# Hearings panel decision report on local dog access rules in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area 2015

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# Purpose

1. To report the decisions of the hearing panel on the proposed changes to local dog access rules in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

# Foreword

1. The hearing panel would like to thank all those who have made written or verbal submissions.
2. In making decisions, the hearing panel tried to address the various views of submitters. This has been easier to do in some instances than others. The hearing panel believe that the decision provides the best balance in meeting the needs of the community, whether dog or non-dog owners, and the protection of wildlife.
3. With positive signs of the emerging recovery of many coastal birds and mammals, the hearing panel has had to respond to the changing needs of the dynamic coastline. While this means that there are some significant changes from the previous rules, the hearing panel has provided for the needs of dogs and their owners, and the safety and comfort of the public.
4. It became apparent through the submission process that many people did not understand the existing rules or felt that they were too complex. The hearing panel has attempted wherever possible to make the rules clear, consistent and simple. The hearing panel l recognised that more will need to be done in terms of signage and awareness education in the community.
5. Te Henga/Bethells and Piha stand out as particularly challenging situations with a variety of needs and high public usage.
6. At Te Henga the approach has protected a variety of wildlife in the dunes and on the beachfront, while providing a significant off a leash area in Waitakere Bay. At Piha, the approach supports the protection of wildlife in regional park areas, particularly at The Gap, and balances this by providing a much larger off leash area at North Piha beach.
7. In other parts of our local board area, such as the Manukau coast and urban areas, we have also balanced the public needs for safety and comfort and dog owners’ need to exercise their pets.

# Executive summary

1. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board at its business meeting on 14 May 2015 adopted for public consultation proposed changes to local dog access rules on selected beach, foreshore and park areas.
2. The local board appointed a panel of the whole board and delegated to the panel the authority to receive, hear, deliberate and make decisions on submissions and other relevant information.
3. The hearing panel considered 163 submissions and heard from 7 submitters on 3 September 2015.
4. The hearing panel also took advice from Council Parks, Biodiversity and dog Bylaws staff, and sought the feedback of local surf clubs.
5. The key decisions of the panel are as follows:

* at Te Henga/Bethells Beach to retain the under control off a leash rule on Waitākere Bay and provide a time and season rule on the busiest portion of the beach to support public safety and comfort during the summer period
* at Piha and North Piha Beaches to significantly expand the under control off a leash rule on North Piha Beach to provide a balance for the prohibition of dogs at Piha Beach, while allowing dogs off a leach on Piha Domain and the adjacent lagoon area to provide dog exercise opportunities on the domain as well as access to North Piha Beach
* to apply an under control off a leash rule to eight local beaches to provide for the needs of dogs and their owners while retaining an under control on a leash rule on the other local beaches of the local board area to support public safety and comfort on high use beaches as well as wildlife protection
* to apply a default under control on a leash rule to all local parks in the local board area not specifically identified as a prohibited and to identify 18 under control off a leash parks or areas of parks to provide for the needs of dogs and their owners.

1. The decisions of the panel are provided for information only.
2. The decisions of the panel will be reported to the Governing Body business meeting on 24 September 2015 to make any necessary amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2012 and Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2012.

# Recommendation

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board hearing panel:

a) Adopts the decision report titled ‘Hearing panel decision report on local dog access rules in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area 2015’.

b) Adopts the amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2012 as contained in this decision report pursuant to section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996 with a commencement date of 24 October 2015.

c) Request the governing body to give effect to the amendments in (b) by making the necessary amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2012 pursuant to section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996 and Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2012 in accordance with section 10(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

d) Authorise the Manager Social Policy and Bylaws in consultation with the chair of the local board hearing panel to make any minor edits to (a) and (b) to correct any identified errors or typographical edits.

e) Thank the community and the submitters for their submissions

f) Thank the staff involved with the local dog access hearings.

# Comments

## Proposal

1. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board at its business meeting on 14 May 2015 adopted for public consultation proposed changes to local dog access rules on selected beach, foreshore and park areas (WTK/2015/73).

