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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Open Attachments (Under separate cover 2)

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 July 2022

Time: 9.00am - Dog Control Bylaw Hearings

Venue: Large Exhibition Hall
Napier War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

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NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#38]



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Country	New Zealand
City	Napier
Suburb *	Pirimai
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	I support the 2 dog limit and then applying for a third dog license but it went up last registration year. Why?? I have a 3 dog license but currently only have 2 dogs, I'm happy to pay to keep that license in case of a 3rd dog but it can't keep going up when at the end of the day only law abiding responsible dog owners are applying for it anyway.
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	No
Why/Why Not?	No i dont support this as once again responsible owners are the ones who will disadvantaged.
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-a-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	No
Why/Why Not?	No i dont support this. It's a lovely walk with your dog on lead. It's not the responsible dog owners who are following the rules, why penalise us. There needs to be more done to people who don't follow the rules, I have never seen NCC animal control wandering around giving out infringements to people breaking the rules.
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	No

Why/Why Not? No i dont support this.
It's not the responsible dog owners who are following the rules, why penalise us.
There needs to be more done to people who don't follow the rules, I have never seen NCC animal control wandering around giving out infringements to people breaking the rules.

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

I have no issues with this.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

Yes I think this is ok, if you want to socialise your dog in this manner (a fight club type of area isn't for me)

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

I feel after having dogs for 25 years and being an active member, trainer, committee member and competitor in many disaplins at 2 dog clubs for all of that time, that you penalise the responsible good dog owners too much especially with the price rise in registration.

If you started getting your staff out and about way more infringing the "I'll do what I want owners" then you will have your money.

The amount of people that suit themselves when it's clearly sign posted is infuriating, where are the people inforcing these bylaws??

You are just taking away from the good owners for the sake of the bad.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#260]



Full Name *	Paddy Cooper
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Country	New Zealand
City	Napier
Suburb *	Bay View
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	Yes
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	Yes
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	Yes
Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	<p>Because the dotterels which nest here, are ground nesting native birds classed as "threatened" (with extinction). The dates on the proposal are wrong though. The dotterels start arriving in June to breed, so should not be disturbed from then. I would support on lead all year around for this area. It is used by other birds, such as oyster catchers, and a variety of seagull species, all of which are in decline. Also from an educational point of view. Who is going to tell the dog owners every year that it is now time to put them back on lead? Much easier to have it on lead all year round.</p>

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? * Yes

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

It only takes one dog to completely wipe out a whole season of breeding birds. At one time, we had a dog here who used to scurry around on the beach eating the eggs while it's owner walked the pathway. During that time, no chicks hatched. Other dogs chase the birds, and disturb their nesting. On colder days, if the are off the eggs for a few minutes, the eggs go cold and die.

Do you have files to attach to this submission? Yes



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Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? * Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#274]



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City Napier

Suburb * Taradale

Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?

Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? *

Do you
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in
the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? *

Why/Why Not?

Maggie's Way must be dog on lead to protect wildlife and neighbors' pets from attack. Dogs off lead in this reserve are causing serious issues. On many occasions owners cannot even see their dog. There is a great open grassed area on Kent Terrace adjacent the cemetery for dogs off lead. Please put up signage to reinforce this to dog owners. Maggies Way is a sanctuary for wild life - the NZ Dab Chicks are now breeding but get attacked by dogs. Families can come and see herons, shags, pukeko, ducks and pheasants etc. The Regional Council and Napier City Council have an active program of pets control with poison and traps laid. Dogs should not be running wild through the area.

Do you Yes
support
extending the
prohibited
area around
Te
Whanganui-
ā-orotu
(Ahuriri
Estuary) to
protect
endangered
bird life? *

Why/Why Please Protect the wildlife
Not?

