q1: 0.74 hours.</p> | <p>The median resolution time for urgent callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification, to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption)</p> <p><b>On target – 1.58 hours</b></p> <p><b>Target: 4 hours or less for mains &lt;250 dia</b></p> <p><b>On target – No callouts</b></p> <p><b>Target: 8 hours or less for mains ≥ 250 dia</b></p> <p>A decrease from same period last year (1.78 hours) for &lt;250 dia and a decrease from same period last year (1.72 hours) for ≥250 dia.</p> <p>Q1: 1.67 hours for &lt;250 dia, with no callouts for ≥250.</p> <p>dia = diameter</p> |

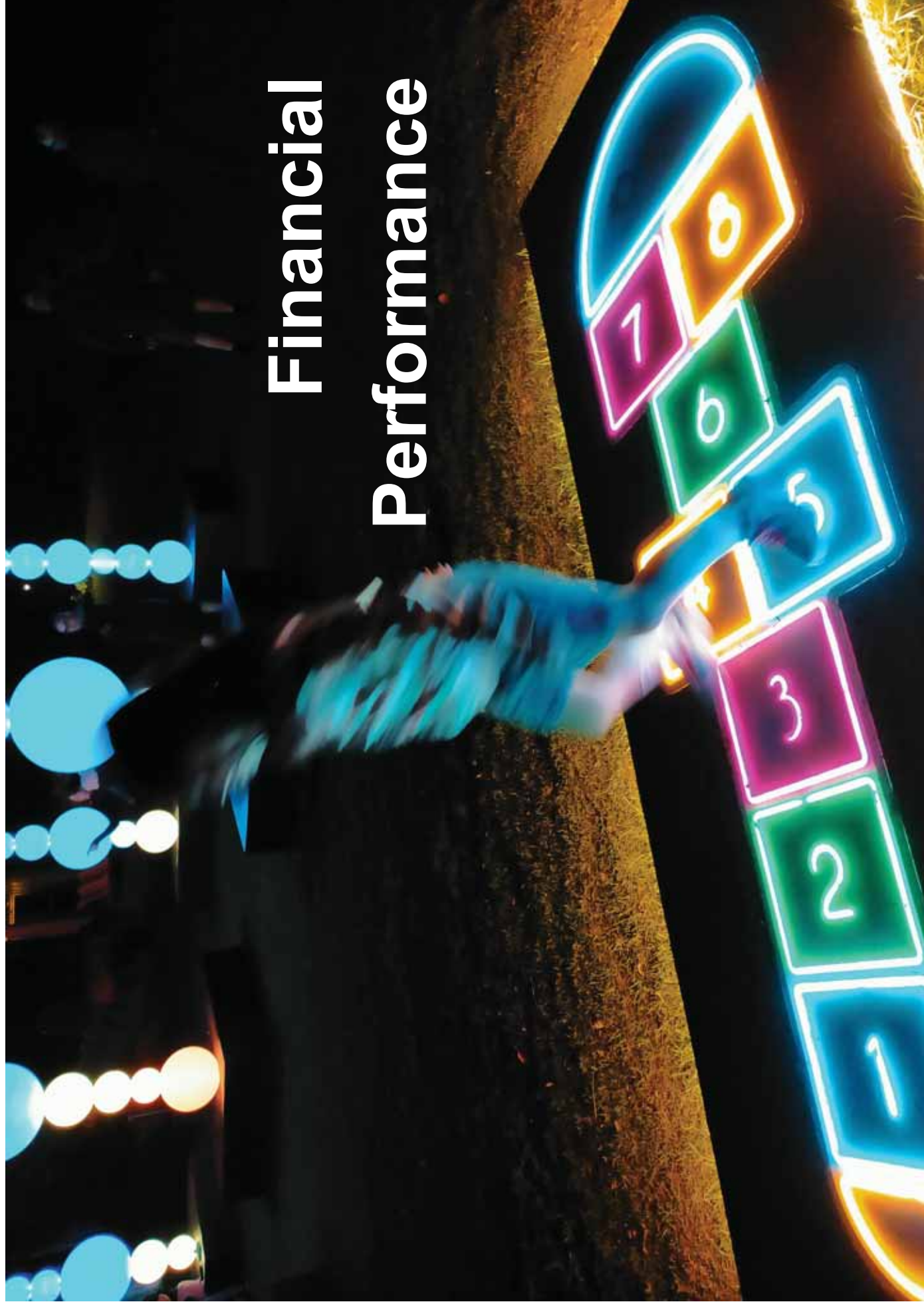
# Water Supply

| Respond to faults and unplanned interruptions to the water supply network in a timely manner.   |   | Ensure customers are satisfied with our water supply service.   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>On target – 45.24 hours</b><br><br>The median response time to non-urgent callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site).<br><br><b>Target: 70 hours or less</b><br><br>Q1: 47.16 hours | <b>On target – 95.95 hours</b><br><br>The median resolution time for non-urgent callouts (from the time NPDC receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption).<br><br><b>Target: 116 hours or less</b><br><br>Q1: 112.09 hours | <b>On target – 10.34</b><br><br>The total number of complaints (per 1,000 connections) received about any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• drinking water clarity, taste, or odour;</li><li>• drinking water pressure or flow;</li><li>• continuity of supply; and</li><li>• NPDC's response to any of these issues.</li></ul><br><b>Target: 16 or less</b><br><br>An increase from same period last year (7.21). The measure allows for 115 or less complaints for each quarter. There have been a total of 298 complaints (119 in Q1 and 179 in Q2) from 28,829 connections to the water system.<br><br>Q1: 3.99 |

# Water Supply

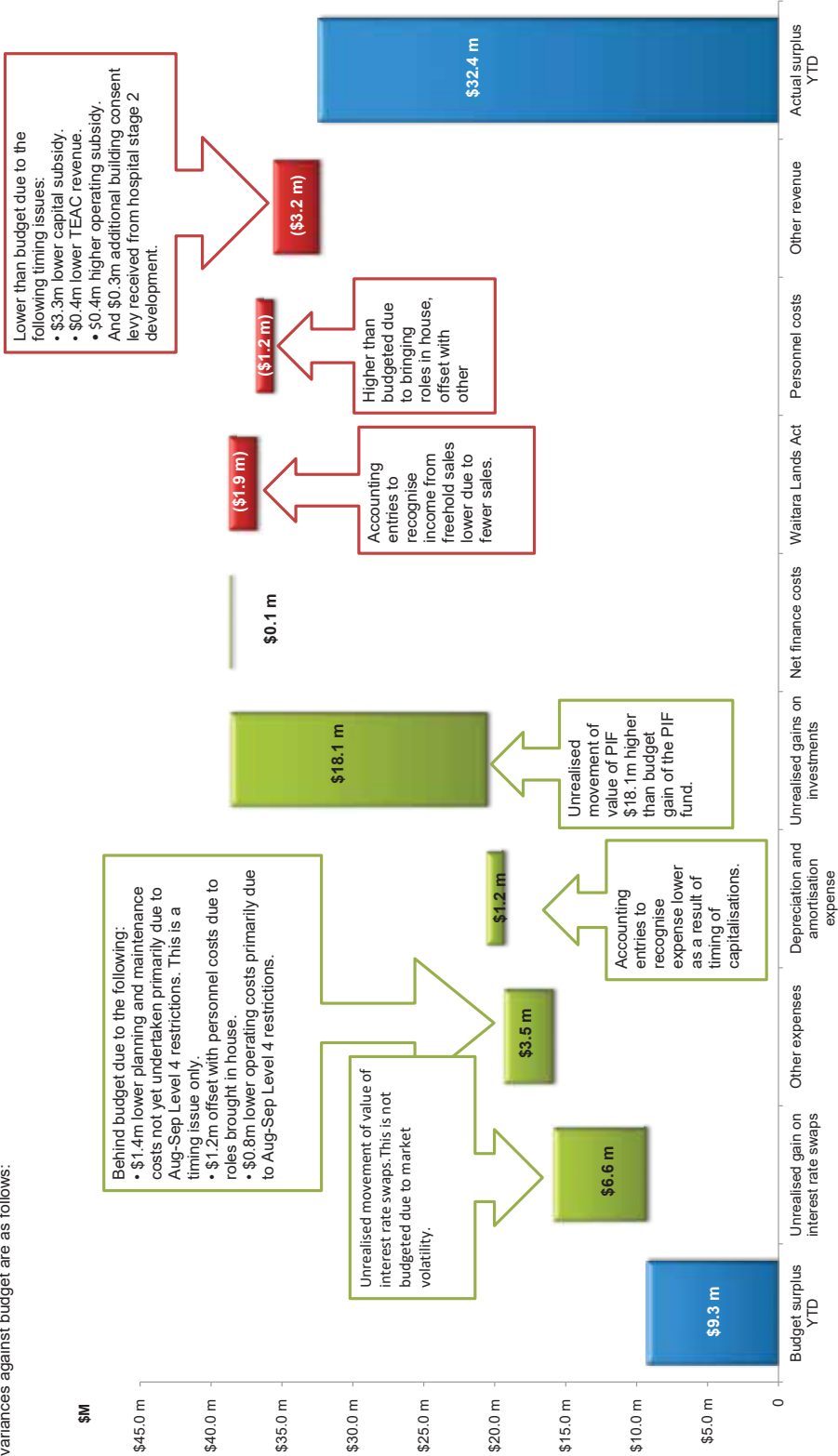
| Manage demand to minimise the impact of water supply activities on the environment.  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <p><b>Not yet available</b></p> <p>The average consumption of drinking water per day, per resident, within New Plymouth District.</p> <p><b>Target: 300 litres per day</b></p> <p>Annual measure provided at the completion of Q4.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of abatement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No abatement notices received.</p> | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of infringement notices received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No Infringement notices received.</p> |
| <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of enforcement orders received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No enforcement orders received.</p>  | <p><b>On target - 0</b></p> <p>The number of convictions received.</p> <p><b>Target: 0</b></p> <p>Consistent with same period last year. No convictions received.</p>             |   |

# Financial Performance



Summary

For the six months ended 31 December 2021, the Council recorded a surplus of \$9.7m compared to a budgeted surplus of \$4.3m. Key variances against budget are as follows:





### Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the period ended 31 December 2021

|   | Actual<br>(\$'000) | Budget<br>(\$'000) | Variance<br>(\$'000) | Variance<br>(%) |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Operating revenue</b>                |                    |                    |                      |                 |
| Rates                                   | 55,303             | 54,906             | 397                  | 1%              |
| Subsidies and grants                    | 12,680             | 15,782             | (3,102)              | -20%            |
| Fines and levies                        | 545                | 745                | (200)                | -27%            |
| Development and financial contributions | 1,408              | 1,482              | (74)                 | -5%             |
| Other revenue                           | 12,838             | 13,055             | (217)                | -2%             |
| Finance revenue                         | 528                | 826                | (298)                | -36%            |
| Investment revenue                      | 27,522             | 9,441              | 18,081               | 192%            |
| Waitara Lands Act revenue               | 2,792              | 4,204              | (1,412)              | -34%            |
| <b>Total operating revenue</b>          | <b>113,616</b>     | <b>100,441</b>     | <b>13,175</b>        | <b>13%</b>      |
| <b>Operating expenditure</b>            |                    |                    |                      |                 |
| Personnel costs                         | 26,275             | 25,062             | (1,213)              | -5%             |
| Other expenses                          | 35,443             | 38,897             | 3,454                | 9%              |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense   | 19,731             | 20,945             | 1,214                | 6%              |
| Finance costs                           | 3,080              | 3,461              | 381                  | 11%             |
| Unrealised gain on interest rate swaps  | (6,587)            | -                  | 6,587                | n/a             |
| Waitara Lands Act distributions         | 3,248              | 2,776              | (472)                | n/a             |
| <b>Total operating expenditure</b>      | <b>81,190</b>      | <b>91,141</b>      | <b>9,951</b>         | <b>11%</b>      |
| <b>Surplus before tax</b>               | <b>32,426</b>      | <b>9,300</b>       | <b>23,126</b>        | <b>n/a</b>      |
| Tax refund/(expense)                    | -                  | -                  | -                    |                 |
| <b>SURPLUS AFTER TAX</b>                | <b>32,426</b>      | <b>9,300</b>       | <b>23,126</b>        | <b>n/a</b>      |

The Council's surplus of \$32.4m for the six months ended 31 December 2021 was \$23.1m more than the budgeted surplus of \$9.3m. Key variances to budget include:

(a) **Subsidies and grants:** Lower than budget due to the following:

- \$1.3m lower capital subsidy received from the NZTA for local road programmes than budgeted. This is a timing issue only.
- \$3.3m lower capital funding recognised from the Crown for the thermal drying facility held as revenue in advance. This is a timing issue only.

Partially offset by:

- \$1.3m capital grant recognised from the DIA for additional expenditure of the three waters.
- \$0.4m NZTA operating subsidies have been received ahead of budget. This is a timing issue only.
- \$0.1m operating grant received for Mana in Mahi cadet programme.

(b) **Fines and levies:** Lower than budget due to parking fines and permits revenue, primarily impacted by the Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.

(c) **Development and financial contributions:** In line with budget.

(d) **Other revenue:** Lower than budget due to the following:

- \$0.4m lower revenue at TEAC due to Level 4 and ongoing capacity restrictions.
- \$0.2m lost revenue at Downtown carpark due to closure.
- \$0.1m lower revenue from on street parking impacted by the Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.
- Partially offset by \$0.3m additional building consent levy received from hospital stage 2 development.

(e) **Finance revenue:** Interest earned on term deposits lower due to lower interest rates.

(f) **Investment revenue:** Higher than budget due to the unrealised value of the PIF increasing.

(g) **Personnel costs:** Higher than budgeted due to bringing roles in house, offset with other expenses.

(h) **Other expenses:** Behind budget due to the following:

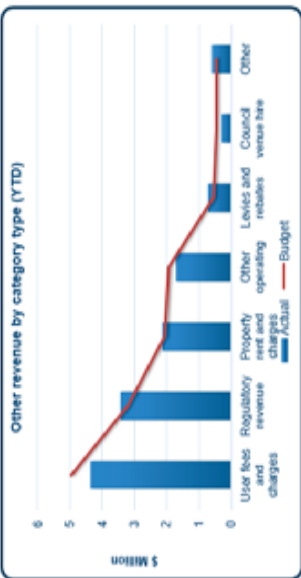
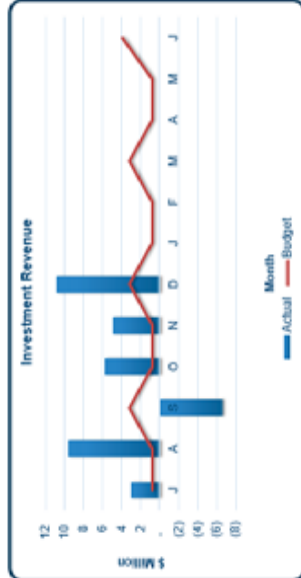
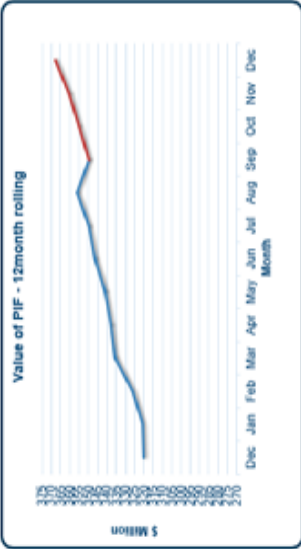
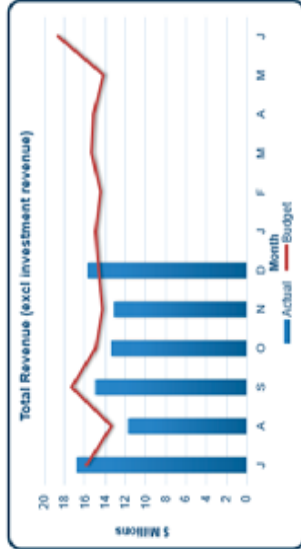
- \$1.4m lower planning and maintenance costs not yet undertaken partially due to Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions. This is a timing issue only.
- \$1.2m offset with personnel costs due to roles brought in house.
- \$0.8m lower operating costs partially due to Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.

(i) **Depreciation and amortisation:** A result of timing of capitalisations being less than expected.

(j) **Finance Costs:** Finance costs are below budget due to interest rates being lower than anticipated.

Revenue and Expenditure Analysis  
for the period ended 31 December 2021

REVENUE



**Revenue** (excluding unrealised investment revenue) is \$4.9m behind budget due to the following timing variances:

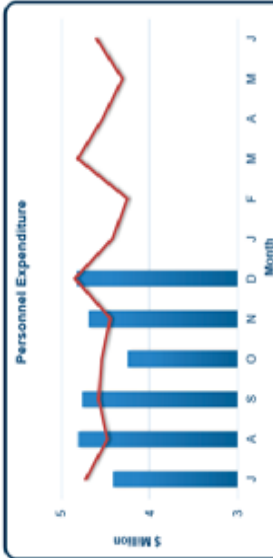
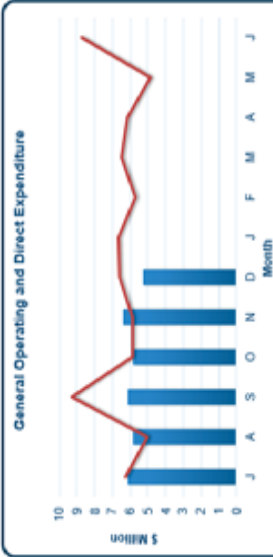
- \$1.3m lower capital subsidy received from the NZTA for local road programmes than budgeted.
- \$3.3m lower capital funding recognised from the Crown for the thermal drying facility held as revenue in advance.
- \$1.4m lower gain on Waitara freehold sales due to less activity.
- +\$0.4m NZTA operating subsidies received ahead of budget.

Partially offset by the following permanent variances:

- +\$1.3m capital grant recognised from the DIA for additional expenditure of the three waters.
- +\$0.3m additional building consent levy received from hospital stage 2 development.
- \$0.4m lower revenue at TEAC due to Level 4 and ongoing capacity restrictions.
- \$0.2m lost revenue at Downtown carpark due to closure.
- \$0.1m lower revenue from on street parking impacted by the Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.
- +\$0.1m operating grant received for Mana in Mahi cadet programme.

Year-to-date, the value of the **Perpetual Investment Fund** has increased from \$346.5m at 30 June 2021 to \$367.9m in the first six months of the financial year. The quarterly release payments received to date include \$2.4m which was received in October and \$2.6m (including reimbursement for NPG Management Fees) was received during January 2022. This payment has been recognised in December and aligns to budget.

EXPENDITURE



**Expenditure** (excluding unrealised interest swaps) is \$3.3m less than budget due to the following timing variances:

- +\$1.4m lower planning and maintenance costs not yet undertaken due to Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.
- +\$1.2m lower depreciation due to the timing of capitalisations (this has no cash impact).

Partially offset by the following permanent variances:

- +\$0.3m lower operating costs due to Aug-Sep Level 4 restrictions.
- +\$0.4m lower interest costs due interest rates being lower than expected.



## Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

|                                      | Council                                    |  |                      |            |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|------------|--|
|                                      | 2021/22<br>Actual<br>30 Sep 21<br>(\$'000) | 2020/21<br>Actual<br>30 Jun 21<br>(\$'000) | Variance<br>(\$'000) |            | 2021/22<br>Budget<br>30 Jun 22<br>(\$'000) |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>            |  |  |                      |            |  |
| Other financial assets               | 58,184                                     | 57,239                                     | 945                  | 2%         | 55,807                                     |
| PRIP advance                         | 11,800                                     | 11,800                                     | -                    | 0%         | 6,750                                      |
| Perpetual Investment Fund            | 367,884                                    | 346,488                                    | 21,396               | 6%         | 350,040                                    |
| Forestry assets                      | 4,643                                      | 4,643                                      | -                    | 0%         | 5,690                                      |
| Derivative financial assets          | 1,125                                      | 601  | 524                  | 87%        | 760  |
| Property, plant and equipment        | 2,885,457                                  | 2,877,743                                  | 7,714                | 0%         | 3,095,820                                  |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>      | <b>3,329,093</b>                           | <b>3,298,515</b>                           | <b>30,578</b>        | <b>1%</b>  | <b>3,514,867</b>                           |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                |  |  |                      |            |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 50,533                                     | 44,059                                     | 6,474                | 15%        | 18,750                                     |
| Trade and other receivables          | 13,657                                     | 13,363                                     | 294                  | 2%         | 18,230                                     |
| Inventory                            | 145  | 147  | -                    | -1%        | 150  |
| Intangible assets                    | 9  | 9  | -                    | 0%         | -  |
| PRIP advance                         | 3,299                                      | 3,299                                      | -                    | 0%         | 4,150                                      |
| Other financial assets               | 33,317                                     | 50,251                                     | (16,934)             | -34%       | 5,483                                      |
| Non-current assets held for sale     | -  | -  | -                    | 0%         | 670  |
| <b>Total current assets</b>          | <b>100,960</b>                             | <b>111,128</b>                             | <b>(10,168)</b>      | <b>-9%</b> | <b>47,433</b>                              |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>3,430,053</b>                           | <b>3,409,643</b>                           | <b>20,410</b>        | <b>1%</b>  | <b>3,562,300</b>                           |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>       |  |  |                      |            |  |
| Employee entitlements                | 469  | 463  | (6)                  | -1%        | 520  |
| Derivative financial liabilities     | 6,208                                      | 12,075                                     | 5,867                | 95%        | 21,630                                     |
| Provisions                           | 2,965                                      | 2,965                                      | -                    | 0%         | 2,990                                      |
| Public debt and other loans          | 174,500                                    | 163,500                                    | (11,000)             | -6%        | 179,980                                    |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b> | <b>184,142</b>                             | <b>179,003</b>                             | <b>(5,139)</b>       | <b>-3%</b> | <b>205,120</b>                             |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>           |  |  |                      |            |  |
| Trade and other payables             | 11,926                                     | 25,611                                     | 13,685               | 115%       | 24,270                                     |
| Waitara Lands Act                    | 20,847                                     | 22,951                                     | 2,104                | 10%        | -  |
| Public debt and other loans          | 40,000                                     | 40,000                                     | -                    | 0%         | 44,000                                     |
| Employee entitlements                | 5,029                                      | 4,258                                      | (771)                | -15%       | 3,850                                      |
| Provisions                           | 957  | 957  | -                    | 0%         | 1,020                                      |
| Derivative financial liabilities     | 255  | 451  | 196                  | 77%        | 300  |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>     | <b>79,014</b>                              | <b>94,228</b>                              | <b>15,214</b>        | <b>19%</b> | <b>73,440</b>                              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>             | <b>263,156</b>                             | <b>273,231</b>                             | <b>10,075</b>        | <b>4%</b>  | <b>278,560</b>                             |
| <b>Public equity</b>                 |  |  |                      |            |  |
| Accumulated funds                    | 1,623,285                                  | 1,592,715                                  | (30,570)             | -2%        | 1,618,350                                  |
| Other reserves                       | 1,543,612                                  | 1,543,698                                  | 86                   | 0%         | 1,665,390                                  |
| <b>Total public equity</b>           | <b>3,166,897</b>                           | <b>3,136,413</b>                           | <b>(30,484)</b>      | <b>-1%</b> | <b>3,283,740</b>                           |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>3,430,053</b>                           | <b>3,409,643</b>                           | <b>(20,410)</b>      | <b>-1%</b> | <b>3,562,300</b>                           |

(a) **Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF)**: \$21.4m increase in the value of the PIF in the first six months (unrealised gains). \$2.4m cash released year-to-date paid in October. \$2.6m was received in January. This has been recognised in December and aligns to budget.

(b) **Derivative financial liabilities and assets** are interest rate swaps and reflect their market value as at 31 December 2021.

(c) **Cash and cash equivalents** are higher than June due maturing term deposits which is offset by other financial assets.

(d) **Public debt and other loans**: \$11m additional loans from the Local Government Funding agency to cover future upcoming capital projects.

(e) **Trade and other payables** have decreased since June due to a decrease in activity across Council and the release of revenue received in advance.

(f) **Waitara Lands Act**: The decrease in the Waitara Lands Act liability is the distribution of held funds to TRC (River fund).

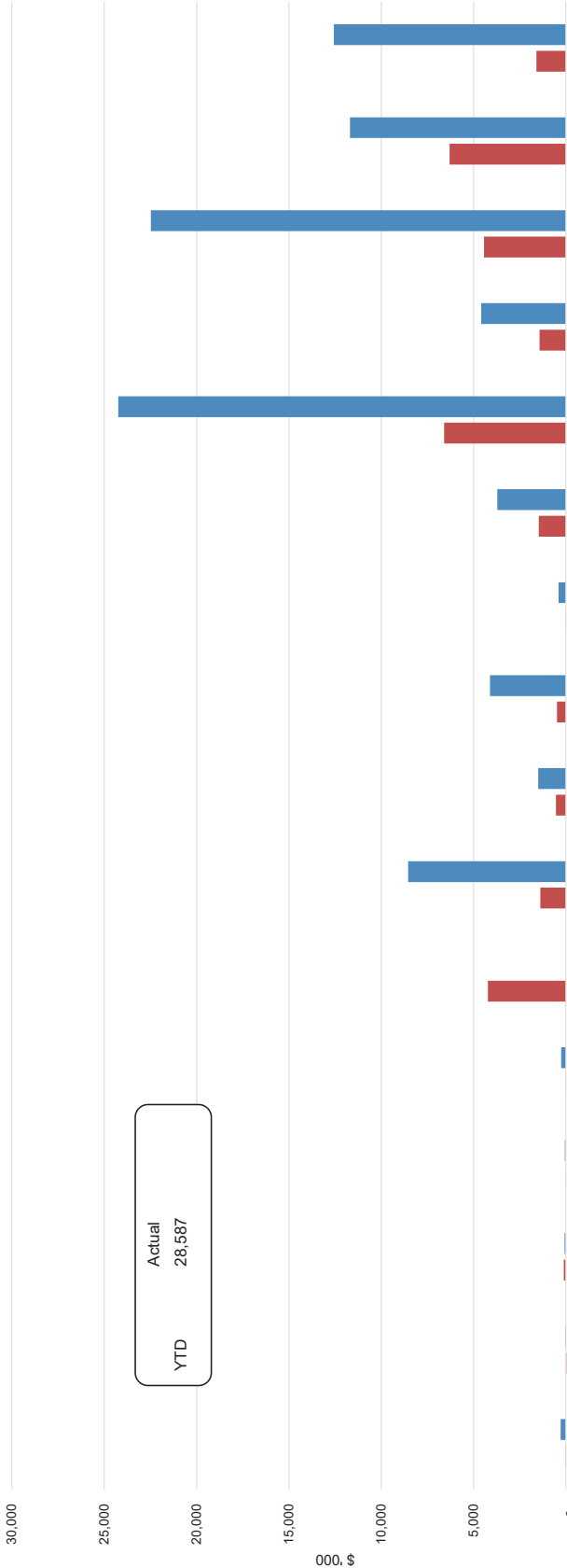
(g) **Employee entitlements**. Employee entitlements have increased due to staff taking less leave.

The Council's current ratio (the ratio of current assets to current liabilities (a measure of liquidity) stands at 1.28 to 1 as at period end (2021: 1.18:1). This reflects a strong current position for the council.

A significant amount of the current liabilities balance relates to accruals. These are not immediately payable, and the council has significant 'stand by' facilities, there are no liquidity concerns.

Capital Expenditure Summary  
as at 31 December 2021

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Full year budget        | \$ '000 |
| Approved carry forwards | 79,556  |
| Subsequent approvals    | 14,996  |
| Revised budget          | 0       |
|                         | 94,552  |



■ Actual YTD December (\$'000) ■ Revised Annual Plan (\$'000)

**Significant Capital Projects to deliver in 2021/22**  
for the period ended 31 December 2021

| Project  | 21/22 Budget (\$'000) | YTD Actual (\$'000) | Variance (\$'000) | % Complete | Overall health | Schedule    | Cost        | Resources   | Scope       | Commentary (Progress to date)   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Parks and Open Spaces  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Kaitake Trail  | 1,509                 | 128                 | 1,381             | 8%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | This project has some significant risks to its timely deliver. Decision pending next Hui with Hapu.   |
|  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Kawaroa to Bell Road cliff erosion and seawall                   | 604                   | 4                   | 600               | 1%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Scope change to include rock revetment for the proposed Kawaroa Playground project is being investigated. No impact on schedule anticipated.  |
| Urenui swing bridge renewal and erosion protection               | 262                   | 69                  | 193               | 26%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Consultant is nearing completion of the concept design stage of the work  |
| Robmanu water outlet   | 252                   | 35                  | 216               | 14%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |
| Stormwater   |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Waitara stormwater upgrades                                      | 2,030                 | 289                 | 1,741             | 14%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |
| Transportation   |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Coastal Walkway extension to Waitara                             | 3,892                 | 183                 | 3,709             | 5%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Currently working through the Waka Kotahi Single Stage Business Case to secure funding for the next steps of the project. The project is slightly behind schedule, due to delays working out our partnering arrangements with Hapu/whi. Initial land purchase has been completed ( #161 Airport Drive). |
|  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Te Rewa Rewa bridge repaint                                      | 1,509                 | 23                  | 1,486             | 1%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |
| David Street - Tukapa Street signalisation                       | 785                   | -                   | 785               | 0%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Not Started   |
| Mangorei Road (Tupuhi Place to Mangorei School) kerb and channel | 252                   | 16                  | 236               | 6%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |
| Venues and Events  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Multi-sport hub  | 503                   | -                   | 503               | 0%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Sport Taranaki Project Manager has resigned, currently looking at resources opportunity to fill in this role. Some partnership issues to be resolved, this has been elevated to the CEO.  |
|  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Waste Management and Minimisation                                |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Colson Road Landfill closure works                               | 715                   | (4)                 | 719               | -1%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Continuing to work on solutions after finding that the extent of Stage 2 fill is greater than records indicate.   |
| Establish commercial and industrial material recycling facility  | 658                   | 37                  | 621               | 6%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Procurement documentation are being progressed.   |
| Construction of The Junction permanent building                  | 309                   | 3                   | 306               | 1%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Work is underway to plan for complete design phases and construct entire facility.  |
| Historic landfill erosion protection                             | 252                   | -                   | 252               | 0%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Resource consent required before start of the investigation to determine the extend of the landfills.   |
| Wastewater Treatment   |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Thermal Drier Facility Crown Infrastructure funded               | 10,412                | 1,947               | 8,465             | 19%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Construction has started with site set out. Some concerns with schedule and costs, currently under review.  |
| Wastewater network modelling                                     | 2,579                 | 333                 | 2,247             | 13%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | The project is in good health. The project is in the Model Calibration phase, with planning for Winter 2022 flow gauging and the first round of system performance reporting underway.  |
|  |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| West Quay Pump Station upgrade                                   | 1,414                 | 272                 | 1,142             | 19%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Consents approved, tendering now in progress.   |
| Waitara wastewater pumping system upgrade                        | 553                   | 144                 | 409               | 26%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |
| Urenui and Onaero sewer system                                   | 503                   | 177                 | 326               | 35%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Project is progressing well   |
| Water Supply   |                       |                     |                   |            |                |             |             |             |             |   |
| Universal water metering   | 3,018                 | 158                 | 2,860             | 5%         | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | The project remains on track with continued focus on procurement of materials and construction contractors. Plot area construction (200 property block) scheduled to commence 21 March 2022. Plan for recruitment of Meter Installers and Asset Data Technician under review to ensure optimum timing   |
| Mountain and Henwood roads reservoirs                            | 1,509                 | 1,829               | (320)             | 121%       | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | Project completion expected 1 Feb 2022.   |
| Installation of backflow preventers                              | 503                   | 161                 | 343               | 32%        | <div></div>    | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |   |

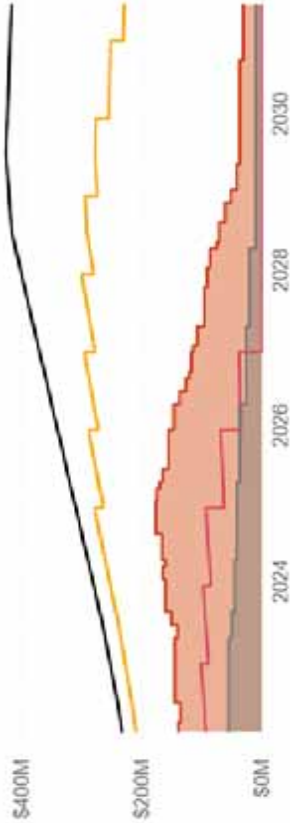
**Significant Capital Projects to deliver in 2021/22**  
for the period ended 31 December 2021

| Project                                    | 21/22 Budget (\$'000) | YTD Actual (\$'000) | Variance (\$'000) | % Complete | Overall health | Schedule | Cost | Resources | Scope | Commentary (Progress to date)   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|---|
| <b>Carry overs from 2020/21 to 2021/22</b> |                       |                     |                   |            |                |          |      |           |       |   |
| Coastal Walkway Rail Safety Improvements   | 340                   | 195                 | 145               | 57%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Kiwi Rail current predictions are to go live with the four crossings at the end of January 2022.  |
| Kahuku - TechOne Replacement Project       | 4,128                 | 24                  | 4,104             | 1%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Initial project planning complete and initial project workshops with Datacom have commenced. Project Health continues to remain yellow, due to internal resources constraint and lack of business support for some key functionality. |
| Pakiaka - Refresh of IT Infrastructure     | 2,981                 | 303                 | 2,678             | 10%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Design Phase 1 completed. Build of physical infrastructure and core service, Phase 2 completed. Transition Phase 3 well underway - expected completion is 31 May 2022   |
| Rapua - Data search                        | 2,925                 | -                   | 2,925             | 0%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Project remains ON-HOLD awaiting the Pakiaka environment (Refresh of I.T infrastructure)  |
| Website Updates / replacements             | 497                   | 156                 | 342               | 31%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Project Go Live was delivered on schedule 8am 27th October  |
| Data Analytics/Data Warehouse              | 246                   | -                   | 246               | 0%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Not Started - Link to Pakiaka (Refresh of IT Infrastructure) and Kahuku (ERP replacement). Detailed Business Case this year, pending decision on above projects.  |
| Fleet - General Fleet                      | 724                   | 362                 | 362               | 50%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     |   |
| Pipework Renewal Civic Centre HVAC         | 203                   | -                   | 203               | 0%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Planning work started to develop Detailed Business Case.  |
| Resource Recovery Facility                 | 2,290                 | 1,384               | 906               | 60%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | On track to complete project by end March 2022.   |
| Waiwaka Terrace Stormwater Renewals        | 759                   | 189                 | 570               | 25%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Resource Consent has been received. The contractor will start work in January.  |
| TSB Stadium - Toilet Block                 | 1,215                 | 28                  | 1,187             | 2%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Procurement Plan draft completed.   |
| TSB Showplace Performance Lights           | 301                   | 13                  | 288               | 4%         | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Long delay due to suppliers locked down in Auckland. Planning start of installation March 2022 pending confirmation from TET members and Showplace theatre(s) availability.   |
| Thermal Dryer Urgent Renewals              | 1,562                 | 268                 | 1,294             | 17%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Progressing with final close out tasks.   |
| Flow Metering                              | 226                   | 136                 | 89                | 60%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     | Installation of final flow meter at Ngamotu Pump Station (within grounds of Port Taranaki) delayed due to Resource Consent requirement to excavate.   |
| Water Critical Spares                      | 1,020                 | 728                 | 292               | 71%        | ●              | ●        | ●    | ●         | ●     |   |
|  | <b>53,438</b>         | <b>9,589</b>        | <b>43,850</b>     | <b>18%</b> |                |          |      |           |       |   |

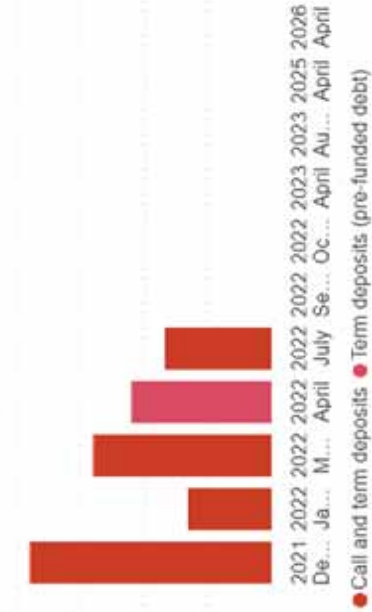
Treasury Report  
as at 31 December 2021

Interest rate risk profile

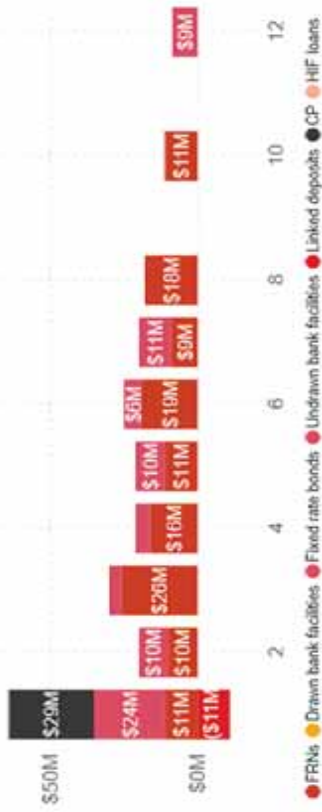
● Total fixed rate ● Debt forecast ● Policy minimum ● Policy maximum ● Fixed rate debt



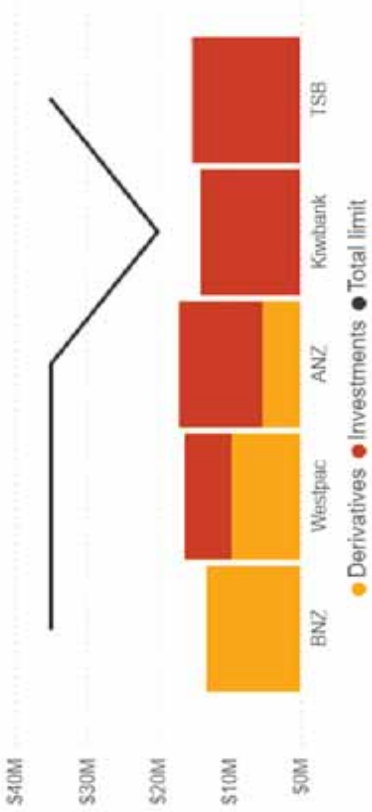
Investment maturity profile



Funding maturity profile



Counterparty credit usage, by bank



Interest rate risk

✓

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\$138,500,000

Total fixed rate instruments

2.76%

Average cost of funds

Funding

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

\$203,500,000

Gross debt less prefunding

\$174,602,726

Net debt

\$24,000,000

Undrawn and utilised bank facilities

Liquidity

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

115%

Liquidity ratio (liquid deposits)

110%

Liquidity ratio policy

126%

Liquidity ratio (LGFA)

Investments

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

\$6,580,027

Liquid deposits

\$39,897,274

Total deposits

\$11,000,000

Term deposits (pre-funded debt)

Counterparty credit limits

Counterparty Compliance

ANZ

BNZ

KiwiBank

TSB

Westpac

✓

✓

✓

N/A

✓

Overall position

Current external debt is \$214.5m. \$11m is prefunded debt due for repayment in April 2022.

The weighted average borrowing rate is 2.76 per cent.

The Council is within all Treasury Policy limits, as seen in the compliance scorecard to the right.

| Current year borrowing: movement |           |            |            |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                                  | Long term | Short term | Total debt |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2021   | 193.5     | 40.0       | 233.5      |
| Core debt                        | 11.0      |            | 11.0       |
|                                  | 174.5     | 40.0       | 214.5      |

Liquidity ratios: The liquidity ratios in this report excludes the value of the PIF in the calculation and only include bank balances and term investments.