## Submission process

1. The public consultation submission period opened on 12 June and closed on 17 July 2015.
2. The notification of the proposed changes included the following:

* notices to all registered dog owners with their dog registration reminder letter
* a public notice in the New Zealand Herald on 12 June 2015
* on the Auckland Council website and various local websites
* in the June People’s Panel e-update
* through local social media and print media[[1]](#footnote-1)
* June and July e-bulletin emailed to stakeholder list and posted on Facebook
* notices to previous submitters on dog access in the local board area
* Flyers distributed to the local board office, libraries and the service centre
* Posters displayed in shops and libraries throughout the local board area
* Newsletters in community publications.

1. All relevant documents were made available on the council’s website and through local libraries and service centres.
2. A total of 161 submissions were received.

## Hearing and deliberations process

1. The Waitākere Ranges Local Board appointed a hearing panel a panel of the whole board and delegated to the panel the authority to receive, hear, deliberate and resolve on submissions and other relevant information (resolution number WTK/2015/73).
2. A total of 33 submitters initially indicated they wished to be heard, of those seven submitters attended the hearing to speak to their submissions on 3 September 2015 and held deliberations on 9 September 2015.
3. Hearings provide an opportunity for submitters to speak in support of their submission and for members of the hearing panel to ask questions to better understand the views of submitters.
4. Of the 163 submitters who commented on the proposal, some submitters only made general comments either on the whole proposal or on specific locations such as Te Henga/Bethells or Piha Beaches. Other submitters made multiple points in their submissions in relation to two or more topics of the proposal and each point has been analysed and presented in relation to the specific issue of the proposal. As such there is a larger number of submission points than individual submitters.
5. In conducting hearings and making decisions, the hearing panel must consider:

* the need to meet a range of statutory, policy and delegated authority decision-making requirements summarised in Attachment C, including the need to:
  + ensure decisions provide for public safety and comfort, protection of wildlife and habitat and the needs of dogs and their owners
  + ensure dog access rules are easy to understand ‘on the ground’
* the weight it puts on the matters raised by submitters
* information contained in the statement of proposal

1. At the conclusion of the hearings, the panel deliberated on the matters raised in submissions and the panel’s decisions are contained in this report.

# Decisions on proposed amendments

1. The decisions of the hearing panel are grouped by topic. The changes to local dog access rules to give effect to the decisions are provided in Attachment A, together with the current rules for comparison and completeness.

## Submission Topic 1 – Te Henga/Bethells Beach and adjacent park

### Summary of proposed change

1. The proposal was to apply the following rules at Te Henga/Bethells Beach:

* dogs prohibited north of the river mouth, beyond the small headland at the southern end of the beach and on the dunes area next to the beach
* dogs under control on-leash on the beach access track at the surf club along the river and lagoon to the point where the beach area opens up to the south
* dogs under control off-leash from the point at the northern entrance where the beach area opens up to the south to a point approximately 490 metres south of the river mouth but under control on-leash between the surf lifesaving flags and between sunset and sunrise
* dogs under control on-leash from the end of the above off-leash area to the small headland at the southern end of the beach
* dogs under control off-leash on the grass area of Te Henga Park bordered by Bethells Road and the car park driveway and carpark area of Te Henga/Bethells Beach.

### Summary of matters raised in submissions

1. A total number of 189 individual submission points were made regarding the various aspects of the proposal at Te Henga/Bethells Beach.
2. 16 submitters only commented generally on Te Henga/Bethells Beach by either expressing support for all proposed rules (7) or opposition to (9) all proposed rules and made no further specific submission points.
3. Of the remaining submission points made, 118 commented specifically on the different areas and associated proposed rules of the proposal with both support and opposition expressed for each one, this is summarised as follows:

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| **Submission points on individual beach area** | **Submission points opposed** | **Submission points in support** |
| Area A - grass area of Te Henga Park | 3 | 3 |
| Area B - access way along lagoon | 6 | 8 |
| Area C - main beach off-leash area | 9 | 8 |
| Area D - on-leash area | 10 | 3 |
| Area E - prohibited area at southern end of beach | 7 | 7 |
| Area F - Waitakere Bay | 24 | 3 |
| Area G - Dunes area of Te Henga Park | 4 | 12 |
| Area H - O'Neills Bay | 10 | 1 |