Do you Yes
support
prohibiting
dogs at
Watchman
Road
Reserve and
Port Beach
West? *

Do you Yes
support
seasonal on-
lead
requirements
along the
beach
between
Westshore
and Bay
View to
better
protect
nesting
birds? *

Why/Why Crucial breeding times
Not?

Do you No
support the

**addition of
an exercise
area at
Dolbel
Reserve? ***

Why/Why Not? Many years of work to encourage plants and wildlife back. This open area is used by young families to picnic and exercise. This will not happen if allowed as a dog exercise area. Young families are too scared to walk in Park Island just for this reason. Threatened by dogs running out of control and faeces everywhere.

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

I support Councils desire to 'provide a safe environment for the community through active enforcement and the education of owners on appropriate dog ownership and care', however more work need to be done on signage which is non existent in most cases. Example: Maggies Way, where dogs are causing serious issues attacking neighbours pets and scaring visitors let alone attacking the wildlife. Sadly many dog owners let there dogs run free and don't see the damage they cause. Young families have informed me that they wont come back to Maggie's Way due to the threat of uncontrolled dogs. I have had four dogs in my property during one week, whilst owners are nowhere to be seen. When you ask the owners to please put their dogs on a lead you get abused. Please support the local communities to enjoy our reserves without being threatened by a small group of irresponsible dog owners. Signage is crucial for community understanding and awareness. How can you meet your by law policy of providing safe areas for the public and control dogs and educating people without signage?

**Do you have
files to attach
to this
submission?** No

**Do you want
to present
your
feedback in
person at the
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Policy and
Bylaw
Review
Council
meetings on
Wednesday
12 July or
Thursday 13
July 2022? *** Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#298]



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City	Napier
Suburb *	Taradale
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	Consistent with HDC
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	Yes
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-roto (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	It's a bird sanctuary.
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	Port Beach West especially is used by lots of young children who enjoyment of the beach should not need to be disturbed by dogs
Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *	No
Why/Why Not?	I think that dogs should be prohibited along the beach between Westshore and Bay View between Oct & Mar rather than just being required to be on-lead. This is

because some dog owners 'bend' the rules which makes enforcements challenging. It needs to be made absolutely clear that the Dotterals need to be fully protected.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? * Yes

Why/Why Not?

I appreciate the need for balance between the needs of dogs to get exercise and the rights to citizens of free and undisturbed access to public spaces. So there needs to be designated spaces for dogs to exercise and Dolbel Reserve is as good a space as any.

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

My congratulations to the staff who have prepared this by-law. They appear to have struck a good balance between the needs of dog owners, the need to protect our vulnerable bird species, and the rights of citizens to enjoy public spaces. I think council does a good job with dog control in Napier (having lived for many years in Marewa and Maraenui)

Do you have files to attach to this submission? No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? * Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#333]



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City	Napier
Suburb *	Tamatea
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	Yes
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	No
Why/Why Not?	My dog is well trained, and poses no threat to wildlife. We don't walk dog parks as they're a game of roulette without idiot dog owners that can't control their dogs. So we go places like this to avoid them. I've only ever seen responsible dog owners at the estuary.
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Because at the least on-leash is no problem. Again, I have a dog that's has a lot of training. I can recall my dog and he listens. It should be based on proof of training. If a dog has a certain level of training it gets a different colored tag. Different colored tags access different places. Wring tag in the wrong place - instant fine.

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *

Yes

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

I believe training should be encouraged and rewarded. The issue is untrained dogs by substandard attitudes and knowledge from dog owners.
If I can put my dog in an instant down position until I say otherwise, then why do I get penalized by those who don't make this effort?

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#372]



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City Napier

Suburb * Hospital Hill

**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

No

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Why/Why
Not?** Yes if that means ownership of the dogs on one property and does not include visiting dogs.

**Do you
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in
the Policy or
Bylaw, being**

No

**on-lead
areas? ***

**Why/Why
Not?** I do support dogs being under control but every dog walker need access within walking area to allow the dog to play.