Waitara Perpetual Community Fund Report  
as at 31 December 2021

SIPO Range Monitoring

| Asset Class                 | SAA         | Rebalancing Ranges: |            | 30/09/21 Value      | Sector Allocation | Heat Map |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
|                             |             | Lower               | Upper      |                     |                   |          |
| Global Equities - Developed | 38.5%       | 25.5%               | 60.5%      | \$4,988,268         | 39.3%             |          |
| Global Equities - Emerging  | 4.5%        |                     |            | \$609,254           | 4.8%              |          |
| Trans-Tasman Equities       | 14%         | 2.5%                | 25.5%      | \$1,586,599         | 12.5%             |          |
| Real Assets                 | 13%         | 3.5%                | 26%        | \$1,865,841         | 14.7%             |          |
| Alternatives                | 0%          | 0%                  | 10%        | \$0                 | 0.0%              |          |
| <b>Total Growth Assets</b>  | <b>70%</b>  | <b>40%</b>          | <b>90%</b> | <b>\$9,049,962</b>  | <b>71.3%</b>      |          |
| Global Fixed Income         | 20%         | 7%                  | 48%        | \$2,437,016         | 19.2%             |          |
| New Zealand Fixed Income    | 7.5%        |                     |            | \$723,489           | 5.7%              |          |
| Cash                        | 2.5%        | 0%                  | 20%        | \$482,326           | 3.8%              |          |
| <b>Total Income Assets</b>  | <b>30%</b>  | <b>10%</b>          | <b>60%</b> | <b>\$3,642,832</b>  | <b>28.7%</b>      |          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>100%</b> |                     |            | <b>\$12,692,793</b> | <b>100%</b>       |          |

Green = Between the SAA level, and half-way to the rebalancing range, either side of the SAA.  
Orange = Between half-way to the rebalancing range (either side of the SAA), and the rebalancing range itself.  
Red = Outside of the rebalancing range.

| Gross Returns – Before fees & taxes | 3 Months (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Years (% p.a.) | Since Inception (% p.a.) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Waitara Perpetual Community Fund    | 0.7          | -          | -                | 5.0                      |
| Benchmark                           | 0.8          | -          | -                | 5.1                      |
| Excess                              | -0.2         | -          | -                | -0.1                     |

Notes:  
Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.  
Excess: this is the excess return (either + / -) relative to the benchmark, before investment fees and taxes.  
\* Since inception is from the Fund's initial investment date of 15 February 2021.  
Where applicable returns include, and assume the full utilisation of, tax credits.

The table below details compliance with various documents during the six months ending 31 December 2021

| Document                  | Breaches  |
|---------------------------|---|
| MITNZ SIPO                | There were no breaches reported in the quarter. |
| Investments held in MITNZ | Breaches  |
| Segregated mandates       | There were no breaches reported in the quarter. |
| Mercer Managed Funds      | There were no breaches reported in the quarter. |
| External Managed Funds    | There were no breaches reported in the quarter. |

Significant Activity and Expenditure

**On target**  
variance below 5% and less than \$100k

**Minor variance to budget**  
variance above 5% and less than \$100k

**Significant unfavourable variance to budget**  
variance greater than 10% and \$100k

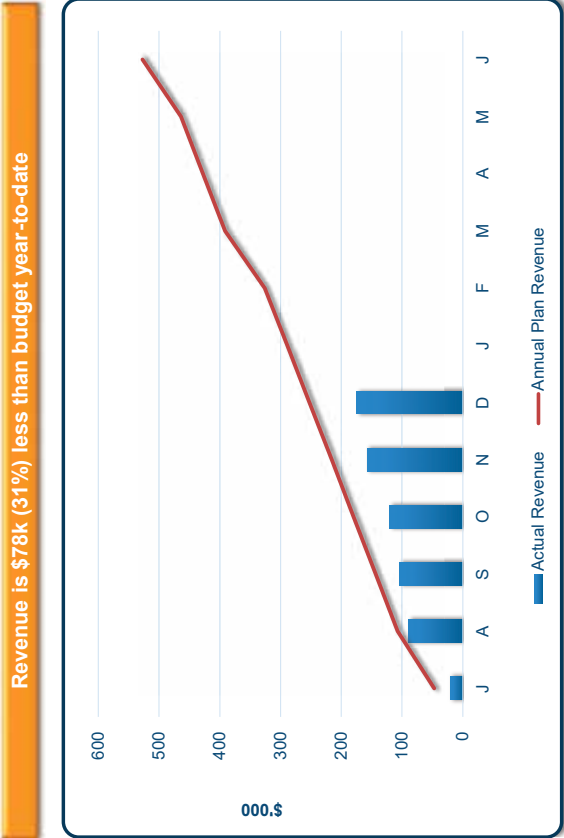
**Significant favourable variance to budget**  
variance greater than 10% and \$100k

| NET OPERATING RATES SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) |   | Year-to-date September 2021 |                    |                      |       |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Page                                  | Activity  | Actual<br>(\$'000)          | Budget<br>(\$'000) | Variance<br>(\$'000) | %     |
| 56                                    | Community Partnerships  | (3,005)                     | (2,554)            | (451)                | 18%   |
| 57                                    | Customer and Regulatory Solutions                             | (534)                       | 533                | (1,067)              | 200%  |
| 58                                    | Economic Development  | (2,674)                     | (2,424)            | (250)                | 10%   |
| 59                                    | Emergency Management and Business Continuation                | (193)                       | (611)              | 418                  | 68%   |
| 60                                    | Flood Protection and Control Works                            | (293)                       | (186)              | (107)                | 57%   |
| 61                                    | Governance  | (1,985)                     | (2,148)            | 163                  | -8%   |
| 62                                    | Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre                    | (2,090)                     | (2,339)            | 248                  | -11%  |
| 63                                    | Management of Investments and Funding                         | 24,767                      | 10,001             | 14,766               | 148%  |
| 64                                    | Parks and Open Spaces   | (7,775)                     | (7,772)            | (3)                  | 0%    |
| 65                                    | Puke Ariki and Community Libraries                            | (5,482)                     | (5,519)            | 36                   | -1%   |
| 66                                    | Stormwater Management   | (2,476)                     | (2,696)            | 220                  | -8%   |
| 67                                    | Transportation  | (6,198)                     | (5,701)            | (497)                | 9%    |
| 68                                    | Venues and Events   | (3,896)                     | (4,141)            | 246                  | -6%   |
| 69                                    | Waste Management and Minimisation                             | (4,507)                     | (4,370)            | (136)                | 3%    |
| 70                                    | Wastewater Treatment  | (6,195)                     | (5,100)            | (1,095)              | 21%   |
| 71                                    | Water Supply  | (5,612)                     | (6,054)            | 442                  | -7%   |
|                                       | Other Operating <sup>1</sup> and Rates                        | 61,649                      | 53,450             | 8,200                | 15%   |
|                                       | Shared Services Respread Allocation                           | (1,075)                     | (3,062)            | 1,986                | -65%  |
| NET OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS       |   | 32,426                      | 9,307              | 23,120               | n/a   |
|                                       | Less: Unrealised gain on investments (PIF and Interest swaps) | (27,983)                    | (4,189)            | (23,795)             | n/a   |
|                                       | Less: Capital grants and subsidies                            | (6,511)                     | (10,527)           | 4,017                | 38%   |
|                                       | Less: Debt repayments   | (3,460)                     | (3,460)            | 0                    | 0%    |
|                                       | Less: Appropriations  | (2,090)                     | (849)              | (1,241)              | -146% |
|                                       | Less: Waitara distributions and gain on freehold sales        | 1,797                       | 2,426              | (628)                | 26%   |
|                                       | Add: Unfunded depreciation                                    | 8,447                       | 9,712              | (1,265)              | 13%   |
| RATES (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS               |   | 2,627                       | 2,419              | 208                  | n/a   |

<sup>1</sup> predominantly gains/losses on asset sales/disposals and unrealised gains/losses on revaluation of derivatives.

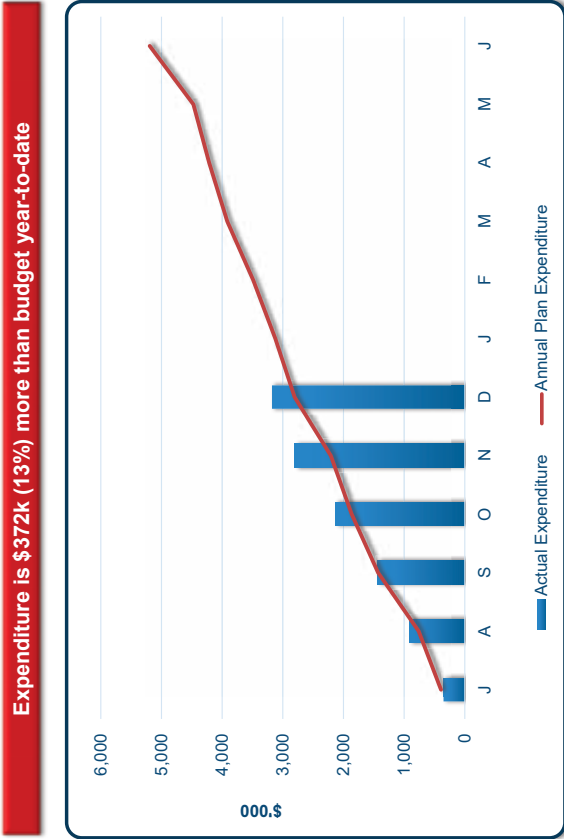


COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



**Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:**

- -\$85k rates remissions greater than budgeted (full year impact \$180k).

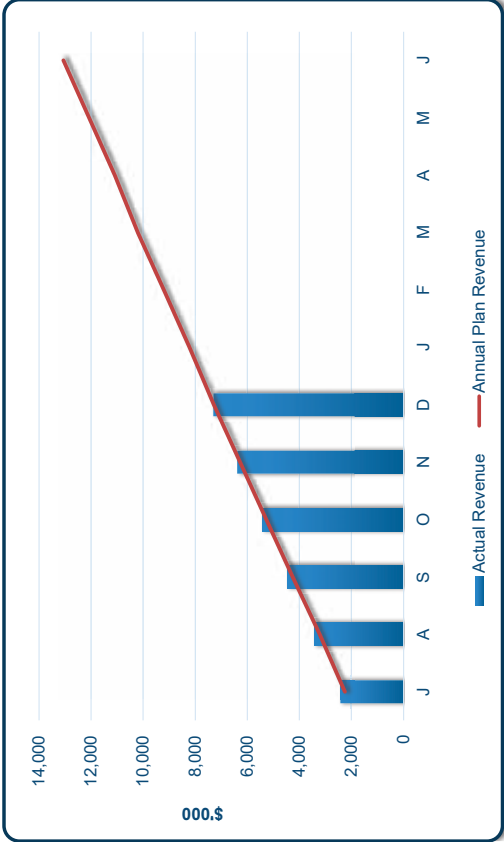


**Expenditure is in line with budget year-to-date**

- \$272k Approved overspend of grants from 2020/21.

CUSTOMER AND REGULATORY SOLUTIONS

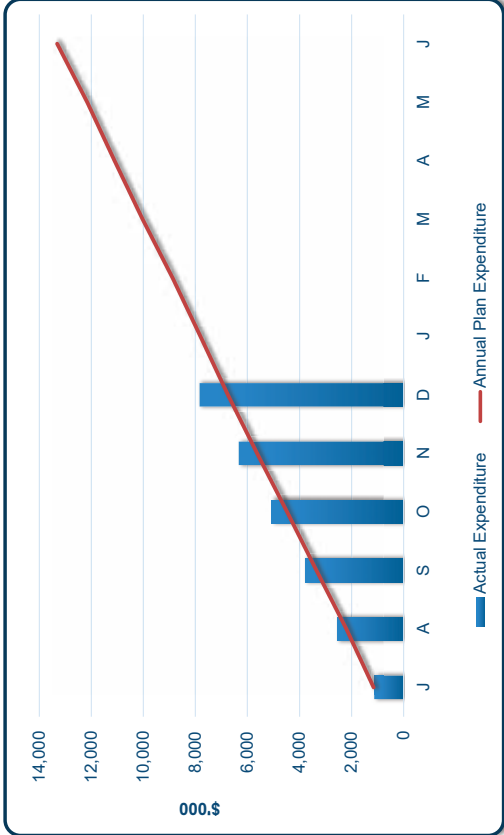
Revenue is \$20k (0%) in line with budget year-to-date



Revenue is more than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$310k building levy lodged for hospital Stage 2 (full year impact).
- +\$173k other consenting revenue.
- +\$121k Dog registrations (full year impact)
- -\$219k reduced ticketing (\$85k due to Level 4 restrictions)
- -\$184k Downtown leased parking unavailable (full year impact).
- -\$104k reduced on-street parking revenue (\$120k due to level 4 restrictions).

Expenditure is \$1,088k (16%) more than budget year-to-date



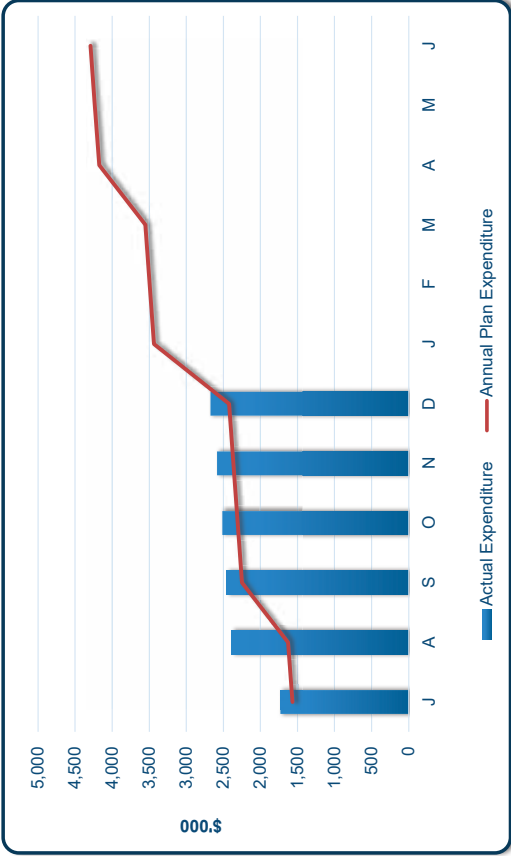
Expenditure is more than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$472k Personnel costs and internal charges
- -\$299k YTD building consent processing by contractors
- -\$605k District Plan expenditure

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No budgeted or actual revenue

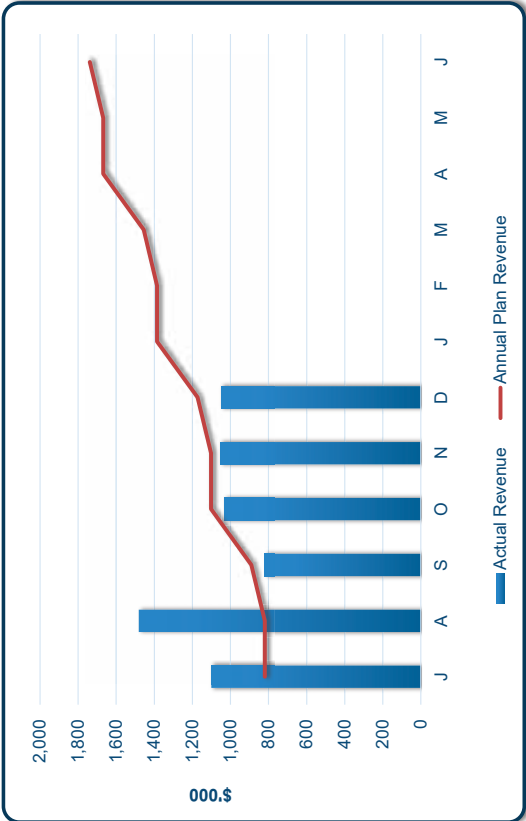
Expenditure is \$250k (10%) more than budget year-to-date



Expenditure is more than budget year-to-date due to:  
• -\$190k VTT transitional funding (funded from operating reserve).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONTINUANCE

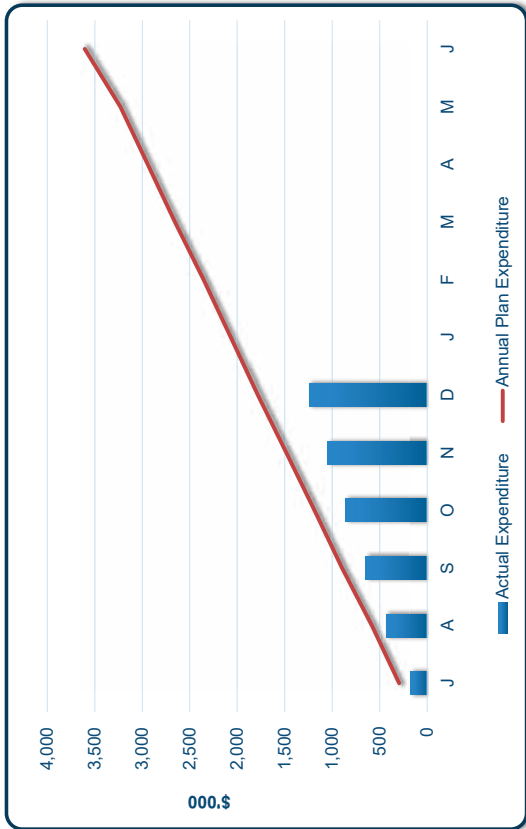
Revenue is \$124k (11%) less than revised budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$110k Delay in TEMO project work recoverable by Ministry, offsets expenses (timing).

Expenditure is \$542k (30%) less than budget year-to-date



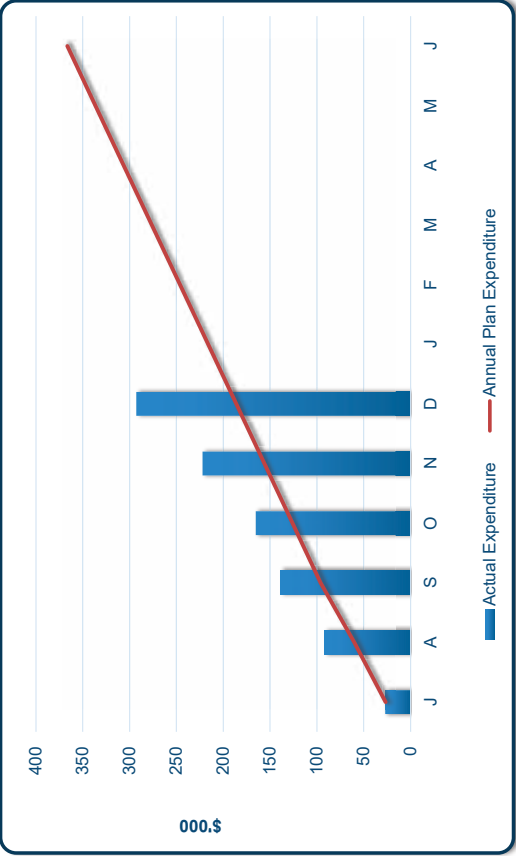
Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$332k Delay in Regional Recovery spend (timing).
- +\$110k Delay in TEMO project work recoverable by Ministry, offsets revenue (timing).
- +\$55k NPDC EOC personnel and project work delayed due to key vacancy.

