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Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Matamata-Piako District Council will be held on:

Ko te rā | Date:	**Wednesday 13 May 2026**
Wā | Time:	**9:00**
Meeting Room:	**Council Chambers**
Wāhi | Venue:	**35 Kenrick Street TE AROHA**

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ATTACHMENT A - SUBMISSIONS

Submissions received: Fees and Charges

Submission summary

Option 1: Adopt the proposed Fees and Charges - 15 submissions in support (45.5%)
Option 2: Keep Fees and Charges at the current level - 0 submissions in support
Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges - 7 submissions in support (21.2%)
Option 4: Other - 11 submissions in support (33.3%)

Submissions focused primarily on dog registration fees, the user-pays principle, and concerns about affordability.

Summary staff comment

1) Dog registration fees - Staff acknowledge that some dog owners believe that a larger proportion of animal control costs should fall to those owners with problem dogs. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership. These rebates can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80. Overall, the increase to the registration fees is to ensure we continue to cover costs and stay in line with our Revenue and Financing Policy.
2) Building consent fees - A number of process issues were raised. Overall staff acknowledge the comments and are focused on continual improvement.
3) Efficiency/ Reasonableness of costs - Council went through a robust process to look for cost savings and opportunities to improve efficiency whereever possible. Council has kept increases to rates and fees and charges as low as is possible while still retaining current levels of service and staying within the Revenue and Financing Policy. Council's new Community Outcomes have a focus on improving efficiency and enablement.
4) User Pays - Some submitters indicated a preference for fully user pays fees. Currently MPDC's fees are set in line with the Revenue and Financing Policy which determines what Council considers a fair balance between user fees and rates funding of activities. The Revenue and Financing Policy will be reviewed as part of the Long Term Plan and the community will have the opportunity to express their views as part of this process.
5) Other matters raised - other matters raised include the removal of urgent LIMs and cemetery drainage, these matters have been addressed below with individual staff comment.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Further Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
FC - 01	Kristy		Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges	Why would the council increase fees around dog registration? People are going to stop registration of their pets due to costs. For me I haven't had to use any of the services around dog control yet my fees constantly go up each year.		No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.
FC - 02	Anonymous		Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges	dog registration is too expensive for what is offered. No one but the ones who won't pay get any benefits. dog registration has already gone up extensively from 3 years ago. It's not fair. If they go up youll find many dog breeders will move. We already get nothing for registering our dogs. Not even 1 poop bag. So what are we paying for?	Maybe lessen rates. If you have to reduce your salary in line with everyone else's so we aren't paying you a heavier wage then Maybe do that.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.
FC - 03	G T Sarah		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	
FC - 04	Sreenivasan Ramasamy		Option 4: Other	Do not increase fee or rates.	Council is not thinking about how to maximize efficiency and effectiveness or productivity increase from the current system so they don't increase cost. In the current setup every year cost increase is seen as only way to survive. How far this way of working will be viable?	No	No	**Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** Council went through a robust process to look for cost savings and opportunities to improve efficiency whereever possible. Council has kept increases to rates and fees and charges as low as is possible while still retaining current levels of service.
FC - 05	Daniel Scelly		Option 4: Other	Increase all fees and charges so all covered by user pays and lower rates instead.	All fees and charges should be 100% user pays, no "topping up" from rates	No	No	**User pays** Council's Revenue and Financing Policy reviewed alongside the Long Term Plan every three years, sets the split between rates and fees and charges for each service we provide. The fees and charges proposed are in line with this Policy.
FC - 06	Talia		Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges		Why should good, responsible dog owners be punished for bad dog owners? The bad dog owners who need the council to intervene should pay more. Even better, make it law that all dogs have to be desexed unless they have a breeding licence.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.All dogs that are menacing or dangerous have to be desexed under the Dog Act. The proposed bylaw does reinforce dog control act requirements.