**Do you
support
extending the
prohibited
area around
Te
Whanganui-
ā-orotu
(Ahuriri
Estuary) to
protect
endangered
bird life? ***

No

**Why/Why
Not?** Dogs have to be on a lead there - so if that is going to endanger the bird life so are the people walking the dog - or any walker. Are you going to ban all access to all pathway users?

**Do you
support
prohibiting
dogs at
Watchman
Road
Reserve and
Port Beach
West? ***

No

**Why/Why
Not?** The little beach (which is in a terrible state and totally neglected) is one of the few safe places to swim with the dog. This where you see whole families with their pets enjoying the water. Again dogs should be under control but to ban access if you have a dog forces people to swim in unsafe beaches and unpatrolled beaches.

**Do you
support
seasonal on-
lead
requirements
along the
beach
between
Westshore
and Bay
View to
better
protect
nesting
birds? ***

No

Why/Why Not? The dotterels do not nest on the grass or pathway. They nest in the dunes and protecting the dunes is what is needed. The current fenced area is not big enough. Dogs should be under control at all times but allowed some room to run on the grass. Perhaps banning fishers carting their gear from the roadside (Napier Bayview) across the dunes could save a few nests? I have seen the dotterels taking the chick for a walk along the pathway (albeit only once in many years) and cyclists ignoring them - if that is what is worrying are you going to ban cyclists?

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? * Yes

Why/Why Not? We have so few exercise areas for dogs that any addition is welcome.

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

I am very disappointed to see that Naper City is making it harder and harder to exercise a dog both physically and mentally. Dogs need some stimulation in their lives, generally gained through play, or through scents on a bush walk. Walking along residential streets with bored pooch on a lead is neither good for the walker nor the dog. Hard surfaces are best avoided for the sake of avoiding joint deterioration. The closest really good area for walking is Te Mata Peak, where dogs are welcome, the tracks are interesting and often challenging, and everyone, dogs and humans, have a good experience. There is stock there. The instruction is Keep the dog under control. Napier is poorly served for walking the dog and I envy Wellington and the Hutt Valley with their variety of bush walks - dogs allowed. It will be a sad day if such restrictions are placed on dog walkers that they must drive every day to a walk. Does the Council not consider reducing the carbon footprint one its responsibilities?

Do you have files to attach to this submission? No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? * Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#386]



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City Napier

Suburb * Bay View

**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

Yes

**What is the
name of your
group or
organisation?

Save the Dotterels, Hawkes Bay

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Why/Why
Not?**

Two dogs is adequate for people living in close quarters to their neighbours. More dogs than this can become a nuisance problem.

**Do you
support all**

Yes

areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *

Why/Why Not? Yes! For the sake of New Zealand's native wild life, it is crucial that dogs be kept on lead. New Zealand's native wild life face many other threats and do not need dogs contributing further to their demise. Not every dog owner can expect to have a 'dogs off lead' area within walking distance of their home (very few have).

Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotū (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *

Yes

Why/Why Not? Yes absolutely! There are many native and/or endemic New Zealand birds which call Ahuriri estuary their home, including, banded dotterels (vulnerable), New Zealand dotterels (critically endangered), variable oyster catchers (vulnerable), dabchick (vulnerable) and bitterns (critically endangered).

Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *

No

Why/Why Not? From nesting shore birds point of view, we do not know of any dotterels nesting here.

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to

Yes

**better
protect
nesting
birds? ***

Why/Why Not?