FLOOD PROTECTION AND CONTROL WORKS

No budgeted or actual revenue

Expenditure is \$106k (57%) more than budget year-to-date

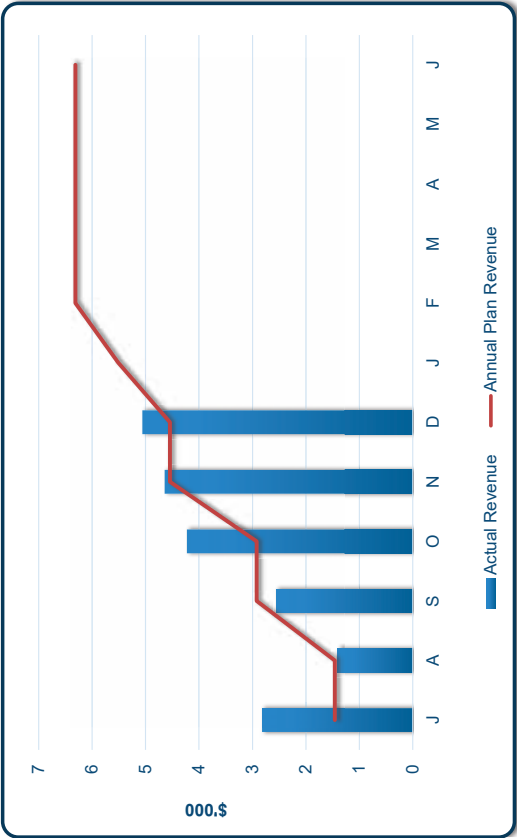


Expenditure is more than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$42k detention dam inspections.
- Mangaotuku tunnel methodology

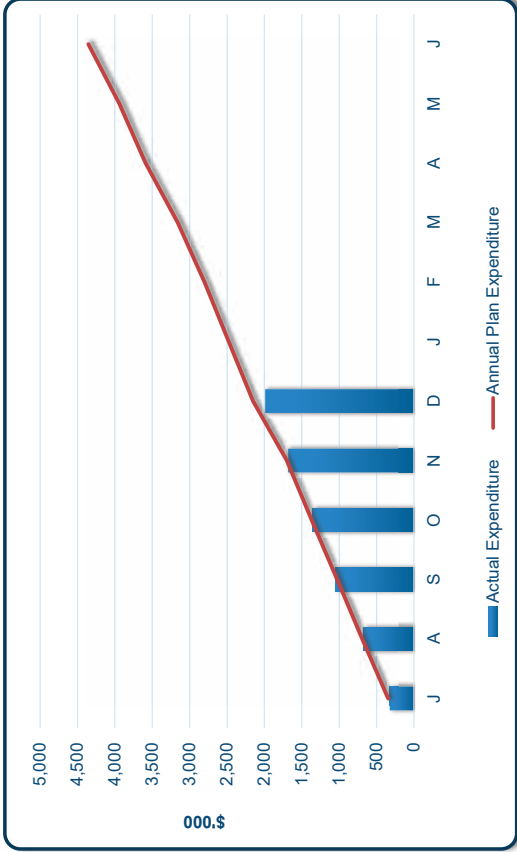
GOVERNANCE

Budget and variance are immaterial



Budget and variance are immaterial

Expenditure is \$162k (-7%) less than budget year-to-date

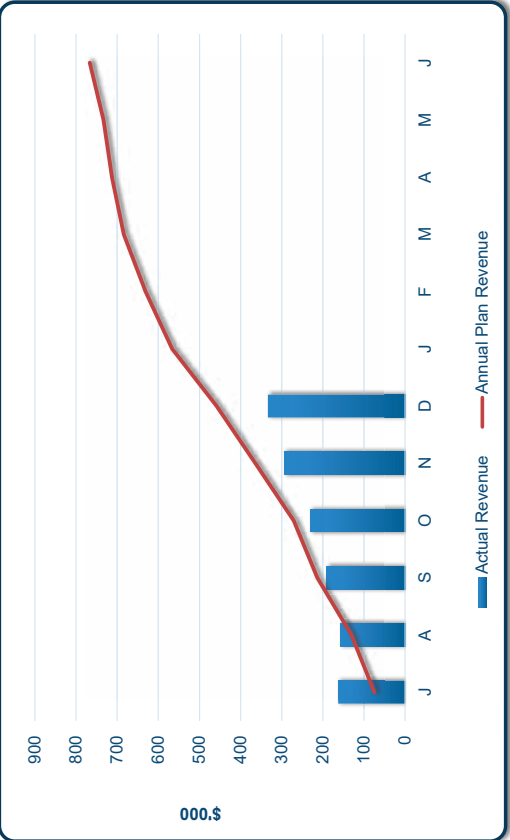


Expenditure is in line with budget year-to-date.

- Timing and amount of DP appeals

GOVETT-BREWSTER ART GALLERY/LEN LYE CENTRE

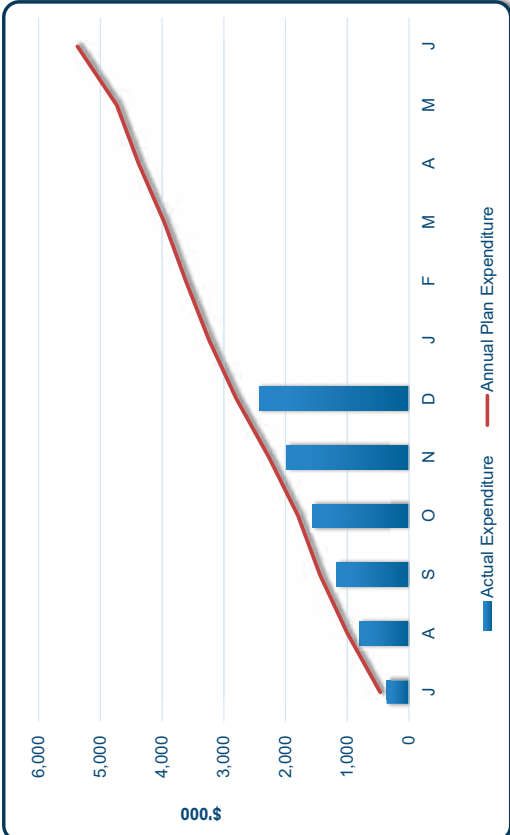
Revenue is \$124k (27%) less than budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$55k Retail sales, door admissions and cinema activity reduction due to Level 4 restrictions and subsequent period
- -\$86k Grant revenue

Expenditure is \$373k (13%) less than budget year-to-date

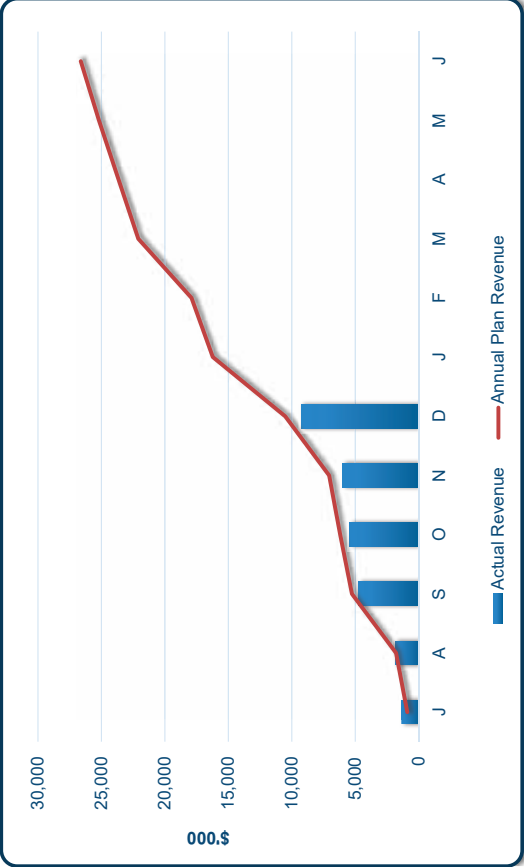


Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$201k exhibition suite changover timing - delays due to Level 4 restrictions, and reliance of Auckland artists (potential full year impact)
- +\$32k exhibition vacancies and changover timing
- +\$53k Front of house staffing vacancy partly due to Level 4 restrictions

MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND FUNDING (excl unrealised gains/losses on investments)

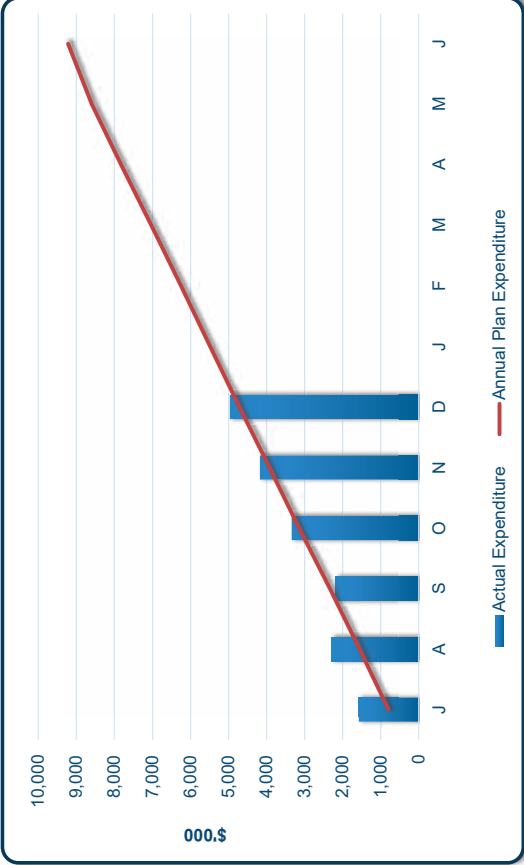
Revenue is \$1,263k (12%) less than budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$317k Additional PIF release due to increase in CPI.
- -\$1,388k Waitara freehold sales lower due to less activity.
- -\$299k interest received on term deposit less than budget due to lower interest rates.

Expenditure is \$253k (5%) less than budget year-to-date



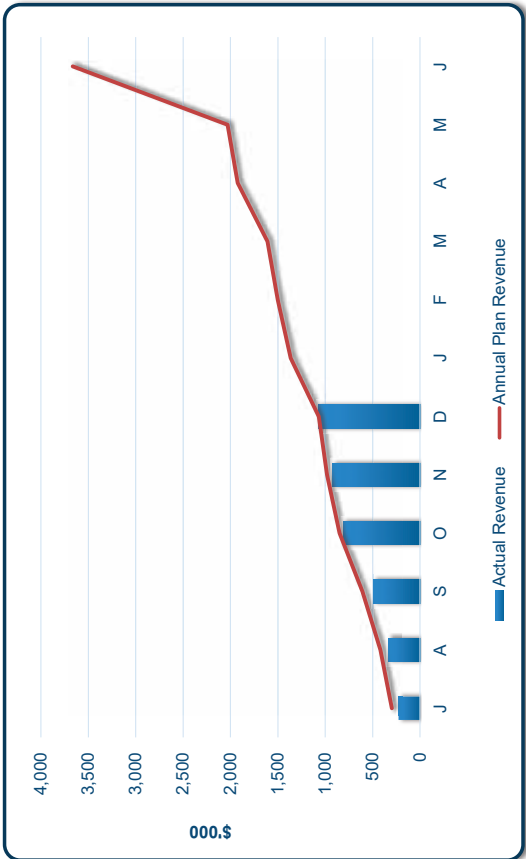
Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$381k lower interest costs due to less debt.



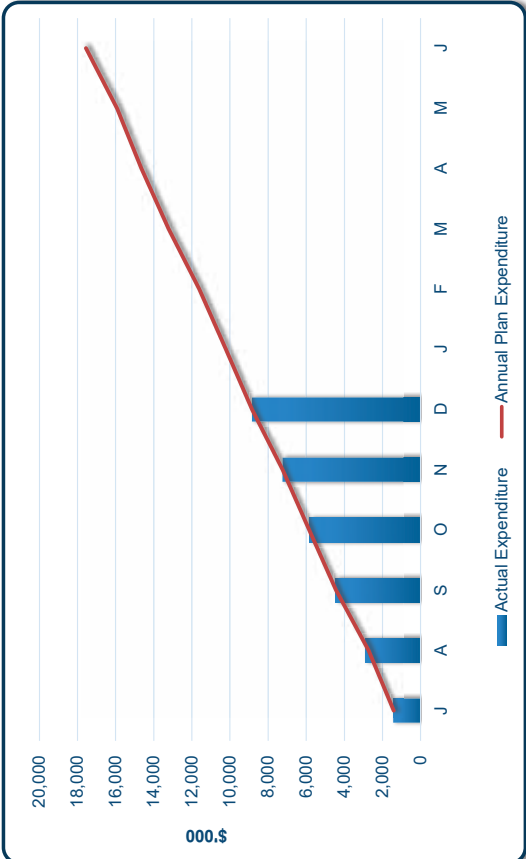
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Revenue is \$3k (0%) in line with budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:  
• -\$90k Lower cemetery & burial activity (timing only)

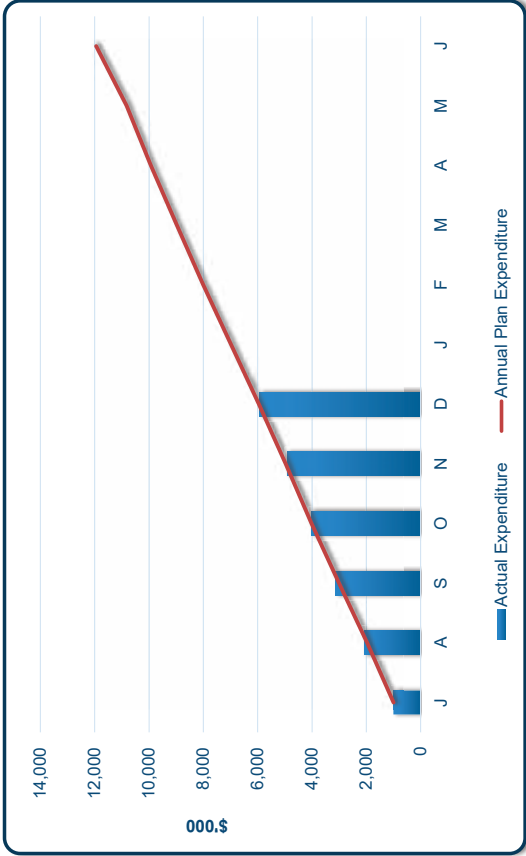
Expenditure is \$6k (0%) in line with budget year-to-date



Expenditure is more than budget year-to-date  
In line with budget

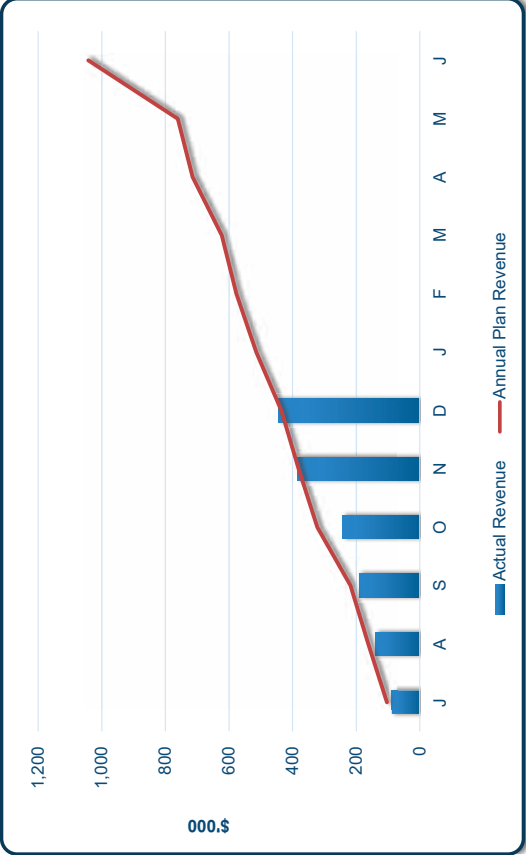
PUKE ARIKI AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Expenditure is \$28k (0%) in line with budget year-to-date



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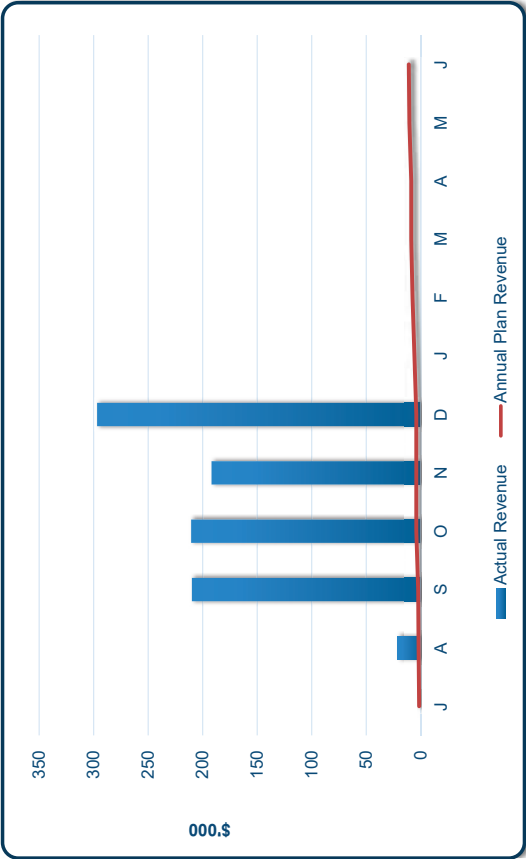
Revenue is \$8k (2%) in line with budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:  
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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

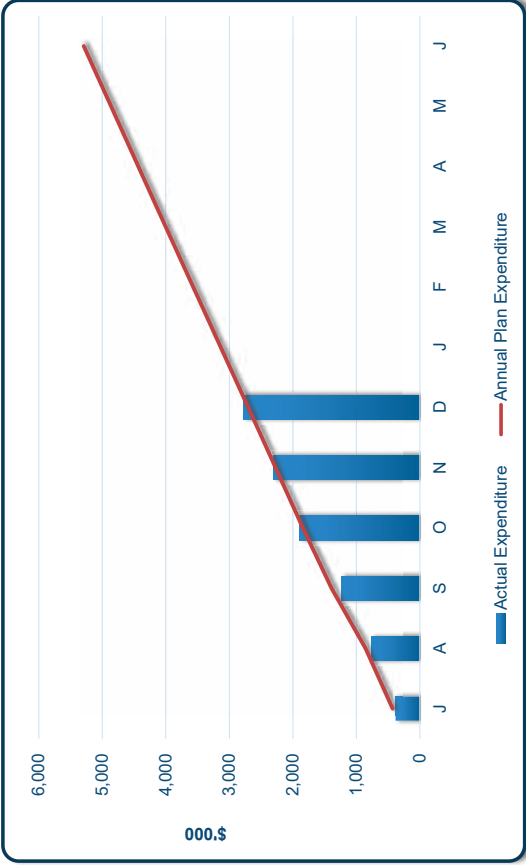
Revenue is \$292k more than budget year-to-date.



Revenue is more than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$288k DIA grant funding\* to offset additional capital expenditure.
- \$60k MfE initial payment for Tangaroa Restoration

Expenditure is \$73k (3%) more than budget year-to-date

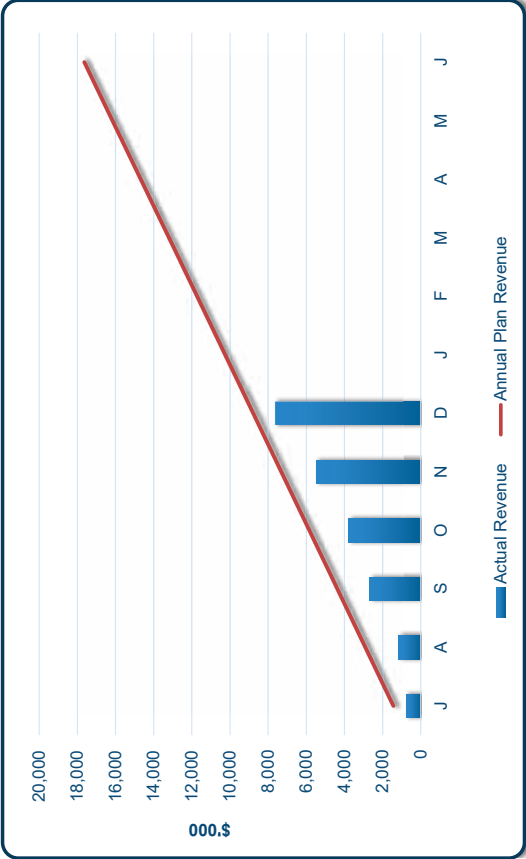


Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- \$33k Mangamahoe Low Head Dam Decommissioning

TRANSPORTATION

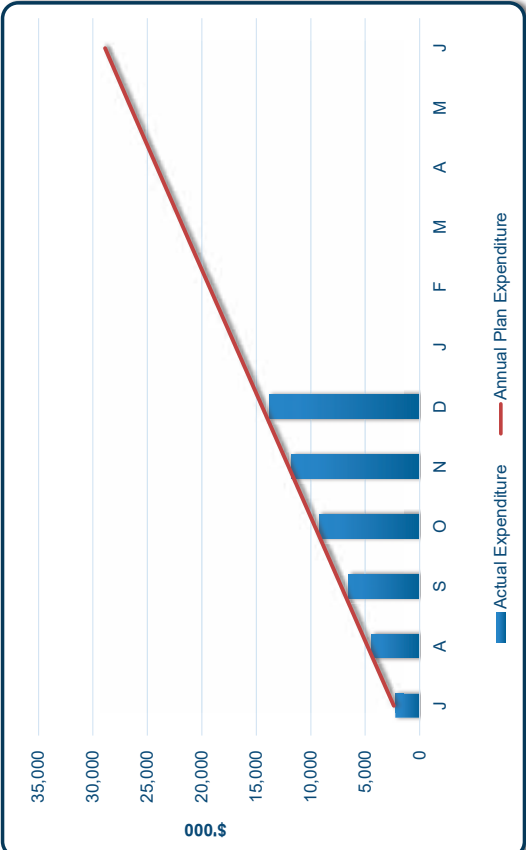
Revenue is \$1,140k (13%) less than budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$1.2m NZTA local roads - Capital subsidy (timing only)
- +\$590k NZTA local roads - Operating subsidy (timing only)