1. The remaining 55 submission points made are summarised as follows:

* simplify proposed rules, too complex - 11
* no change to current rules – 9
* provide more targeted and less generally restrictive wildlife protection – 9
* provide more off-leash access - 6, provide at least on-leash access 7
* allow dogs only on a leash or prohibit at all times – 2
* allow dogs off a leash in the water - 2
* provide better for wildlife protection – 1
* provide time and season rules (various options, including off-leash in winter) - 8

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

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| **Decision** | **Reasons** |
| In the area of Te Henga/Bethells Beach (from north to south):   * dogs prohibited on O’Neills Bay * dogs under control on a leash between sunset and sunrise at Waitākere Bay and off a leash at all other times (beach area north of the river mouth) * Along the lagoon and the main beach area southwards of the Waitakere River to a point approximately 200 metres south of the surf watch tower as marked by appropriate marker poles dogs are allowed as follows:   + dogs under control on a leash between sunset and sunrise   + dogs under control on a leash between Labour Weekend and Easter   + dogs under control off a leash between Tuesday after Easter and Friday before Labour Weekend between sunrise and sunset * dogs under control on a leash on the beach area between the marker pole approximately 200 metres south of the surf watch tower to the small headland at the southern end of the beach as marked by appropriate marker poles * dogs prohibited southwards of the small headland at the southern end of the beach as marked by appropriate marker poles * dogs under control off a leash on the grass area of Te Henga Park at the entrance at Bethells Road * dogs under control on a leash in the carpark area, cafe area and on the track leading to the lagoon and beach. * dogs prohibited on all other parts of Te Henga Park (including the dunes area). | Reasons include:   * the continued prohibition at O’Neills Bay supports the protection of vulnerable wildlife as it is an identified penguin nesting and roosting area and also has a sizable population of grey faced petrels, and also complements the prohibition of dogs on the adjacent Department of Conservation Reserve * the prohibition on the dunes and at the southern end of the beach provides the highest level of protection for vulnerable wildlife, in particular dotterels and variable oyster catchers who nest in the dune area as well as for a range of wildlife known to be present at the southern end of the beach including penguins, seals and dotterels * the on a leash section of the main beach supports the protection of the dotterels that nest in the dunes and feed on the adjacent beach area * the on a leash restrictions between sunset and sunrise provide further protection for penguins which come ashore at night * the off a leash area at Waitakere Bay provides for the needs of dogs and their owners in an area with a lower level of concerns regarding protected wildlife due to the inability of dogs to access Ihumoana Island, Korau & Erangi Points * the on a leash rule between Labour weekend and Easter supports public safety and comfort issues in the high use area during the peak usage season, while providing for the needs of dogs and their owners outside of the busy period through the sunrise to sunset off a leash rule. |

### Further panel comments

1. The panel notes that:

* areas in the vicinity of the Te Henga/Bethells Beach rules, including Erangi Point, Ihumoana Island, Te Henga Recreation Reserve (adjacent to Waitākere and O’Neills Bay)and Lake Wainamu Reserve, are either privately owned or under the control of the Department of Conservation and the decisions of the panel have incorporated consideration of these factors
* Lake Wainamu Scenic Reserve is a regional park and will be reviewed at a future date by the Sports, Parks and Recreation Committee as part of the regional park rules review. The current rule is that dogs are prohibited on the reserve
* research to date on contamination issues in the lagoon area cannot be specifically linked to dogs. If further research provides more detailed information on the source of contamination in the future the panel recommends reviewing the dog access rules in the vicinity of the lagoon at that point in time
* a map in Attachment B provides an indicative illustration of the decisions of the panel. As part of the communications associated with the new dog access rules a more precise map will be developed
* the high use of the beach and need to protect wildlife from the entrance at the surf club to a point approximately 200 metres south of the surf watch tower means that adopting the region-wide standard summer beach times (10am and 5pm) and 1 March would not be appropriate in terms of council’s primary statutory requirement to ensure public safety and comfort and protection of wildlife.