- 1) For the area along the Bay View - Westshore pathway we support the proposal that it is to be a 'dogs on lead' area as it has been confirmed as an area where the banded dotterels nest. The dates on the proposal are wrong though. The dotterels start arriving in June to breed, so should not be disturbed from then. We would prefer on lead all year around for this area. It is used by other birds, such as oyster catchers, and a variety of gull species, some of which are in decline. Also from an educational point of view, who is going to tell the dog owners every year that it is now time to put them back on lead? Realistically, the NCC dog control will not do this. Already there are NCC signs asking people to keep their dogs on lead, which many ignore, so the by-law is needed, but much easier from an administration point of view to have it on lead all year round.
- 2) Dogs are certainly not the only threat to these nesting birds, but just their presence (within 50m of the nest) is enough for the birds to leave their nests. The dogs don't necessarily need to be actively chasing the birds. In order for chicks to fledge there needs to be minimal disturbance from people, dogs and vehicles. Any disturbance can lead for the birds to abandon their nests and the eggs to die. It only takes one dog to completely wipe out a whole season of breeding birds. At one time, there was a dog who used to scurry around on the beach eating the eggs while it's owner walked the Bay View – Westshore pathway. During that time (about 3 years), no chicks hatched. Other dogs chase the birds, and disturb their nesting. On colder days, if the birds are off the eggs for a few minutes, the eggs go cold and die.
- 3) Adequate signage is needed that explains why this is a 'dogs on lead' area.
- 4) There are many safe beaches around Napier, where the birds don't nest and where dogs can be off lead e.g from Westshore Surf Lifesaving Club to the end of the Esplanade.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not? We recognize that dog and dog owners need areas where dogs can be off lead. It would be great to have this area designated as an off lead dog area so dog owners have a place where they can exercise their dog and the dogs will not harm native wild life.

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

- Banded Dotterels are endemic breeders in NZ and their conservation status is 'nationally vulnerable.' Hawkes Bay is lucky enough to have one of the highest breeding areas for banded dotterels regionally, at 16%.
- We accept the city needs more 'dogs off lead' areas that are safe to both dogs and wildlife. We need to live in harmony with New Zealand's wild life. They were here first!
- From June to August the dotterels are finding a mate, mating, and building their nests by carefully placing arranged shells as a 'cushion' under a bed of stones. This is so the eggs don't sink into the stones if there is any ground disturbance. They start to lay in July and need sit undisturbed. When the chicks hatch in September / October they are very tiny, well camouflaged and very vulnerable. The chicks, if they survive, fledge around October to early January. If the first attempt has not been successful, they may lay again – and so the season continues. Young chicks have been observed as late as February.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want Yes
to present
your
feedback in
person at the
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meetings on
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12 July or
Thursday 13
July 2022? *

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#401]



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Country	New Zealand
City	Napier
Suburb *	Bluff Hill
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	2 is enough
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	The current bilaws are working well are there appear to be council employees who are very antidog. I will be voting in the next election and this will be the core issue I vote on.
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-roto (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Malard ducks and Pukekoes occassionally nest outside the area (but are both game birds and are shot at this time of the year). The dog off leash area is well away and provides a free space for Westshore dog walkers.
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Maybe Watchman Road but not Port Beach West. This area is very popular with off leash dog walkers. There is a safe nesting area for little blue penguins close by at the Port. Best to ban cat ownership within 1 km of the Port if the concern is about

penguins. Takapuna Beach is a dog off leash area right in the middle of our largest city, obviously the council there is not anti dog like in Napier

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *

No

Why/Why Not?

If its about the dotterels, again get rid of all cats. The area is already fence , why not use wire netting. Most dog owners are responsible people and keep dogs out of this area.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

I do support this great for Taradale

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

NO

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#434]



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City Other

**City (Other)
*** Hastings

**Suburb
(Other) *** Bridge Pa

**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

No

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

No

**Why/Why
Not?** If the owners are sensible dog owners why not

**Do you
support all
areas, other
than those**

Yes

specified in
the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? *

Why/Why Not? There are plenty of dog owners who just let there dogs just do what ever and unless they have control they really should be kept on a lead. Safe for people too. There should be an area near there where the dogs can be off leash for some freedom to just be and go sniff.

Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-roto (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *

No

Why/Why Not? People who walk there I have experienced only sensible dog owners with control with their dogs.

Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *

Yes

Why/Why Not? Times in summer when not busy during the day.

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect

No

**nesting
birds? ***

Why/Why Not?	People keep their dogs under control around these areas If you have a good trained dog why not be able to walk off lead They keep their dog away from the birds nesting and the designated area
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**Do you
support the
addition of
an exercise
area at
Dolbel
Reserve? ***

Yes

Why/Why Not?	People need places to go with their dogs.
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Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

Most people actually want to enjoy their dogs with them while they go for a walk so why stop them enjoying this lovely city and it's surrounding walks just because they have a dog. People normally pick up their dogs poos. If the council provided for that and it will show that dogs are encouraged to enjoy life with their owners too out and about.

The ones that are a problem don't normally repeat the same place and often end up losing their dogs to the pound.

It's the humans that need training not the dogs! Educate them.

I'm happy to chat with someone about how I could be part of your education information for dog owners through the council.

I have personally helped several employees at the council with their dogs so they can enjoy their dog safely around other dogs and people.

**Do you have
files to attach
to this
submission?**

No

**Do you want
to present
your
feedback in
person at the
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12 July or
Thursday 13
July 2022? ***

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#476]

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providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

Yes

**What is the
name of your
group or
organisation? ***

Forest and Bird, Napier Branch

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Do you
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in**

No

**the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? ***

**Why/Why
Not?** The Napier Branch of Forest and Bird supports no dogs in the wider Ahuriri Estuary area. The area near the Westshore Scrapes seems to have gone from a 'no dogs' area to an 'on lead' area - this area is a favourite site for godwits to roost, not to mention many other species of bird. As soon as you have an 'on lead' area there are always some people who choose 'off lead'. At the moment it is 'no dogs' and people seem to know that and (mostly) respect it.

**Do you
support
extending the
prohibited
area around
Te
Whanganui-
ā-roto
(Ahuriri
Estuary) to
protect
endangered
bird life? ***

Yes

**Do you
support
prohibiting
dogs at
Watchman
Road
Reserve and
Port Beach
West? ***

Yes

**Do you
support
seasonal on-
lead
requirements
along the
beach
between
Westshore
and Bay
View to
better
protect
nesting
birds? ***

No

**Why/Why
Not?** We support seasonal on-lead requirements but the dates suggested in the draft (October - March) are INCORRECT AND MUST BE CHANGED. There is documented and referenced facts that the birds start arriving in July - this is an important time of preparation (sorting out territories, choosing a nesting site, finding a mate and mating) The birds can start to lay

from August, if the nesting goes well they are mostly gone by the end of January. (although young chicks have been observed as late as February which was probably from a second lay). The dates need to be July - February (see attachments)

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

Good to have adequate off lead areas

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

In the Strategic Context and Background, page 1, we'd like to see reference to the need to protect wildlife - there is no mention of wildlife in this document.

This is not just about protecting 1 or 2 species of bird in a confined geographical area. This is also about the start of changing a beach culture through education and informing people.

Other species of NZ endemic birds also nest on our beaches at various locations – the variable oystercatcher, white fronted tern, tarapuka – the black-backed gull - to name a few. So it is about the start of informing people and changing a culture for all shore nesting birds in NZ.

It would be good to see some flexibility on beaches with 'on lead' 'off lead' areas. All breeding areas of shore nesting birds are not yet identified or known about in HB. Also, in some seasons, terns and gulls can set up a new nesting colony in a completely different location - and so protection needs to be able to be put in place.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?



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Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on

Yes

Wednesday
12 July or
Thursday 13
July 2022? *

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#495]

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phone
number *****Email *****Street name
*****Country** New Zealand**City** Napier**Suburb *** Napier South**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

Yes

**What is the
name of your
group or
organisation?

Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Do you
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in**

Yes

**the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? ***

**Do you Yes
support
extending the
prohibited
area around
Te
Whanganui-
ā-orotu
(Ahuriri
Estuary) to
protect
endangered
bird life? ***

Why/Why Not?