Expenditure is \$642k (4%) less than budget year-to-date

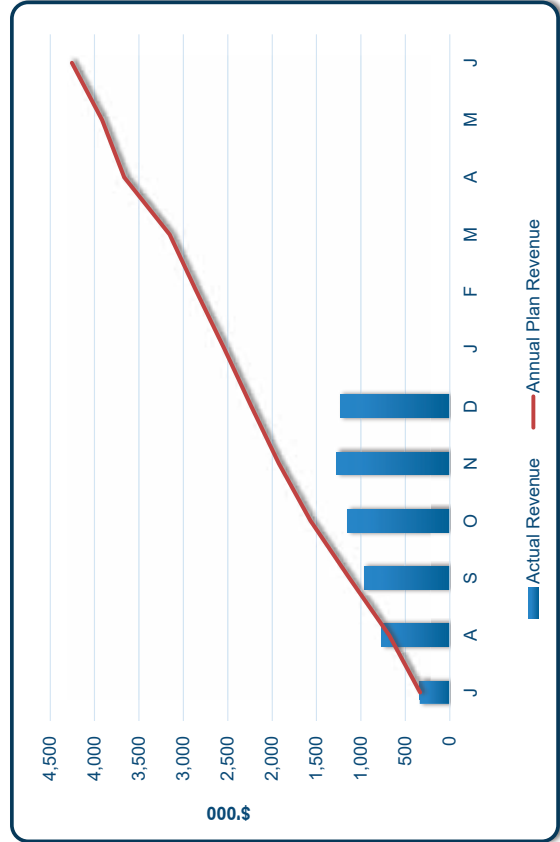


Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$510k local roads programme expenditure (timing only)

VENUES AND EVENTS

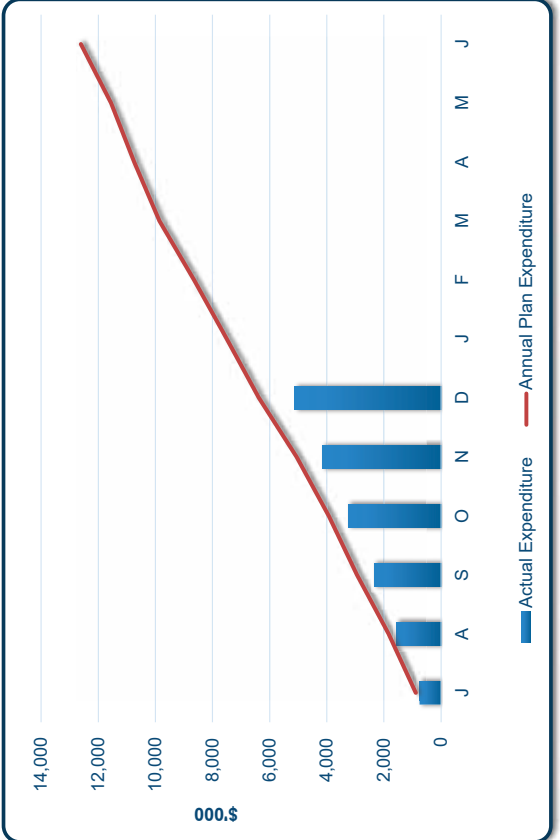
Revenue is \$1,005k (45%) less than budget year-to-date



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$436k reduced TEAC admissions from Level 4 and subsequent restrictions
- -\$438k Venue hire, grant funding and expenses recovered due to lockdown restrictions and availability of performers (Auckland and Trans Tasman)
- -\$150k Festival of Lights sponsorship and grant funding due to cancellation (majority of funds committed for next year)

Expenditure is \$1,251k (20%) less than budget year-to-date

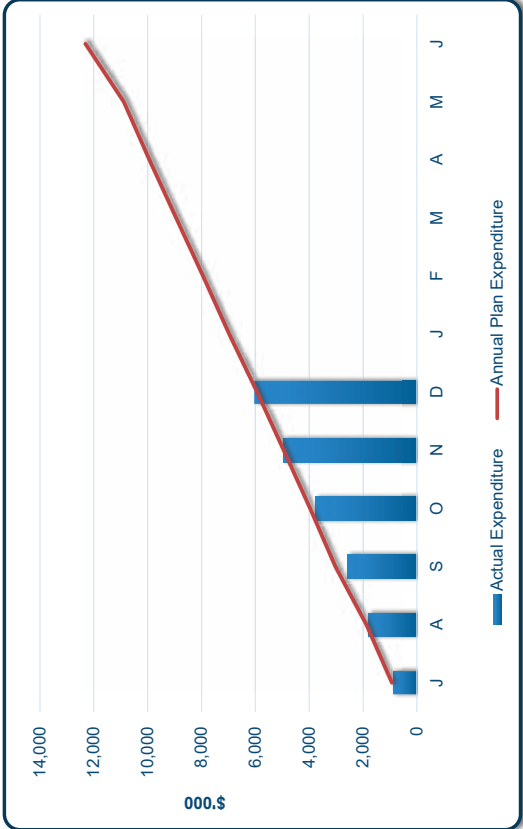


Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$291k Aquatics vacancies - due to Level 4 closure and reallocation of staff across pools
- +\$474k Venues event related expenditure not incurred (offset revenue above)
- +\$149k internal property and parks recharges - partly timing
- +\$110k Festival of Lights expenditure not incurred due to cancellation
- +\$56k Aquatics maintenance deferred - partly due to Level 4 closure

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION

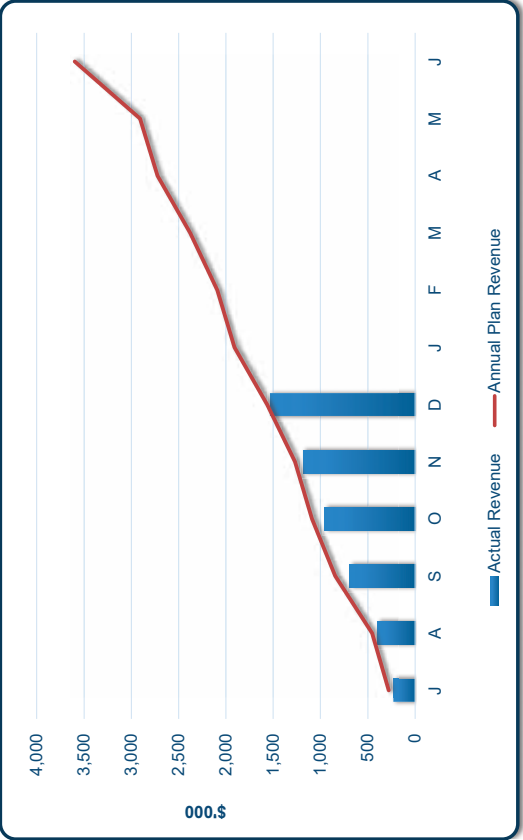
Expenditure is \$106k (2%) more than budget year-to-date



Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$246k Additional disposal costs (offset revenue)
- -\$52k Additional bin latches
- +\$172k Kerbside collection due to Level 4 restrictions

Revenue is \$30k (2%) less than budget year-to-date

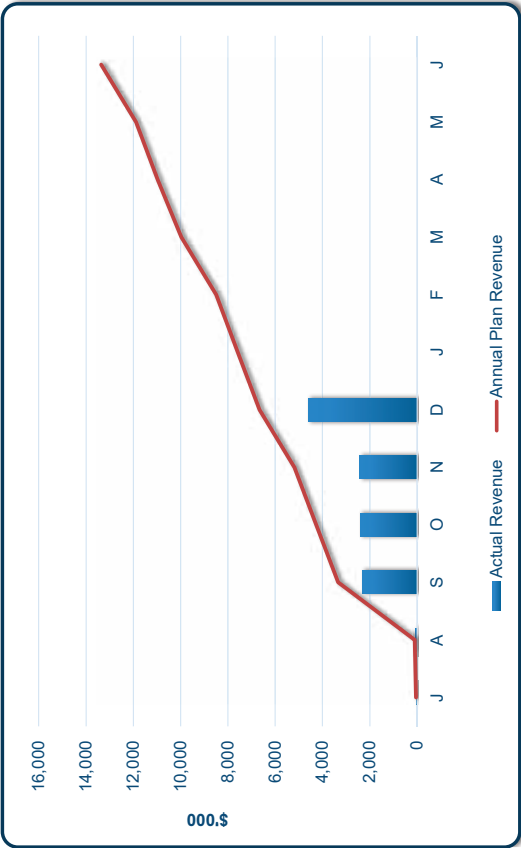


Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- -\$210k Capital funding for the Commercial Material Resource Facility (timing only)
- -\$120k Waste Levy rebates not likely to increase until Q3 (offset expenditure)
- +\$337k Disposal fees recovered (offset expenditure)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

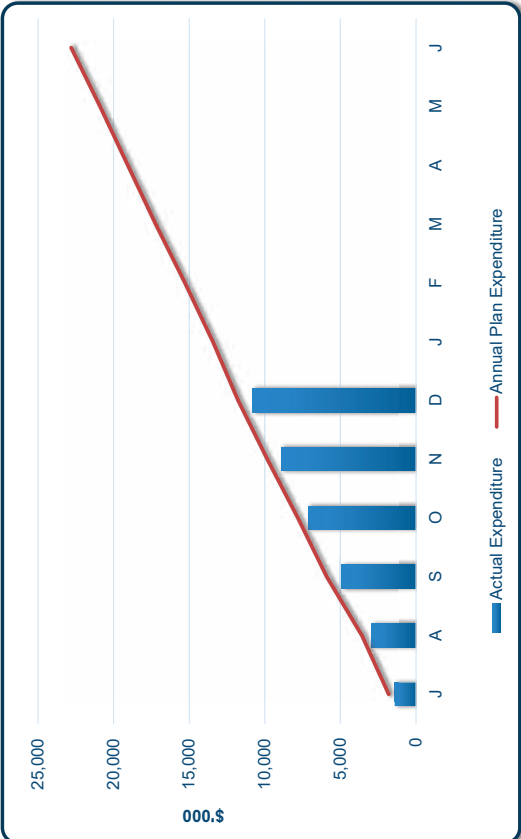
Revenue is \$2.0m (30%) less than budget year-to-date.



Revenue is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$922k DIA capital contribution recognised
- -\$3.2m Crown capital contribution to Thermal drying facility (timing only)

Expenditure is \$0.9m (8%) less than budget year-to-date.

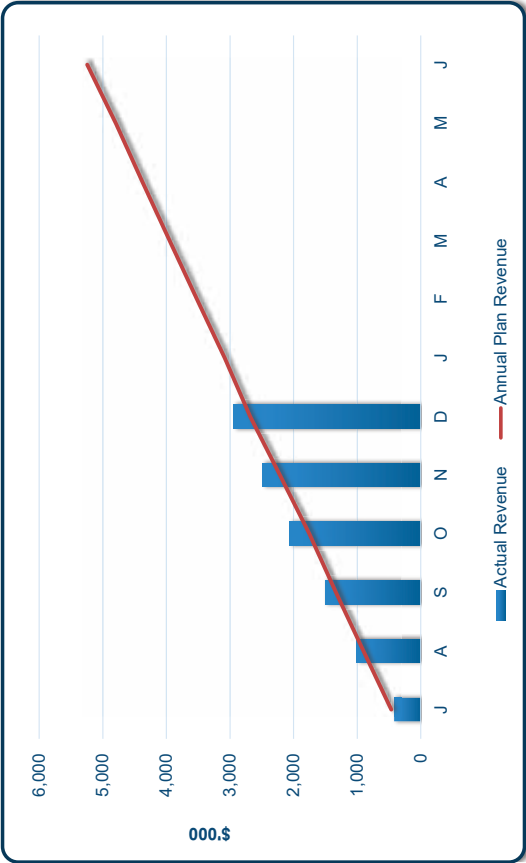


Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$420k depreciation lower than budgeted.
- +\$275k Maintenance planning (timing only)
- +\$150k Mangati pump station storage planning (timing only)

WATER SUPPLY

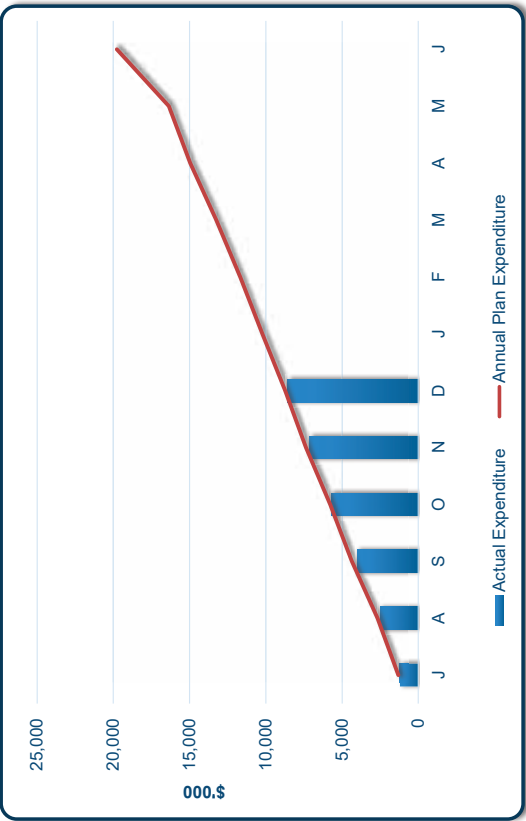
Revenue is in \$260k (10%) more than budget year-to-date



Revenue is more than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$132k additional volumetric revenue (includes restricted flow).
- +\$116k DIA capital contribution recognised

Expenditure is \$182k (2%) less than budget year-to-date.



Expenditure is less than budget year-to-date due to:

- +\$54k depreciation lower than budgeted.



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## **HEALTH & SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORT – PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 – DUE DILIGENCE OBLIGATIONS**

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### **PURPOSE**

1. This report presents the Health and Safety Quarterly Report for the period 1 October – 31 December 2021.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### **FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

3. This report is provided for information purposes only, and has been assessed as being of some importance. The material presented in this report assists the Elected Members, as Officers, to meet their statutory obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. The matters discussed in this report do not have implications for the Council's levels of service or the financial costs for the community. Public interest in these matters is unlikely to be high.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

4. We are seeing significant increase in reporting by staff in our new Pinnacle software, (ecoPortal) primarily due to improved usability and ease of access and portability of Pinnacle on mobile devices. The Health, Safety & Wellness (HSW) Team are currently scoping out the requirements for phase 2 of the ecoPortal implementation.
5. Risk assessments of government mandated roles and all front facing roles has been undertaken to identify those roles requiring vaccination. Affected staff have been consulted with and no issues have been raised in terms of service delivery to the district as a result of this. We continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our region, taking action where necessary.
6. Our new streamlined process for managing contractors is now in place, enabling consistent practices across the organisation. This includes more robust Pre-Qualification and safety induction processes. It also includes an annual safety induction refresher and failure to undertake this in a timely manner will render their account inactive and payments to them can be withheld as a result.

7. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Elected Members are deemed 'officers' and must exercise a duty of care and due diligence in relation to health and safety. To facilitate this duty of care the annual Elected Member Health & Safety training will be held in Q3 of 2022/23 during Elected Member Induction. This will assist in meeting their obligations and provide some currency around industry best practice as it applies to Local Government.

### **Metrics of Performance**

8. The HSW Team are undertaking a review of their three year work plan and identifying further activities to enhance health, safety and wellness practices across the organisation. Key performance indicators will be identified through this process and reported against in future quarterly reports to Elected Members.
9. Currently we are tracking well in terms of the number of accident/incidents being reported and, of significance to note, is the absence of any serious harm incidents being reported in the last 12 months.

### **Critical Risks**

10. A bi-annual review of our critical risks has been undertaken and has determined that NPDC now only requires to focus on four critical risks, from the previous list of six. These critical risks are:
  - a) Vehicle movements (use of NPDC Vehicles)
  - b) Personnel Security (dealing with aggression towards NPDC Staff)
  - c) Contractor Management (auditing contractors for safety compliance)
  - d) Health and Wellbeing (minimising staff physical and mental health issues)
11. The two critical risks that have now become business as usual safety focus areas are:
  - Working with Electricity
  - Working at Height
12. We are satisfied that sufficient knowledge and competency has been established to reduce these risks to an acceptable level.

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13. **There were no incidents that relate to our Critical Risks reported this last quarter.** More serious incident/s such as one that requires medical treatment, results in lost time injury have the potential for serious harm are reported on through Pinnacle.
  14. For a snapshot of our overall performance, please refer to the appendices at the end of this report.

### ***Observation***

15. As is being experienced across Local Government nationally, our staff continue to deal with aggression and violence against them from members of the public. NPDC has a zero tolerance for this type of behaviour and our stance is supported by local police, who continue to assist in dealing with the aggressors. We continue to monitor the situation and take action to minimise this issue.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS**

16. There are no financial or resourcing implications relating to the report. However, failure to meet due diligence obligations could result in fines and infringement notices being issued.

### **IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

17. This report confirms that the matters above have no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
  - Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
  - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
  - Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses;
  - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and/or Annual Plan;
  - Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and;
  - No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

### **APPENDICES**

Due diligence report for period ending 31 December 2021 (ECM8721237)

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**Report Details**

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|-----------------|---|
| Prepared By:    | Courtney Taylor (HSW Lead)                        |
| Team:           | People & Wellbeing                                |
| Approved By:    | Mary Johnson (Group Manager People and Wellbeing) |
| Ward/Community: | District Wide                                     |
| Date:           | 2 February 2022                                   |
| File Reference: | ECM8720700  |

-----*End of Report*-----

(PLEASE NOTE THIS DATA IS STILL BEING EXTRAPOLATED WITHIN THE NEW ECOPORTAL SYSTEM SO THERE WILL BE SOME GAPS IN THE CONTENT)

## H&S Due Diligence Report - from 1/10/2021 to 31/12/2021

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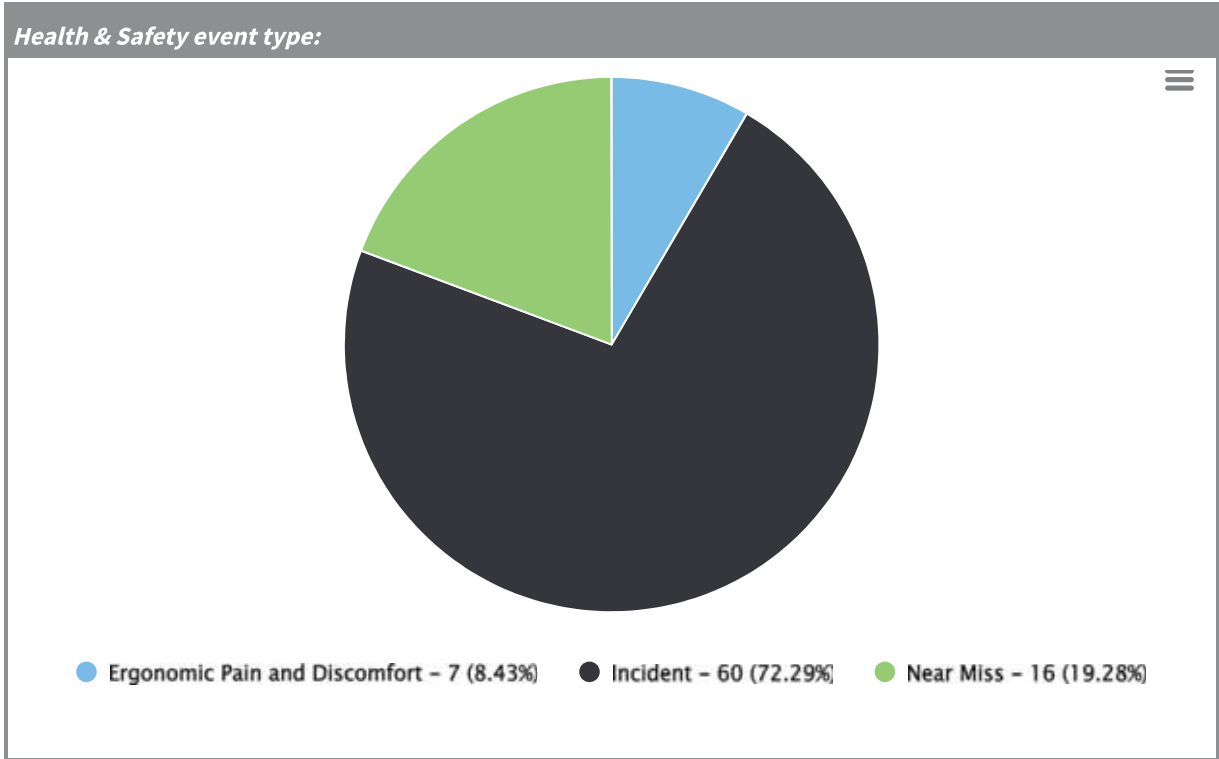
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This Due Diligence report assists elected members, as Officers, to meet their statutory obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