## Submission topic 2 – Piha and North Piha and adjacent parks

### Summary of proposed change

1. The proposal was to apply the following rules to Piha and North Piha beaches and adjacent parks:

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| Piha Beach including the lagoon and stream area and North Piha Beach up to 61 Marine Parade North | Dogs prohibited at all times on the beach and under control on-leash at all times on all adjacent parks as follows:   * Piha South Road Reserve * Piha Domain |
| North Piha Beach -northwards of 61 Marine Parade North to 61 North Piha Road | Dogs under control off-leash, but under control on-leash between the surf lifesaving flags and between sunset and sunrise and under control on-leash at all times on all adjacent parks as follows:   * North Piha Strand * Piha Esplanade Reserve * Les Waygood Park * North Piha Esplanade |

### Summary of matters raised in submissions

1. A total of 87 submission points were made regarding the proposed rules at Piha and North Piha beach.
2. 26 submitters only commented generally on Piha and North Piha Beaches by either expressing support for all proposed rules (10) or opposition to (16) all proposed rules and made no further specific submission points.
3. Six submitters requested the current rules be retained.
4. Submitters also commented on specific areas or aspects of the proposal, this is summarised as follows:

| **Decisions sought by beach area** | **Sub points opposed** | **Sub points in support** |
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| Lagoon area | 8 | 1 |
| Piha Domain | 9 |  |
| North Piha Beach | 2 | 6 |
| Piha Beach | 14 | 1 |
| Piha South Road Reserve | 1 |  |
| On a leash between flags | 3 |  |
| North Piha Reserves (esp Les Waygood Park) | 1 |  |
| Support proposal as publicly notified -sunset to sunrise restrictions |  | 1 |

1. The remaining eight submission points made are summarised as follows:

* allow dogs to be under control on a leash and/or prohibited at all times - 2
* prohibited dogs at all times - 1
* provide more on a leash access - 1
* apply a time and season rule to Piha Beach - 3
* provide more off a leash dog access – 1

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

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| **Decision** | **Reasons** |
| On North Piha Beach and Piha Beach (from north to south):   1. dogs are prohibited on the northern end of North Piha Beach at all times from a point approximately 190 metres north of the end of North Piha Road and hence generally in a northern direction 2. dogs are allowed under control on a leash from a point approximately 190 metres north of the end of North Piha Road southwards to Monkey Rock (the regional park boundary opposite 61 North Piha Road)   *[Rules (a) and (b) are associated with the regional park, and not subject to review but have been provided here for completeness]*   1. dogs are allowed under control off a leash between sunrise and sunset southwards of Monkey Rock (opposite 61 North Piha Road) to the access track at Little Lion Rock Corner (at the beginning of Marine Parade North) 2. dogs are allowed under control on a leash between sunset and sunrise on the area described in (c). 3. dogs are allowed under control on a leash on all park areas adjacent to North Piha beach between Monkey Rock and the access track at Little Lion Rock Corner (at the beginning of Marine Parade North). This includes:  * North Piha Strand * Piha Esplanade Reserve * Les Waygood Park * North Piha Esplanade  1. dogs are prohibited at all times southwards of the access point at Little Lion Rock Corner (at the beginning of Marine Parade North) to the southern end of Piha Beach 2. dogs are allowed under control on a leash on Piha South Road Reserve adjacent to Piha Beach 3. dogs are allowed under control off a leash on Piha Domain and the adjacent lagoon area up to the point where the beach area opens out to the south and north and as marked by appropriate marker poles | Reasons include:   * the increased off a leash area at North Piha Beach provides for the needs of dogs and their owners. This includes providing swimming access for dogs and their owners between the surf club flags * the on a leash restrictions between sunset and sunrise on North Piha beach provide protection for penguins that come ashore at night on this area of the beach and this is further supported by the on a leash rule on the adjacent park areas * the change from on a leash to prohibition at Piha beach in the winter period provides additional protection of vulnerable wildlife in the vicinity of Lion Rock as well as The Gap which provides extensive roosting and breeding habitats for penguins, including the best access point for penguins to reach to the coastal scrublands. This supports the prohibition on dog access in Regional Park land, Lion Rock and The Gap. * the prohibition at Piha Beach further provides for public safety and comfort on a relatively constrained and high use beach and is balanced with the increased off leash access provided for at North Piha Beach * the provision of off a leash dog access on Piha Domain and the adjacent lagoon provides for the needs of dogs and their owners, in particular elderly dog owners as well as providing safe swimming access for dogs * the new suite of rules is simplified to support ease of understanding for beach users and to therefore support increased compliance. |