-Strongly support this change to Bylaw. It is long overdue.
- A Wildlife Reserve is designated for 'Wildlife Only', if they are to be protected.
-Very confused by you allowing dogs on-lead on to pathway under expressway beside The Westshore Scrapes which is a popular place for roosting birds, especially migratory birds arriving from their 8-day flight across Pacific Ocean, the iconic godwits. This appears to be a dead-end for the dog-walker??
-We all know On-Lead means Off-Lead to many dog owners whose dogs 'are always under control'!?! From experience and observation we all know this is not true.

**Do you Yes
support
prohibiting
dogs at
Watchman
Road
Reserve and
Port Beach
West? ***

Why/Why Not? All estuary areas need to be protected from dogs. They are the main threats to the well-being of the birds. The Ahuriri Estuary is a Significant Natural Area, especially for its historical/cultural values and unique environmental values, particularly the migratory and endemic birdlife. The area needs to be protected, nourished and enhanced to improve the habitat for all forms of wildlife there - we may see a reappearance of smaller creatures such as skinks if there is less disturbance.

**Do you Yes
support
seasonal on-
lead
requirements
along the
beach
between**

**Westshore
and Bay
View to
better
protect
nesting
birds? ***

Why/Why Not? You need to check your dates with the bird experts and local observers before defining what you mean by 'seasonal', if you genuinely want to protect nesting shorebirds. Birds start arriving in June for coupling up/nest building, and may nest through to January.
The same concern needs to be given to the use of AVs on that beach.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

NO - we strongly object to estuary stop-banks becoming on-lead dog areas (after being prohibited areas). This is a backward step. The bird hide at Ahuriri Estuary, along the water ride, was put BELOW the stop-bank(at our request) to lessen disturbance to birdlife. Any dogs on stop-banks are a disturbance to birds on the water side of the stop bank.

-We acknowledge that most dog owners are responsible, but there are always others who are not. It only takes one off-lead dog to cause damage/disturbance to wildlife.

-Our group, who for years have done a monthly Clean-Up of the Humber St walkway to Embankment Bridge (and sometimes beyond) and areas around Pandora Pond through to the Westshore Beach Inn, are finding more and more dog droppings on the track and filled 'dog poo bags' thrown into the bushes and long grass - this is a health hazard.

-We offer financial support to NCC/DOC for adequate signs at both ends of the Humber St Walkway, and would like input into the development/wording/illustration of those signs. Current signage re dogs/cycles etc. is not eye-catching or expressive of the reason why the wildlife needs protection. We have seen better signs in other parts of New Zealand.

-We note that allowing on-lead dogs across the Embankment Bridge will enable them easy access to Humber St Walkway, and there needs to be very clear signage at that end also.

- We recommend an educational pamphlet for dog owners when registering dogs that explains WHY certain areas are prohibited for their animal.

- With care, respect, removal of disturbances, and restoration, the Humber St walkway could become a genuine Wildlife Reserve.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and

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meetings on
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12 July or
Thursday 13
July 2022? *

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#500]



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Country	New Zealand
City	Napier
Suburb *	Pirimai
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Why ? they pay the fees as I did when I had 3 many years ago. Responsible owners need the company of animals and if they can afford to have 3 why stop them. Do you restrict the amount of cats ???
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	No
Why/Why Not?	You are taking away many areas of on and off lead dogs why would I supprt this !
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	Only to a certain sensible point but then I don't use this area.
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Not quite sure where you mean but I may have walked my dogs there at some time and if they HAD to be on a lead, they were !

Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *

No

Why/Why Not?

Not really depends on owner and dog to how controlled they are and if a nice open area why not let them be free, may in some parts.

Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

Not sure where that is ???