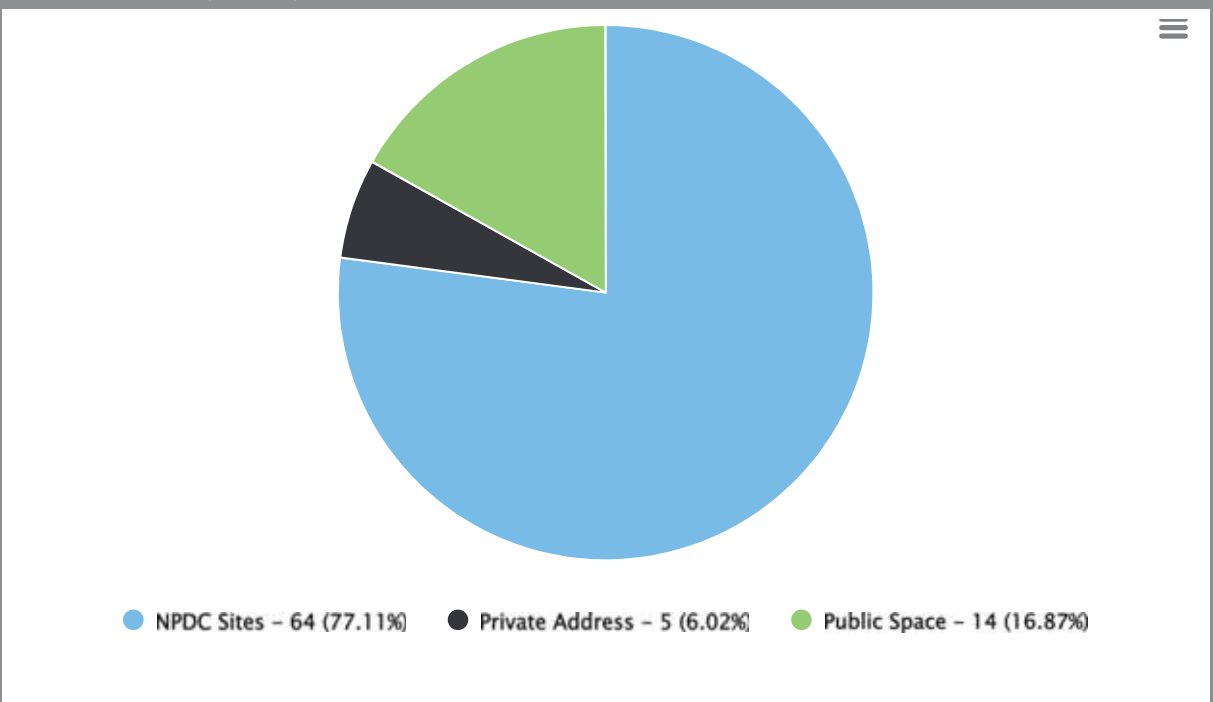
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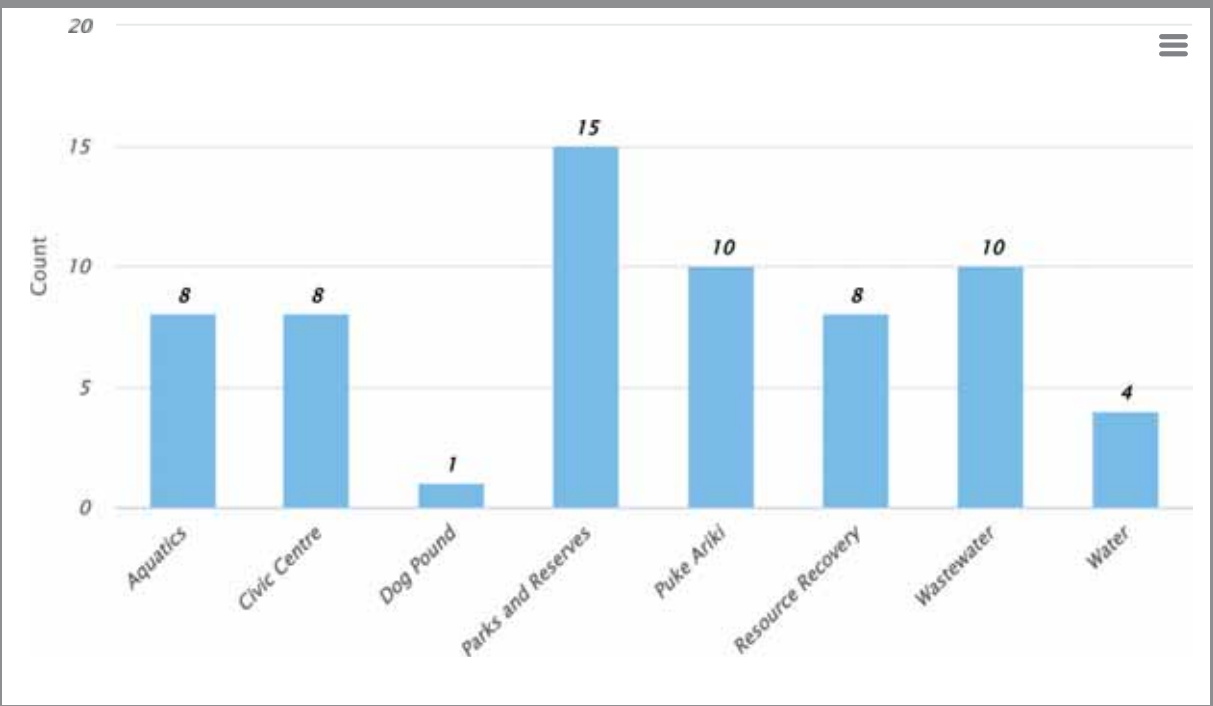
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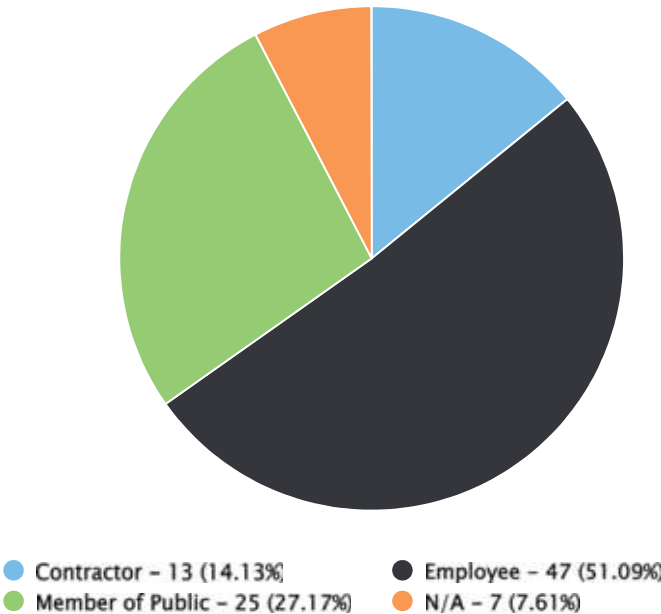
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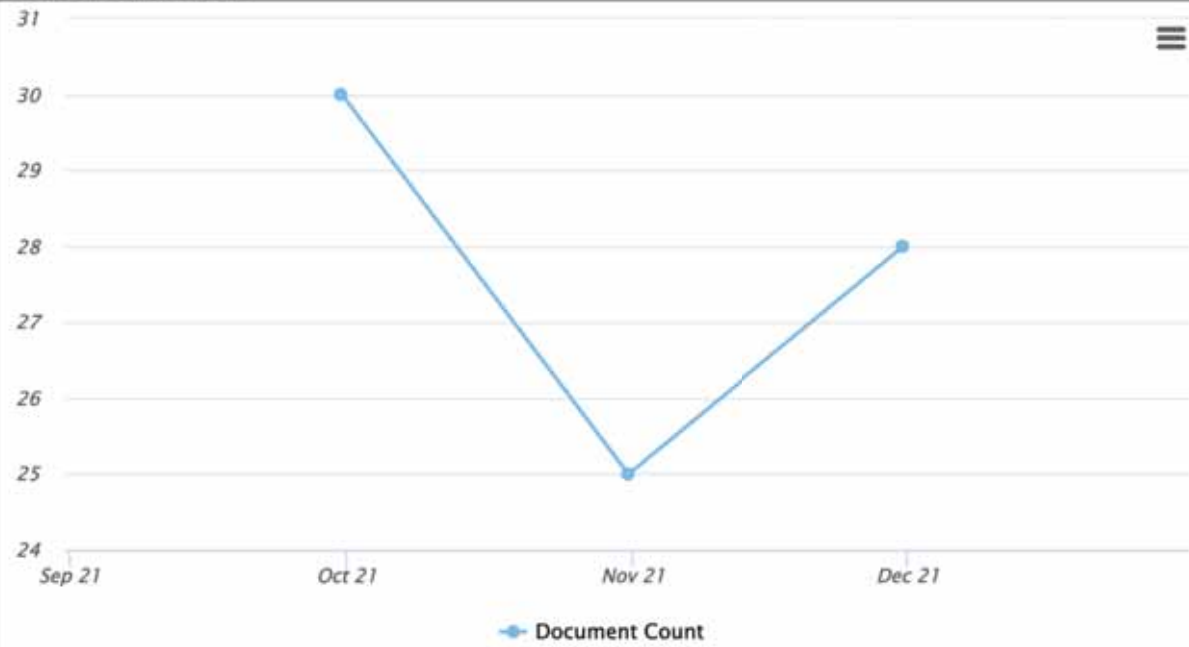
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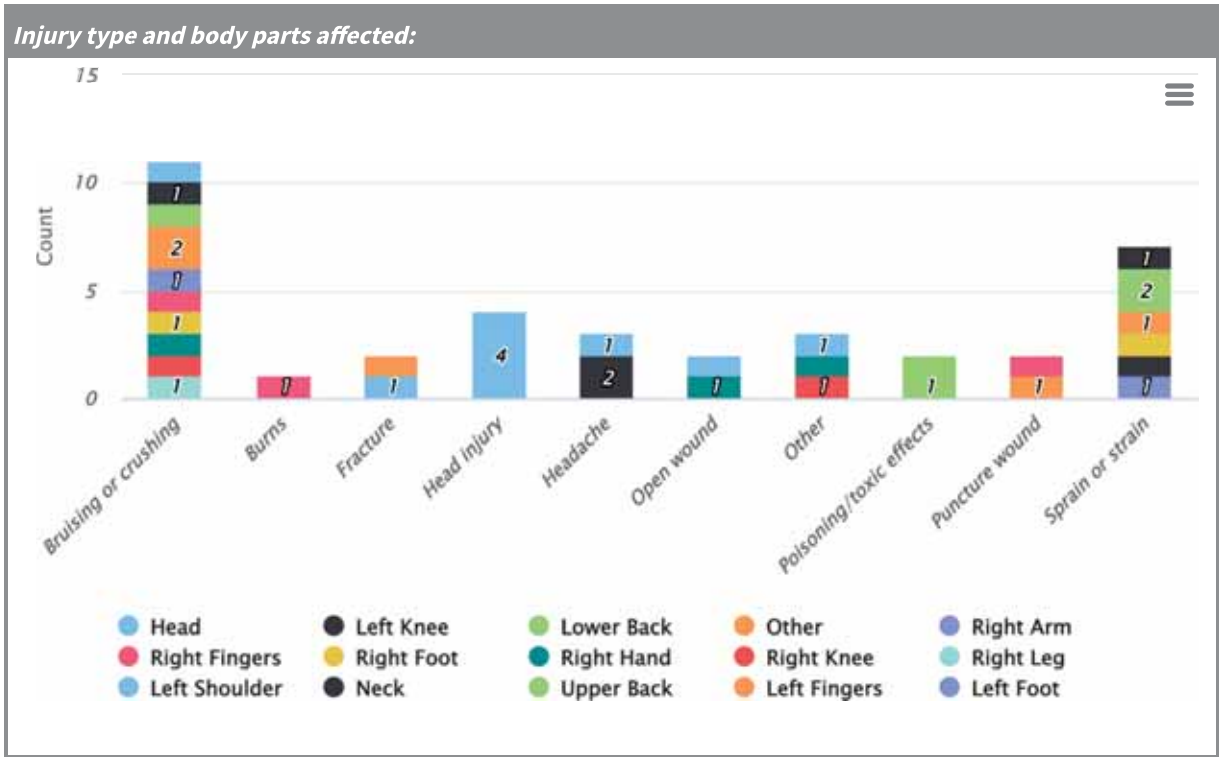
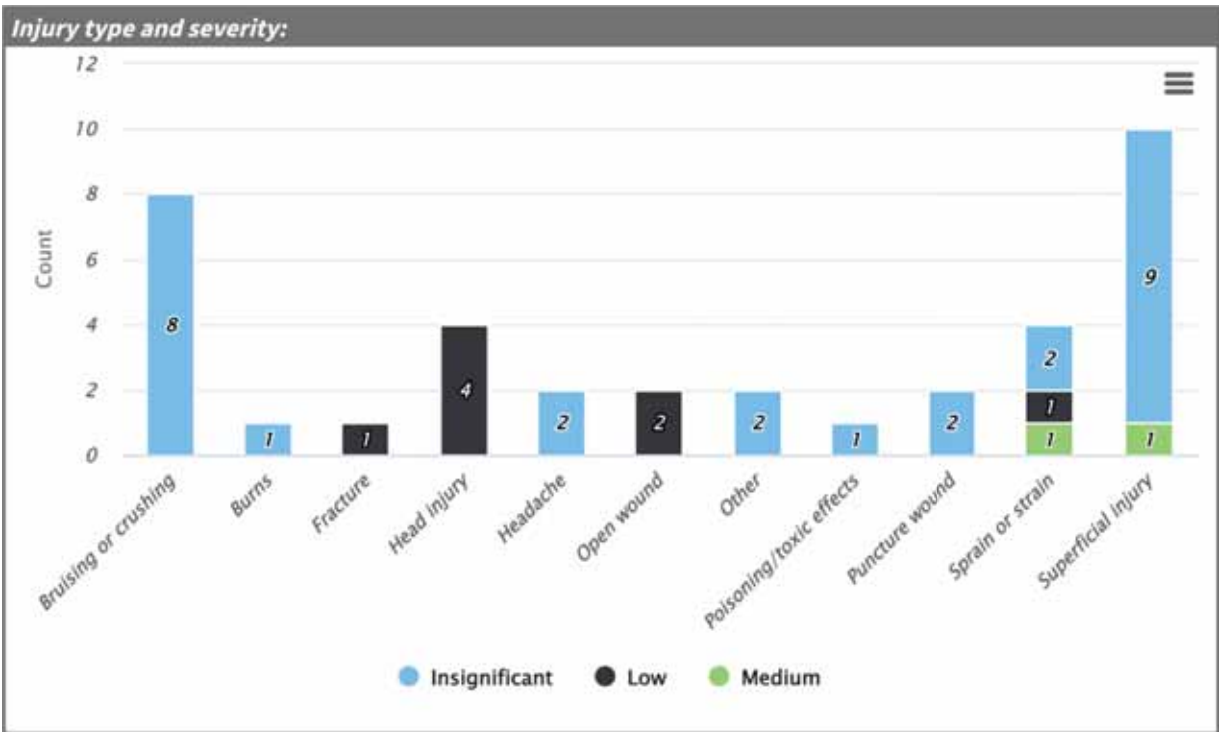
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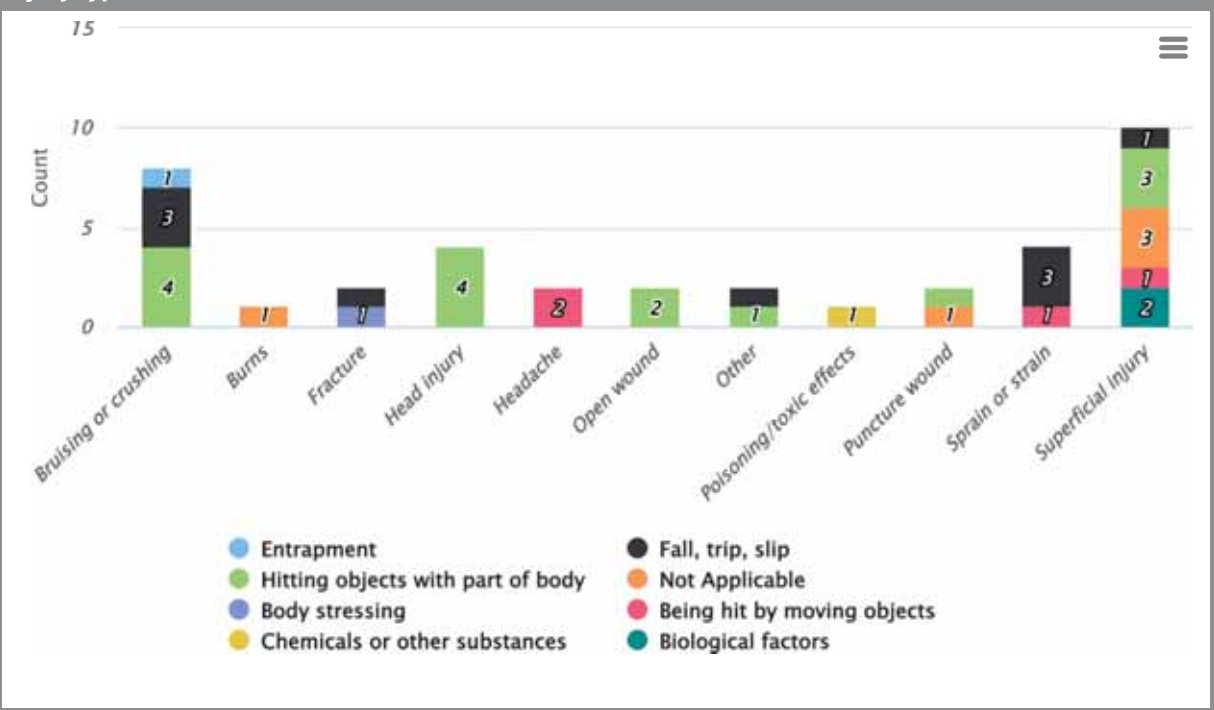


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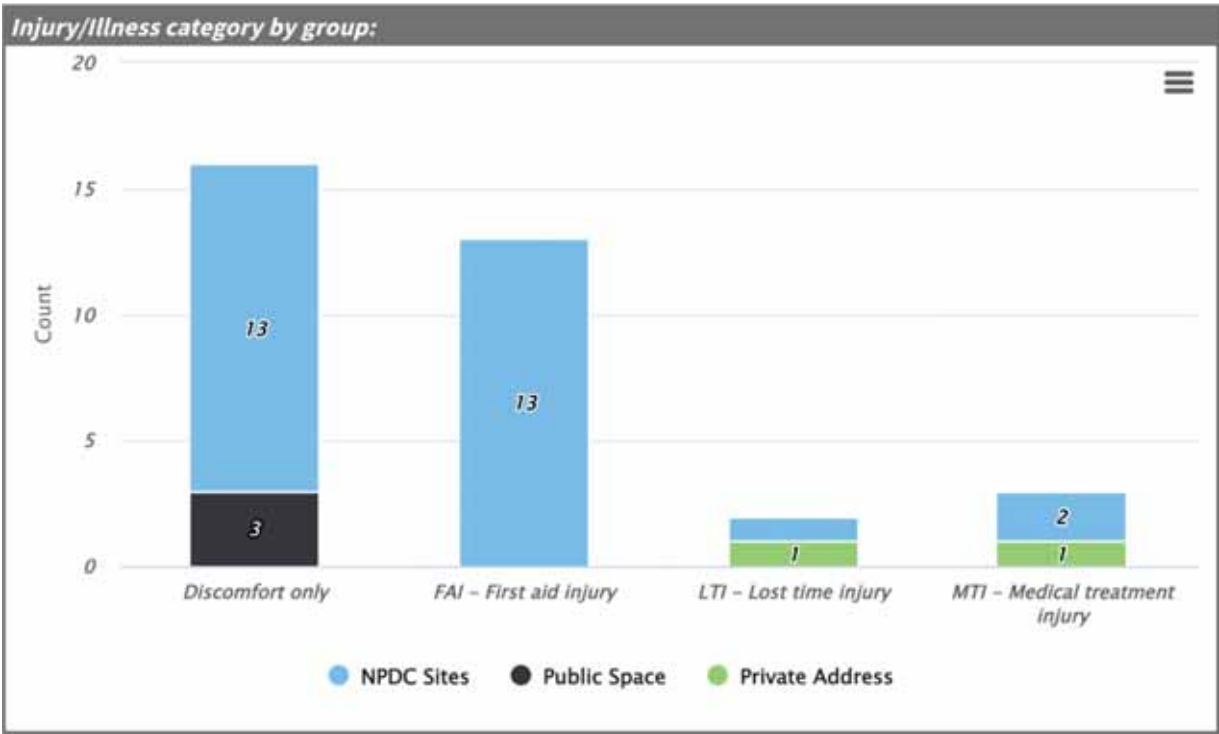