### Further panel comments

1. The panel notes that:

* research to date on contamination issues in the lagoon area does not reveal the degree to which this can be specifically linked to dogs. If further research provides more detailed information on the source of contamination in the future the panel recommends reviewing the dog access rules in the vicinity of the lagoon at that point in time
* changes in the use of Piha Domain may require review of dog access rules in future (excluding the campground area which is subject to the rules of the campground)
* access to off leash area for dog owners at Piha can be made through the domain or lagoon areas
* the rules at North Piha Beach that form part of the regional park will be subject to review by the Sports, Parks and Recreation Committee as part of the regional park rules review. The panel considers that the off a leash area could be extended further north to a point adjacent to the car park at the end of North Piha Road with a prohibition in place northwards of that point. This would further simplify the rules and support both dogs and their owners as well as the protection of vulnerable wildlife, including penguins and grey faced petrels at the northern end of the beach. The board will be consulted on during that review process and will recommend this option at that point in time
* in making their decision, the panel took into consideration feedback received through submissions and also consulted with both surf clubs who operate at Piha and North Piha beaches
* a map contained in Attachment B provides an indicative illustration of the decisions of the panel. As part of the communications associated with the new dog access rules a more precise map will be developed.

## Submission topic 3 – Local beaches (excluding Piha and Te Henga/Bethells)

### Summary of proposed change

1. The proposal was to retain the current default on-leash rule for beaches but apply an under control off-leash rule to nine specified beaches.

### Summary of matters raised in submissions

1. Only one submission was received that discussed specific beaches covered by the proposal. The submitter requested that dogs be allowed under control off a leash at all times below the high tide mark at Titirangi Beach and Davies Bay.
2. One submitter expressed opposition to the proposal in general, two submitters were in support of the proposal and one submitter requested no changes to the existing rules.
3. Of the remaining 12 general submission points made in relation to dog access rules on local beaches, two points requested more restrictive dog access (on a leash or prohibited), five points requested more off a leash access and five submitters made various requests for time and season periods and time of day restrictions.

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

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| Decision | Reasons |
| Dogs are allowed under control **off a leash** on the following beach and foreshore areas:   1. Davies Bay 2. Foster Bay 3. Herrings Bay 4. Warner Park Beach 5. Jenkins Bay 6. South Titirangi/Laingholm (beach from Laingholm Point to and including beach area at entrance from Tamariki Reserve) 7. Perkins Bay 8. Oatoru Bay   Dogs are allowed under control **on a leash** on all park, beach and foreshore areas not specifically identified as a prohibited, or off a leash. This includes the following beaches:   1. Armour Bay 2. Duck Beach (small beach at northern edge of Armour Bay Reserve, also accessible from Takaranga Reserve) 3. Estuary area at Parau 4. Huia Bay Main Beach 5. Little Huia Beach 6. South Titirangi/Laingholm: All estuarine area north of Tamariki Reserve entrance through to headland north of Warner Park 7. Titirangi Beach 8. Wood Bay 9. Beach adjacent to Okewa Reserve 10. Beach area adjacent to Taumatarea Esplanade (between Tokoroa and Taumatarea Point) 11. Fletcher Bay 12. Otitori Bay (French Bay) 13. Sandys Parade Beach 14. Swanson Bay | Reasons include:   * continues to provide for the protection of wildlife on relevant beaches of concern * retains existing level of public safety and comfort on high use beaches * provides for the needs of dogs and their owners on nine beach areas which supports the requests for more off-leash areas within the local board area. |

## Submission topic 4 – Default dog access rule – local and sports parks

### Summary of proposed change

1. The proposal was to change the default rule for parks to an under control on-leash rule and apply an under control off-leash rule to 17 specific parks or areas of parks.

### Summary of matters raised in submissions

1. A total of 28 submission points were made in relation to the proposal topic. Of these, nine made location specific comments with the remaining 19 submission points referring to the proposal in general.
2. Four submission points expressed general support for the proposal, including one point referring to Armour Bay in particular and 11 points were opposed to the proposal.
3. Three submitters requested more off a leash dog access on parks, one submitter requested that on a leash access be restricted to specific parks with identified wildlife and/or kauri dieback concerns and one submitter requested more parks be under control on a leash.
4. Eight submission points requested dogs be allowed under control off a leash on eight specific parks.