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

After reading in the paper that Trinity park i to be of limits I as many others strongly object. That is where our dogs get walked every day as just down the road from us. There are no wild life as such except birds in the trees, no sports etc so why include that ?
I would suggest your staff have a walk round these areas and see how owners and dogs behave. We all know some people don't do as they should, are you going to be able to stop that ? NO !

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#576]



Full Name *	Ailsa McGilvary-Howard
Daytime phone number *	[REDACTED]
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Country	New Zealand
City	Other
City (Other) *	Kaikoura
Suburb (Other) *	Kaikoura
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	Yes
What is the name of your group or organisation? *	The Kaikoura Banded Dotterel Group.
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	Yes
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	Yes
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	Yes
Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	Please see submission attached.
Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *	Yes

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of shorebirds.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

Yes



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Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#603]



Full Name * Sandra Dunseath

**Daytime
phone
number ***

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Email *

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**Street name

[REDACTED]

Country New Zealand

City Napier

Suburb * Onekawa

**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

Yes

**What is the
name of your
group or
organisation?

Napier Dog Training Club

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Why/Why
Not?**

This is sensible. Anyone that wants more than 2 dogs can apply for a permit and Animal Control will have a history of their responsible ownership. Three dogs can exponentially increase problems, e.g. problem barking or pack behaviour when out exercising.

Do you Yes
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in
the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? *

Why/Why Not?

This does clarify the definitions but has removed areas that people with well-controlled dogs have been able to exercise them off lead previously. This means that they now have to go elsewhere to exercise off lead which is an important aspect of dog welfare. It may mean that the designated Exercise areas now also become crowded and could cause issues in the future. Some of the current 'Controlled Areas' should be assessed further as to whether they should in fact become off lead. If they are not suitable then more than just Dolbel Reserve needs to be added in the Napier area as Exercise Areas. Animal Control will need to do more monitoring in Dog Exercise areas as these have previously been notorious for irresponsible dog owners to let their dogs run rampant under the guise of 'but its an off lead area'.

Do you Yes
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prohibited
area around
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Whanganui-
ā-orotu
(Ahuriri
Estuary) to
protect
endangered
bird life? *

Do you Yes
support
prohibiting
dogs at
Watchman
Road
Reserve and
Port Beach
West? *

Do you Yes
support
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and Bay

**View to
better
protect
nesting
birds? ***

**Do you Yes
support the
addition of
an exercise
area at
Dolbel
Reserve? ***

**Why/Why With the removal of Controlled areas as a potential option for off lead walking, this is much needed space.
Not?**

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

All prohibited and exercise areas need to have clear signage, not only for the dog owners but for the general public. We would also suggest a contact phone number on the signs to report issues. This will aid the council in being able to target problem areas/owners. We would also suggest to increase compliance by doing random 'blitzes' similar to what the police conduct with random drink-driving testing.

We also have concern in the discrepancy in release of dogs from the pound 10.2 and 10.3. Menacing dogs should be also be neutered before release, with the owner having to pay up front before surgery. This will not only aid in reducing further issues but will reduce further burden on Animal Control on needing to follow up on menacing dogs that have been released to ensure they are neutered. If the owner does not want to neuter the dog cannot be released (i.e. will be euthanased).

We also believe there are opportunities for Animal Control to provide education to the public. Extra information on dog ownership could be placed on the current website with info on decisions on purchasing a dog, where a good place to look, what questions should be asked of the breeder. With the ability to purchase dogs online, some for exorbitant prices, this has led to a market for backyard breeding which is a minefield for the unsuspecting, uneducated first-time dog owner. We would also consider having a permit system required for breeding puppies would be sensible for the council.

We believe the removal of an additional discount for your dog attending an approved dog training course is almost a disincentive for the new dog owner. A new dog owner doesn't know what they don't know and the basic dog training classes (whether our club or private trainers) provide a wealth of information that is not captured in the 'Responsible Dog Owner' booklet. This got removed a few years ago with no discussion.