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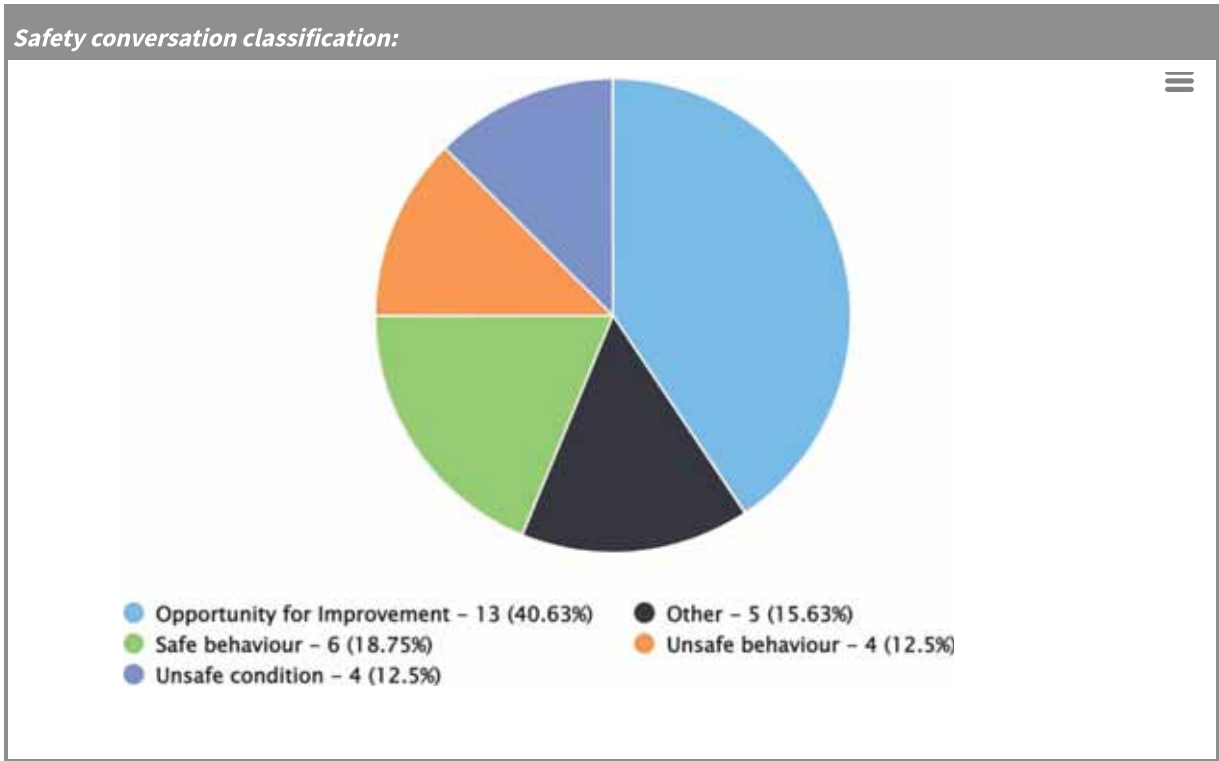


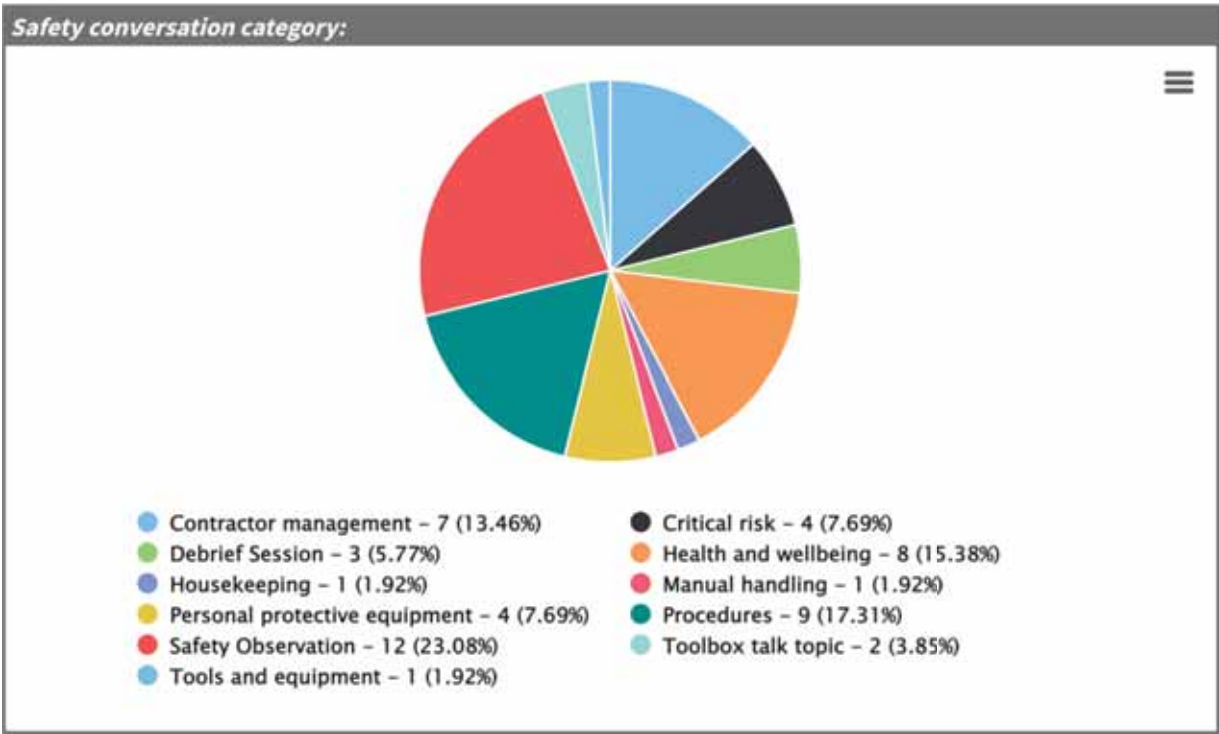
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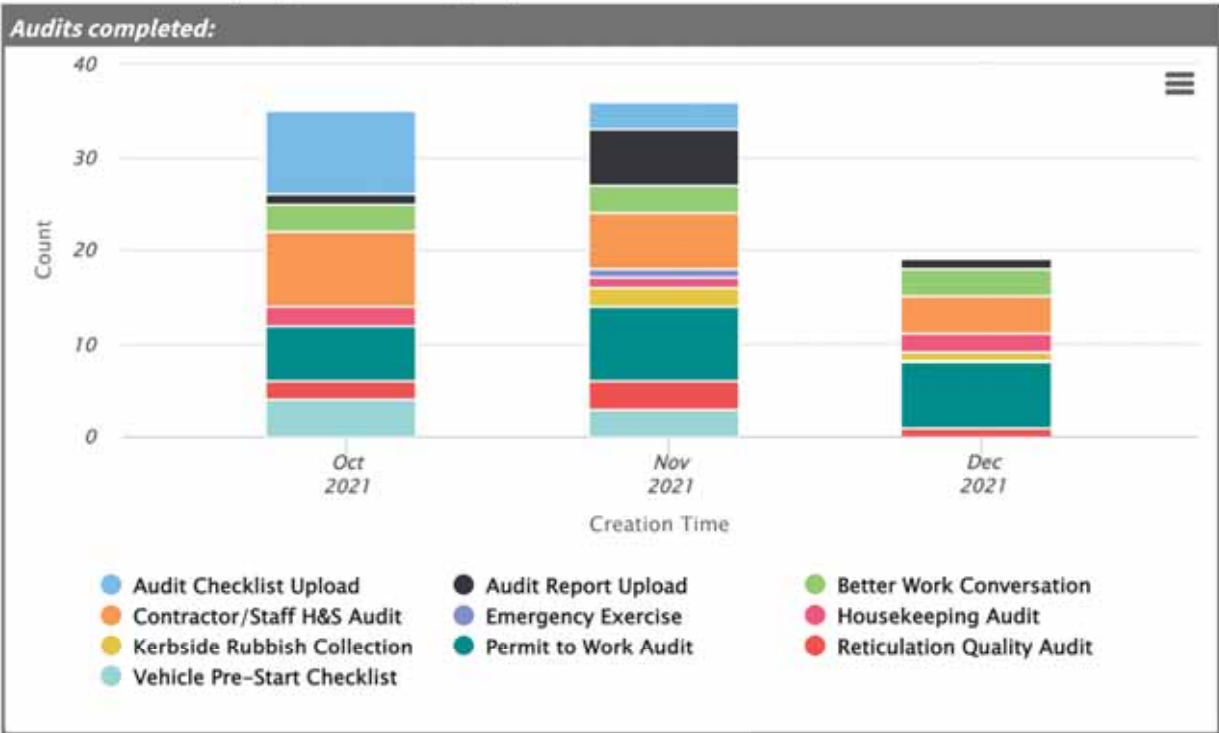


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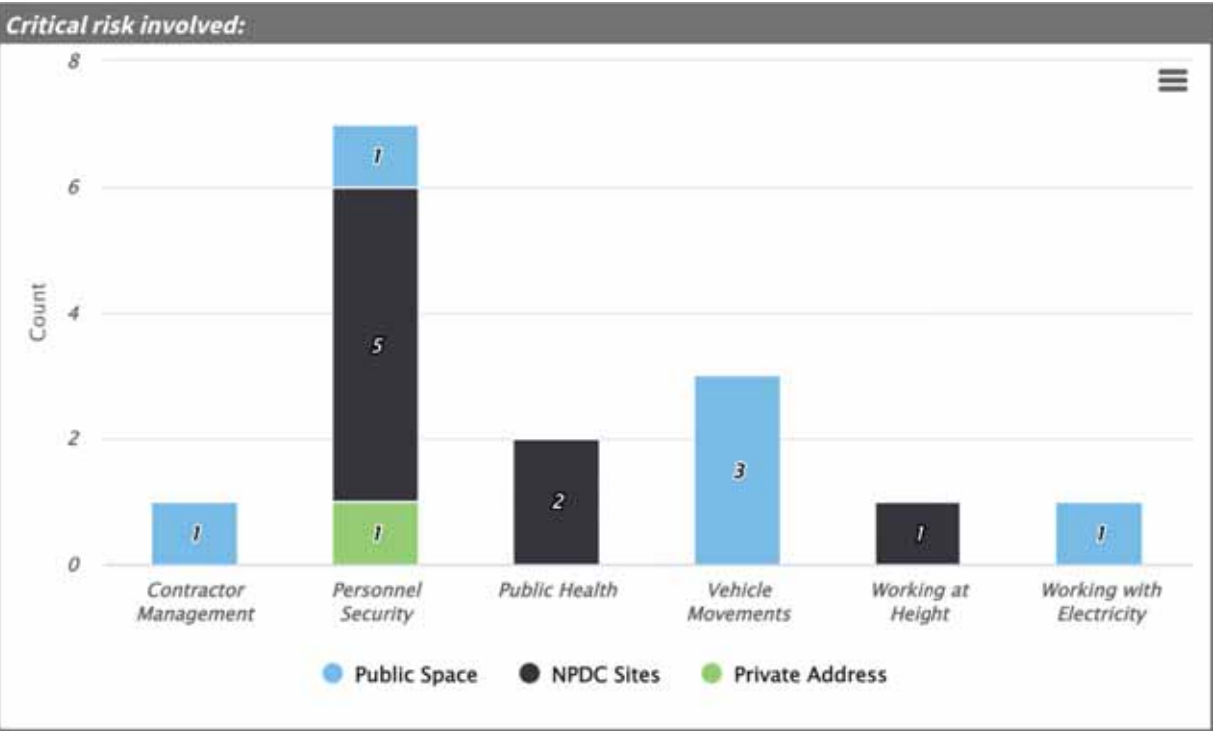




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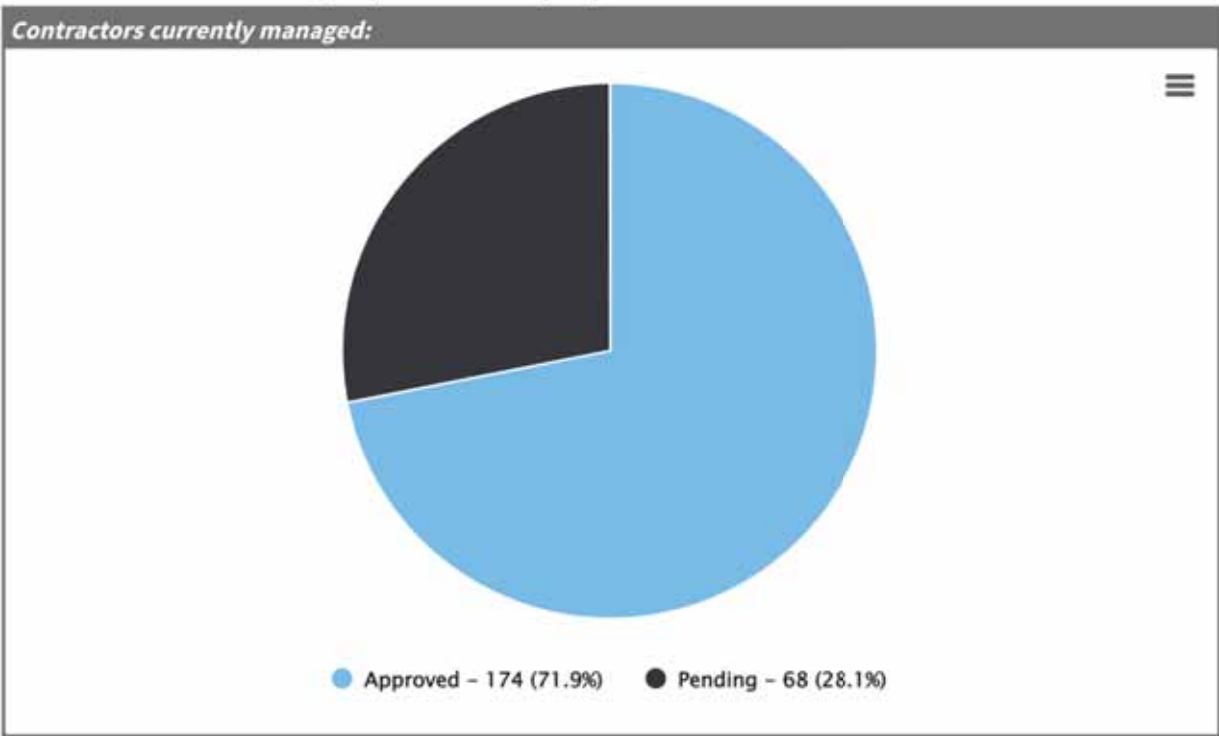
Critical Risk Events - From 1/10/2021 to 31/12/2021



Critical risk project report:

This data for this quarter captures 6 Critical Risks. There will only be 4 Critical Risks going forward as outlined in the report.

**Contractors - From 1/10/2021 to 31/12/2021**



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## PROPOSED BROTHELS BYLAW REVOCATION – DELIBERATION

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### MATTER

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the revocation of New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) (the current Bylaw) following consultation with the community.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Notes that it has considered all submissions on the proposal to revoke New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage).
- b) Determines that it has followed the required special consultative procedure as set out in the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002.
- c) Determines that the New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) is not the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem.
- d) Notes that while no specific regulation controlling brothels (location and signage) or commercial sex premises (signage) would apply following revocation of the New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) that alternative regulatory considerations would still take place through the New Plymouth District Plan, Public Places Bylaw and other legislation.
- e) Revokes New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) included in Appendix 1.

| <b>COMPLIANCE</b>                           |   |
|---|---|
| Significance                                | This matter is assessed as being of some importance.  |
| Options                                     | <p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revoke the current Bylaw.</li> <li>2. Do not revoke the current Bylaw recognising that it will lapse on 9 April 2022 and instruct Officers to develop a proposed new bylaw for public consultation.</li> </ol> |
| Affected persons                            | The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are submitters, brothel owners, operators, sex workers and the general public.   |
| Recommendation                              | This report recommends <b>Option 1</b> revoke the current Bylaw for addressing the matter.  |
| Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications   | No.   |
| Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies | No.   |

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. It is recommended that Council revokes the current Bylaw in order to remove the specific regulation of brothels (location and signage) and commercial sex premises (signage). Taking this approach will mean that there would be no specific regulation for location of brothels and signage for both brothels and commercial sex premises. Location and signage would still be regulated through alternative regulation and existing legislation.
3. Public consultation on the proposal to revoke the current Bylaw took place from 13 November to 14 December 2021. Two submissions were received. Both submitters did not support revocation of the current Bylaw. No change to the recommendation to revoke the current Bylaw is proposed in light of the submissions received.
4. There are no significant risks associated with revoking the current Bylaw.
5. The next steps would be to remove the current Bylaw from all Council information portals and inform submitters of the Council decisions regarding their submissions.

## BACKGROUND

6. Council originally adopted a Bylaw on brothels and commercial sex premises in response to the enactment of the Prostitution Reform Act in 2003. This bylaw was reviewed resulting in the current Bylaw being adopted in 2010. Council has taken the review as an opportunity to revisit the previous approach adopted in 2010.
7. On 5 October 2021, the Strategy and Operations Committee resolved to consult on revoking the current Bylaw and rely on alternative regulation and existing legislation as the preferred option to address the location of brothels and signage for brothels and commercial sex premises.
8. Consultation on the proposal to revoke the current Bylaw occurred from 13 November to 14 December 2021 and two submissions were received.
9. This report assesses the submissions received and recommends revocation of the current Bylaw attached in Appendix 1.

### ***Submissions***

10. Council received two submissions on the proposal. Both submitters did not support the revocation of the Bylaw. The following provides the submitter comments verbatim and Officer responses and recommendations:

#### *Submitter 1 – William James Bool*

11. Get the grammar correct. Should 6.3 be premises not premise if referring to a property?

#### *Officer response and recommendation for Submission 1*

12. The comment relates to clause 6.3 of the current New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) which is recommended to be revoked. The submitter rightly identifies an inaccuracy in grammar that would be corrected if the Bylaw was to be retained.
13. No change to the recommended option is proposed in relation to this submission.



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*Submission 2 – Karsten Shotbolt*

14. Karsten Shotbolt made the submitted *"I support some aspects of this, such as the proposal to lessen the location restrictions of brothels. But a complete revocation could lead to the creation of redlight areas in undesirable locations such as residential neighbourhoods. A more logical step would be to allow the smaller home operators with a single employee to start operating in the Residential Environment Area and follow such cities as Sydney, having a required distance of 75m between them. Introducing this would enable the smaller operators to operate from their homes legally instead of under the table operations and distancing them far enough not to create redlight zones. A larger zone around these new residential brothels of 250m from schools should also be considered as they will have a greater area to spread out than the CBD. In terms of signage, the business's name should be enough and thus shouldn't be allowed to display pictures or services. With the introduction of the internet, the people interested in these services typically go online first to search for information. It would be easy to find these businesses if they displayed only their name on the signage and provided their address online. In terms of signage in the residential areas, I would have to say a complete ban could work as residential addresses have clear numbering, and usually smaller operators work on a booking schedule compared to the more prominent brothels, which can accept walk-in clients. I do not support a complete revocation of this bylaw but a review and an update for the more accepting world we live in, in which we the community support local legal business owners no matter what job they are in"*

*Officer response and recommendation for Submission 2*

15. Regarding the submitter's comments relating to small home operators. The current Bylaw does not apply locational restrictions to small owner-operated brothels (SOOBs), which under the Prostitution Reform Act 2003 (PRA) are defined as *"a brothel at which not more than four sex workers work, and where each of those sex workers retains control over his or her individual earnings from prostitution carried out at the brothel"*. This is consistent with relevant case law<sup>1</sup> which suggests that bylaws which place overly onerous restrictions on the ability for SOOBs to operate are outside the scope of the Council's mandate under the PRA. SOOBs can current operate in the Residential Environment Area and under the proposed New Plymouth District Plan (PDP) they would be termed as a home business which is a permitted activity in all residential zones with restrictions on vehicle movements and conditions on the generation of objectionable or offensive effects beyond the site boundaries as well as all effects standards of the relevant zone.