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

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| Decision | Reasons |
| Dogs are allowed under control **on a leash** on all park, beach and foreshore areas not specifically identified as a prohibited, or off a leash.  Dogs are allowed under control **off a leash** on the following parks:   1. Armour Bay Reserve - all reserve except on grass area immediately adjacent to beach where dogs are allowed under control on a leash 2. Clayburn Reserve 3. Glen Eden Depot 4. Glucina Reserve 5. Kaurilands Domain - off leash on the grass area in south-western corner of park and bordered by the path 6. Kotinga Reserve 7. Kowhai Reserve 8. Maywood Reserve 9. Mt Atkinson Park - off-leash on the grass area only 10. Owen's Green - off leash on the area accessible off Laingfield Terrace and Laingrange Place 11. Parrs Park - off leash on the grass area to the north of the sports fields accessible from Tuck Nathan Drive and the northern entrance and car park area off Seymour Road 12. Piha Domain 13. Swanson Scenic Reserve - off-leash on the grass area only 14. Tamariki Reserve - off leash on the grass area only 15. Tangiwai Reserve 16. Te Henga Reserve – off leash on grass area of Te Henga Park bordered by Bethells Road and the car park driveway and carpark area of Te Henga/Bethells Beach 17. Waitākere War Memorial Park 18. Warner Park - off-leash on the grass area adjacent to beach | Reasons include:   * significantly increases the current level of public safety and comfort * significantly supports general habitat and wildlife concerns in the local board area * provides for greater certainty for dog owners * is easier to understand and communicate. |

## Submission topic 5 – Clarification of confusing and ambiguous dog access rules – picnic and fitness apparatus areas, bushwalks and protected wildlife areas

1. The proposal was to remove revoke general picnic area, fitness apparatus, bushwalk and protected wildlife rules.
2. No submissions were received in relation to the proposal to remove the general under control on-leash or prohibited rules for picnic areas, fitness apparatus areas, bushwalks and habitats of protected wildlife species.

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

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| Decision | Reasons |
| Adopt the proposal as publicly notified. | * removes confusing and ambiguous rules. |

## Submission topic 6 – Other matters

1. Matters raised by submitters outside the scope of the proposal were presented to the panel for completeness.

### Summary of matters raised in submissions

1. A total of 77 submission points related to areas outside the scope of the proposal, including locations in other local board areas or regional parks (25), dog ownership (5), better information and signage (23), compliance and enforcement (19) and dog parks (5).

### Hearing panel decision

1. The decision of the hearing panel is to note as follows:

* Auckland Council’s Licensing and Compliance Services provides enforcement services and a request will be made to the department to report back to the Waitakere Ranges Local Board on the enforcement programme and activities in the local board area
* Auckland Council’s Policy on Dogs aims to keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for dog owners to take their dogs into public places while adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs
* The provision of dog park amenities is a matter for the local board as part of its administration of local parks
* signage will be improved as areas are reviewed or as part of parks maintenance.

# Consideration

## Local Board views and implications

1. Other local boards have not expressed any views or implications of the proposed changes through the public submission process.

## Māori impact statement

1. Managing dog access in areas of significance to Maori can help achieve outcomes of the Māori Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau. In this instance, no impacts have been identified.
2. Feedback from Mana Whenua representatives at a Hui held in March 2015 related to the ability of iwi to determine dog access on Marae, a focus on control, responsible dog ownership, and ensuring the protection of sensitive ecological areas.

## Implementation

1. Any decision that makes changes to dog access rules will require updates to signage and information, and training of animal management officers and park rangers.
2. The administration and implementation of the changes to dog access rules will be provided for within existing budgets.

# Attachments

**Attachment A: Amendments to Schedule 2 of the Policy on Dogs 2012**

**Attachment B: Indicative maps – Te Henga/Bethells and Piha Beaches**

**Attachment C: Decision-making requirements**

**Signatories**

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1. Including Facebook and Neighbourly posts on the Local Board and other community pages and public notices/media advisories/editorials for The Fringe, and the Western Leader. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)