**Do you have No
files to attach
to this
submission?**

**Do you want Yes
to present
your
feedback in
person at the
Dog Control
Policy and
Bylaw
Review
Council
meetings on**

Wednesday

12 July or

Thursday 13

July 2022? *

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#604]

**Full Name *** Marie Barbarich**Daytime
phone
number *****Email *****Street name
*****Country** New Zealand**City** Napier**Suburb *** Westshore**Are you
providing
feedback on
behalf of a
group or
organisation?**

No

**Do you
support
retaining the
current limit
of two dogs
in urban
areas? ***

Yes

**Do you
support all
areas, other
than those
specified in
the Policy or
Bylaw, being
on-lead
areas? ***

Yes

Why/Why Not?	Does On-Lead @ Existing Specified Areas OTHER THAN WHAT THIS DOCUMENT PROPOSAL COVERS i.e. Maps 1,2,3,4 & 5.
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Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *

No

Why/Why Not?	Proposal Map 1 (1st Schedule d) Submitted for consideration is VERY UNCLEAR. Further Clarification Is Required, To Fairly Determine a Decision.
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Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *

No

Why/Why Not?	As Above - "Watchman Road Reserve" seems to form part of the "Ahuriri Estuary" Map 1 diagram - Unable to agree to this, until more clarity is available. Only then - Can I make an informed decision. Re: "Port Beach" West - NO I DO NOT SUPPORT prohibiting dogs. The larger port beach SHOULD Prohibit Dogs.
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Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *

No

Why/Why Not?	Council sites "Wildlife Protection" - Perhaps it should consider dog size/species regulations for this area. i.e. Hunting Breeds Forbidden. N.B. The responsibility of dog behavior lies with the OWNER.
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Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *

Yes

Why/Why Not?

Hopefully that's OK with surrounding residents.

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

I believe Council records would indicate size and species of dogs in Napier and surrounding areas.

Has Council Based this Proposal from that information? If SO - Perhaps more control and signage needs to be specific to species.

Knowledge tells us there are certain dog species that are prone to be threatening to both humans and animals. Don't make the majority of responsible dog owners suffer, to benefit the minority of irresponsible dog owners. From a personal aspect, I come across many people, all ages and backgrounds and they seem to gain so much pleasure in just being able to stop and say hi and have a pat-the-dog moment. We part ways smiling. THIS IS A GOOD THING.

If Council Make Changes to Policy - The Policy Still Needs to be POLICED....That DOES NOT CHANGE !!

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

No

Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes

NCC: Dog Control Policy and Bylaw [#606]



Full Name *	Gavin Ide
Daytime phone number *	[REDACTED]
Email *	[REDACTED]
Street name *	[REDACTED]
Country	New Zealand
City	Napier
Suburb *	Poraiti
Are you providing feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?	No
Do you support retaining the current limit of two dogs in urban areas? *	Yes
Why/Why Not?	Also refer to attached submission re approvals for three or more dogs in urban areas
Do you support all areas, other than those specified in the Policy or Bylaw, being on-lead areas? *	No
Why/Why Not?	Refer to attached submission re suggested improvements to this part of the Policy and Bylaw.
Do you support extending the prohibited area around Te Whanganui-ā-roto (Ahuriri Estuary) to protect endangered bird life? *	Yes
Do you support prohibiting dogs at Watchman Road Reserve and Port Beach West? *	Yes
Do you support seasonal on-lead requirements along the beach between Westshore and Bay View to better protect nesting birds? *	Yes
Do you support the addition of an exercise area at Dolbel Reserve? *	Yes

Please provide any further comments on the proposed Policy and Bylaw:

Refer to attachment for further comments.

Do you have files to attach to this submission?

Yes



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Do you want to present your feedback in person at the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review Council meetings on Wednesday 12 July or Thursday 13 July 2022? *

Yes