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<sup>1</sup> See for example *JB International v Auckland City Council* [2006] NZRMA 401

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16. Regarding the submitter's comments relating to signage. Offensive and indecent signage is currently regulated in NPDC's 2008: Part 5 Public Places Bylaw. There is also signage regulation present in the PDP with the ability to consider Section 15 of the PRA. Section 15 of the PRA requires that when considering an application for a resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991 for a land use relating to a business of prostitution, a territorial authority must have regard to whether the business of prostitution:
- i) is likely to cause a nuisance or serious offence to ordinary members of the public using the area in which the land is situated; or
  - ii) is incompatible with the existing character or use of the area in which the land is situated.
17. Objectionable material, including signage, is governed by the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPCA) enforced by the Censorship Compliance Unit at the DIA. Generally offensive or sexually explicit wording or images on signs may also be reported to the Advertising Standards Authority if they violate the Advertising Standards Code of Practice.
18. No change to the recommended option is proposed in relation to this submission.

*Officer recommendation on submission 2*

19. The proposal consulted on was to revoke the current Bylaw. Nothing raised in submissions significantly supports a shift from the proposed revocation.
20. Under the proposed revocation there would be no specific regulation controlling brothels (location and signage) or commercial sex premises (signage). While no specific provisions would apply following revocation of the current Bylaw alternative regulatory considerations would still take place through the:
- New Plymouth District Plan (the DPlan);
  - New Plymouth District Bylaw 2008: Part 5 Public Places (the Public Places Bylaw);
  - Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPCA); and
  - Advertising Standards Code of Practice.
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21. Where a brothel requires a land use consent under the DPlan, Section 15 of the PRA requires that a territorial authority must have regard to whether the business of prostitution is:
  - a) likely to cause a nuisance or serious offence to ordinary members of the public using the area in which the land is situated; or
  - b) incompatible with the existing character or use of the area in which the land is situated.
22. Signage for brothels and commercial sexual premises would be regulated (in addition to the signage provisions of the DPlan) under the provisions of the Public Places Bylaw, the FVPCA and the Advertising Standards Code of Practice.
23. The recommendation is therefore for the Council to revoke the current Bylaw as proposed.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS**

24. There are no impacts on climate change adaptation and mitigation regarding this matter.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

25. If the proposed option is approved then the current Bylaw would be revoked and removed from all relevant Council information sources including the website.
26. Submitters and interested/affected parties will be informed of the Council's decision.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

27. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance because the matter has generated minimal public interest over the last several years highlighted by the minimal public response during public consultation. The matter also has no impact on the Council's statutory purpose, levels of service and does not have any financial costs for the council or the community.
28. This report advises of the outcome of community engagement.

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## OPTIONS

### Option 1

#### Revoke the current Bylaw.

##### *Financial and Resourcing Implications*

29. There are no financial and resourcing implications regarding this option.

##### *Risk Analysis*

30. There is a risk that removal of a regulatory instrument controlling brothels locating in perceived 'sensitive areas' including the removal of the existing 'ground floor control area' within the central city, instead being treated like any other commercial activity, may result in an increase in perceived problems which the existing regulatory tools currently manage. This risk is mitigated to a degree through alternative existing regulation and legislation.

##### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

31. Bylaws primarily help promote and achieve the 'Community' Outcome.

##### *Statutory Responsibilities*

32. There are no statutory requirements to have a bylaw on the location of brothels and signage for brothels and commercial sex premises.

##### *Consistency with Policies and Plans*

33. There are no inconsistencies with Council policies or plans.

##### *Participation by Māori*

34. The proposal was available for Māori to comment on and engage with as part of the consultation process.

##### *Community Views and Preferences*

35. Community consultation via a special consultative procedure was undertaken for the review of the Bylaw. The two submissions received do not support this option.

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*Advantages and Disadvantages*

- 36. The advantage of this option is that brothels and commercial sex businesses will be treated like any other commercial activity and can be regulated through existing mechanisms including the New Plymouth District Plan, the Public Places Bylaw, the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993, and the Advertising Standards Code of Practice.
- 37. A disadvantage of this option is that the Council could be perceived as being overly permissive regarding the regulation of brothels and commercial sex premises. Another disadvantage would be that the Council's regulatory approach would no longer be clearly contained in one document, which may require the Council to develop guidance to fill the gap.

**Option 2**

**Do not revoke the current Bylaw recognising that it will lapse on 9 April 2022 and instruct Officers to develop a proposed new bylaw for public consultation.**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications*

- 38. There would be some minor financial and resourcing implications in drafting a new bylaw and undertaking public consultation. If this option was approved, officers propose that the draft new bylaw would be based on the draft bylaw that was previously presented to Council on 5 October 2021 for recommendation for public consultation.

*Risk Analysis*

- 39. There is a risk that the timeframe required for the process to develop, consult and adopt a new bylaw would not be completed prior to 9 April 2022 when the current Bylaw would be revoked under section 160A of the LGA 2002. This risk is considered to be relatively minimal.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes*

- 40. Bylaws primarily help promote and achieve the 'Community' Outcome.

*Statutory Responsibilities*

- 41. This option requires the Council undertake a special consultative procedure to review the current Bylaw as per the LGA 2002.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans*

- 42. There are no inconsistencies with Council policies or plans.
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*Participation by Māori*

43. A new proposed bylaw will be available for Māori to comment on and engage with as part of the consultation process.

*Community Views and Preferences*

44. Community views and preferences on a draft new bylaw would be obtained through public consultation via the special consultative procedure.

*Advantages and Disadvantages*

45. An advantage of this option is that regulation via a bylaw is consistent with the Council's current approach and would ensure that regulation on the matter would be retained within a single document.
46. A disadvantage of this option is that it would require additional resources to undertake the review and that the process to develop, consult and adopt a new bylaw would unlikely to be completed prior to 9 April 2022 when the current Bylaw would be revoked under section 160A of the LGA 2002.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 1: Revoke the current Bylaw for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2008: Part 4 Brothels (Location and Signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (Signage) (ECM924400)

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New Plymouth District Council Bylaw 2010

# Brothels (location and signage) and Commercial Sex Premises (signage)

The purpose of this part of the bylaw is to regulate the location of brothels and to control signage, advertising brothels and other commercial sex premises.

(ECM 924400)



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu  
**New Plymouth  
District Council**





## 1. Authority

1.1 This part is made under:

- a) Sections 12 and 14 of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003; and
- b) Section 684 of the Local Government Act 1974; and
- c) Sections 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this part is to regulate the location of brothels and to control signage, advertising brothels and other commercial sex premises.

## 3. Application of this part

3.1 Unless otherwise stated, this part applies to all brothels and commercial sex premises in the district. For the avoidance of doubt, all other relevant parts apply to brothels and other commercial sex premises as appropriate.

## 4. Interpretation

4.1 This part shall be in addition to the provisions of Part 1 Introductory of the New Plymouth District Bylaw 2008 and if this part is inconsistent with Part 1 Introductory then the provisions of this part shall prevail.

4.2 In this part unless the context otherwise requires:

### Definitions

**Brothel** means any premises kept or habitually used for the purposes of prostitution, but does not include:

- a) Premises at which accommodation is normally provided on a commercial basis if the prostitution occurs under an arrangement initiated elsewhere;
- b) A premise at which not more than four sex workers are operating at any one time, and where each sex worker retains control over his or her individual earnings from prostitution carried out at the premise.

**Business Environment Area** means a Business Environment Area as defined in the New Plymouth District Plan.

**Commercial sex premises** means premises (excluding brothels) at which goods or services related to sexual behaviour are sold, hired or displayed; and

- a) Includes strip clubs, strip bars, rap parlours, peep-shows, massage parlours, lap dancing clubs, escort agencies, adult bookshops, adult video shops, sex shops and other activities of the same or similar character; but

- b) Does not include hospitals, healthcare services, chemists, community welfare facilities, and premises at which therapeutic massage services are offered.

**Community facility** means a place available to the public for the purpose of community activities, and includes but is not limited to a public playground, recreation hall, community centre, community hall, public swimming pool, walkway, park, theatre, marae and sportsground.

**Open Space Environment Area** means an Open Space Environment Area as defined in the New Plymouth District Plan.

**Residential Environment Area** means a Residential Environment Area as defined in the New Plymouth District Plan.

**Rural Environment Area** means a Rural Environment Area as defined in the New Plymouth District Plan.

**Sandwich board advertisement** means any freestanding sign or structure with a notice affixed to it.

**Sign** means a visual message or notice conveyed to the public and visible from a public place, that advertises or otherwise informs the public of a business, goods or services. It includes but is not limited to any mural, message, or notice painted on, or affixed to, or otherwise incorporated with, a building, structure, or site; any banner, flag, poster, billboard, windsock, blimp or projection of light to create an advertising image; a bunting that has symbols or messages on it; and any display or exhibit involving a human or mannequin model.

## 5. Location of brothels

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| <b>5.1</b> | Except as provided in clauses 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, no person may operate or permit to be operated a brothel anywhere in the District.   | <b>Location controls</b> |
| <b>5.2</b> | Subject to clause 7.1, a brothel may be located within the scheduled area identified on Map 1 annexed to this part of the bylaw. Within this area a brothel shall not be located at ground level in those areas identified as "ground floor control areas" as shown on Map 2 annexed to this part of the bylaw. Except as provided in clauses 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4, no person may operate or permit to be operated a brothel anywhere in the district. | <b>Central City</b>      |
| <b>5.3</b> | Subject to clause 7.1, a brothel may be located within an Industrial Environment Area, but not within 100m of a Residential Environment Area, pre-school, primary school, intermediate school, secondary school or community facility.   | <b>Industrial areas</b>  |
| <b>5.4</b> | Subject to clause 7.1, a brothel may be located within a Rural Environment Area, but not within 150m of an existing dwelling house, or within 100m of a Residential Environment Area, pre-school, primary school, intermediate school, secondary school or community facility.   | <b>Rural areas</b>       |

## 6. Signs

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| <b>6.1</b> | No person may display, or permit to be displayed, a sign that advertises a brothel, and which:  | <b>Sign control<br/>brothels</b>                     |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is not attached to the building where the brothel is located; or</li> <li>b) Uses words or images or models (human or mannequin) that is likely to cause a nuisance or serious offence to ordinary members of the public</li> <li>c) Exceeds 3m<sup>2</sup> in surface area; or</li> <li>d) Is incompatible with the existing character or use of that area; or</li> <li>e) Is visible from a public place in a Residential Environment Area or Open Space Environment Area.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>6.2</b> | No person shall display or permit to be displayed a sandwich board advertisement for the purpose of advertising a brothel.  |  |
| <b>6.3</b> | No person may display, or permit to be displayed, a sign that advertises commercial sex premise, and which:   | <b>Sign controls<br/>commercial<br/>sex premises</b> |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is not attached to the commercial sex premise; or</li> <li>b) Uses words or images or models (human or mannequin) that is likely to cause a nuisance or serious offence to ordinary members of the public</li> <li>c) Exceeds 3m<sup>2</sup> in surface area; or</li> <li>d) Is incompatible with the existing character or use of that area; or</li> <li>e) Is visible from a public place in a Residential Environment Area or Open Space Environment Area.</li> </ul>                |  |
| <b>6.4</b> | Without otherwise limiting the application of clause 6.3, that clause applies to a sign that advertises a bar or other premises at which goods or services related to sexual behaviour are sold, hired or displayed on a one-off or occasional basis, but only if the sign relates to the availability of those goods and services.   |  |

## 7. Exceptions

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| <b>7.1</b> | The Council may, by resolution, approve any sign advertising a commercial sex premises, where that sign –  | <b>Exception</b> |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) is not attached to the commercial sex premises; but</li> <li>(b) is not likely to, when considered in totality, cause a nuisance or serious offence to members of the public and in all other respects meets the requirements of clause 6.</li> </ul> |                  |

## 8. Existing Premises

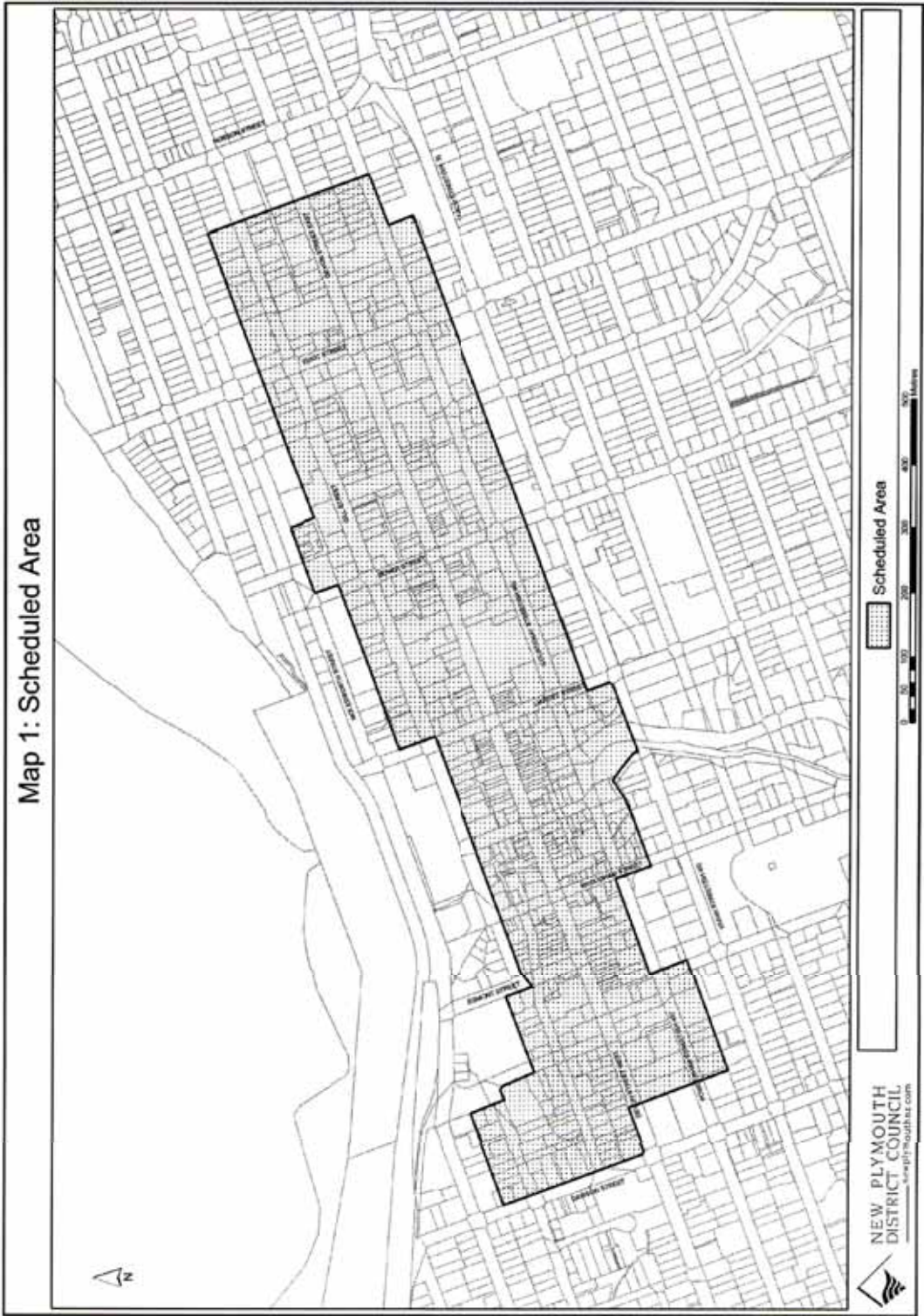
- 8.1** Any brothel that is operating on the day this part comes into force and which:

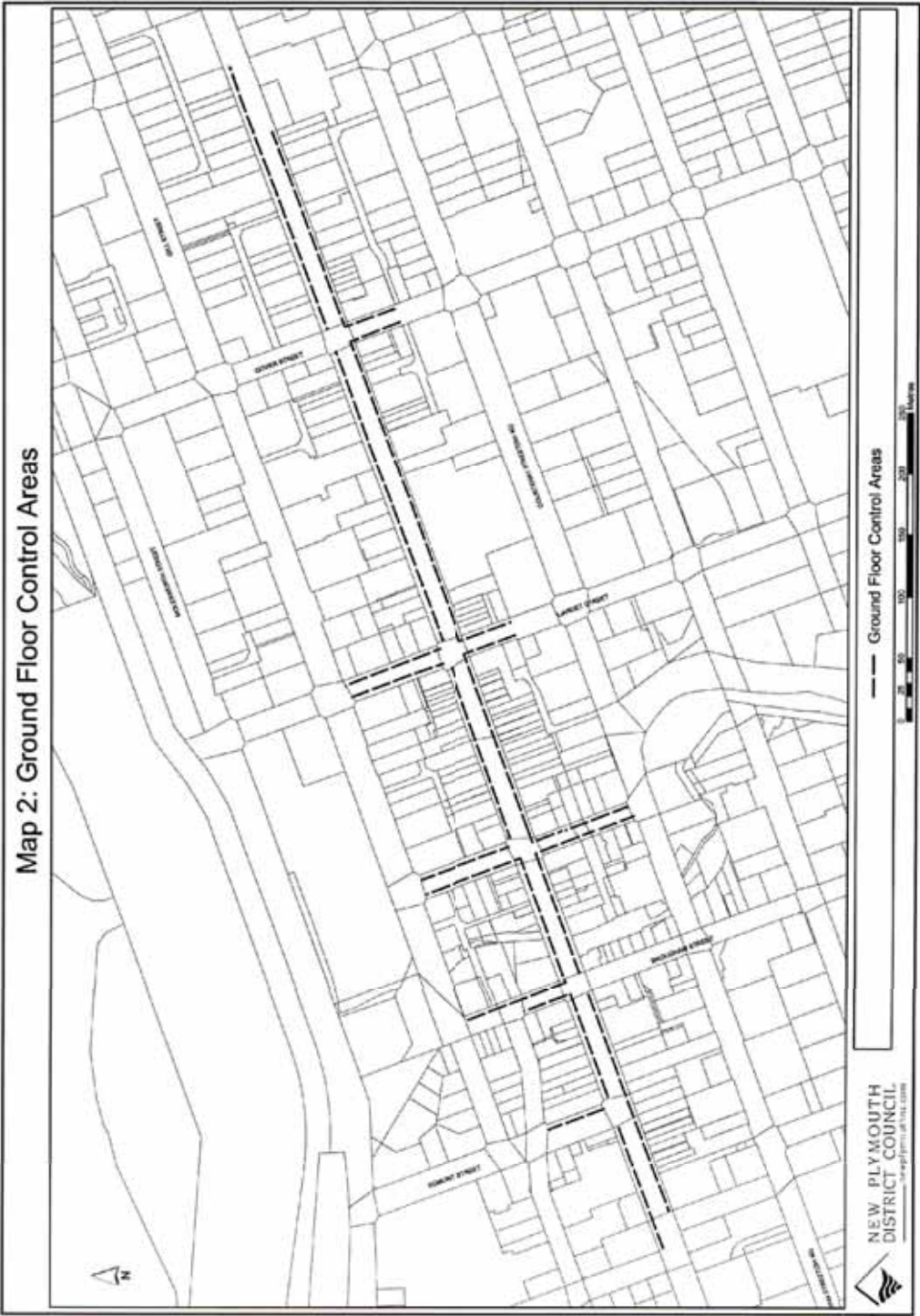
**Existing premises**

- a) Holds any resource consent that may have been required under any operative or proposed District Plan, or a certificate of compliance, or has existing use rights under section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- b) If not a small owner operated brothel as defined in the Prostitution Reform Act 2003, is operated by a person who holds a current certificate issued under section 35 of that Act

is exempt from compliance with clauses 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.

- 8.2** For the avoidance of doubt, from the date this part comes into force all brothels are subject to clauses 6.1 and 6.2 and all commercial sex premises are subject to clauses 6.3 and 6.4.







## **CLOSING KARAKIA**

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| Unuhia, unuhia,                          | Draw on, draw on                             |
| Unuhia i te uru tapu-nui                 | Draw on the supreme sacredness               |
| Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te tinana | To clear, to free the heart, the body        |
| Te Wairua i te ara takatū                | and the spirit of mankind                    |
| Koia rā Rongo whakairihia ake ki runga   | Rongo suspended high above us (in<br>heaven) |
| Kia wātea, kia wātea                     | To be cleared of obstruction                 |
| Ae rā kua wātea                          | It is cleared                                |
| Hau Paimarire                            |  |

This karakia is recited to close a hui or event. It takes us from a place of focus and releases us to be clear of all the issues or tensions that may have arisen during the hui. We are now free to get on with other things.