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FC - 07	Kevin Stanley	Milestone Homes Matamata	Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed	Attached find submission on behalf of Milestone Homes Matamata Ltd		No	Appendix B, page 2	**Building consent fees** The submitter refers to Council's Building Consent fees having a commercial fee structure. In fact, the fees are structured to recoup reasonable costs only. In addition, not all the cost of the service is covered by the customer. Council's Revenue and Financing Policy sets a range of 50-90% of costs to be covered by users of the service and 10-50% of costs to be covered by all ratepayers. **2.** Reliance on Maximum Timeframes Building Consents are often issued near the end of the statutory time period because we are waiting for Planning / Engineering signoff. Staff are currently working on streamlining this process. **3.** RFIs Council acknowledges issues raised around Requests for Further Information (RFIs). Process changes have been reinforced with staff and contractors to improve the timing and clarity of RFIs, and improvement is expected. **4.** Out of Town Processors We acknowledge it would be advantageous to use local contractors however we are unable to do so at the present time due to staff shortages. **5.** Inspection services The legislative requirement is for 80% of inspections to be completed within 3 days. We are currently achieving 100% of inspections within 3 days. We encourage customers to ensure they book in advance to secure the dates they want. **7.** Impact on construction sector Some delays are caused by insufficient RFI information, and delays in providing the information. The team welcomes customers to get in touch, we will put you in touch with the correct processing officer to discuss and clarify information requirements.
FC - 08	Karl		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed		Shouldn't rates be based on the service pressures ie if a house has multiple bathrooms and toilets instead of rateable value	No	No	**Other** The number of bathrooms or toilets is not directly used in the calculation of rates. This information is considered by Council valuers when determining the property's improvement value, which forms part of the overall capital value. The capital value is then used to calculate the General Rate. Residential Water meters are only installed on properties with extraordinary water usage, such as swimming pools.
FC - 09	Carmen		Option 4: Other	the above options dont make sense. however, it should absolutely be user pays. eg. building consent	yes, fully user pays not the 'appropriate share ' Also 4 momth/seasonal membership to all pools, if your being consistent across districts.	No	No	**User pays** Council's Revenue and Financing Policy (RFP) sets the split between rates and fees and charges for each service we provide. The fees and charges proposed are in line with this Policy. There wil be an opportunity to provide feedback on the new RFP in March 2027.
FC - 10	Isobel Worley		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed	Seem reasonable suggestions. Glad swimming pool stays reasonably accessible		No	No	
FC - 11	Tracey Ward		Option 4: Other	No increase in fees and charges to dog owners, we have already had ongoing increases to dog registration. Perhaps more effort into getting non-registered dogs registered rather than passing costs onto those who do the right thing		No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.
FC - 12	Melissa Flower		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	
FC - 13	Helen		Option 4: Other	Don't increase dog registration fees, instead bill the people who have dog control turn up for their legitimate reason & runaway dogs why should everyone pay for it when it's a handful of people that do it		No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.

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FC - 14	Linda Newton		Option 4: Other	Building consents are already extremely expensive - do they really need to be increased?? You want user pays for dog registration - in that case everything should be fully user pays for fairness and consistency including libraries and swimming pools etc. Rates have increased excessively over the last few years. Why do they need to increase again? I would like Council to adopt some of the Taxpayers Union 100 or more suggestions for reducing costs which it has received from them for more responsible fiscal management to reduce burden to taxpayers. I would also like the Council to withdraw from LGNZ which would save it thousands of dollars a year.	no	Yes	No	**Building consent fees** The Building Consent fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. **User pays** Council's Revenue and Financing Policy (RFP) sets the split between rates and fees and charges for each service we provide. The fees and charges proposed are in line with this Policy. There wil be an opportunity to provide feedback on the new RFP in March 2027. **Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** The rates increase for the 2026-27 year is in line with what was signalled in the Long Term Plan. Council has a new focus on efficiency and enablement to keep costs under control. LGNZ provides valuable guidance to staff and elected members on a range of topics, thus helping to support robust decision making.
FC - 15	Karen Sales		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed		dog registration for over 65 years.. is it possible to give Gold Card members a discount ? Many elderly have little dog companions and are struggling with cost of living.. in fact they feed their doggy first before themselves.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80, however Gold Card discounts are not currently being considered.
FC - 16	Lex Grason		Option 4: Other	Reduce dog registration fees. ($20 a year) We own a dog and get nothing for our registration fee other than a plastic tag. we don't even get the hidatos pill in a piece of meat that used to happen. You talk about the fee's to self fund the dog service. This is a miss-nomer as the only people that need to use the dog control service are the drop kicks that can't look after there dogs. (who probably don't pay there registration anyway). The dog control service should be funded by very high fees for people who can't / won't look after there dogs.	Yes. Reduce all fees and rates and reduce services. Look after Roads, water, waste water and rubbish. The rest of the money sucking crap should be scrapped. and try to get back to a point where we can afford to live.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on Council's priorities for the next ten years during the Long Term Plan consultation in March 2027.
FC - 17	Steve Southall		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed	It's reasonable that fees reflect the cost of providing services to reduce the burden on ratepayers		No	No	
FC - 18	Denise Wilson		Option 4: Other	How about keeping all fees and charges as they are as no one should need $200per hour and perhaps learn to budget better with what you already get.	As a very small business owner the fees I pay seem to be excessive for what I receive not only do I have to pay two types of fees but also for an inspection . And I still have to print out all the food safety info myself so. Basically paying over 100 just for access to these. Seems a bit of a ripoff	No	No	**Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** Increases are to ensure we continue to cover costs and to slightly increase the proportion of costs recovered from users of the service compared to ratepayers in general. MPI levies are only administered by Council, we have no control over what is charged.
FC - 19	Wilma van Orsouw		Option 4: Other	No increase to rates AT ALL. Increase penalties under the dog Control Act for dog owners who are involved in a breach, rather than penalising responsible dog owners by increasing their fees by $10. In addition, ensure dogs kept at the pound are fed sufficiently and given adequate attention and exercise. Genuine, experienced dog lovers need to be employed in these roles (Animal Control Officers and Kennel Assistants).		Yes	No	**Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** Council went through a robust process to look for cost savings and opportunities to improve efficiency whereever possible. Council has kept increases to rates and fees and charges as low as is possible while still retaining current levels of service. **Dog registration fees** Infringements are set by legislation, Council is not able to increase penalties. Animal welfare is a key consideration, supported by trained staff and established care and monitoring processes.
FC - 20	Zammora		Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges		Many pet owners already face significant costs for food, vet care, and other responsibilities. An extra $10 for dog registration can be a real burden. Keeping fees low helps make dog ownership more affordable, encourages compliance, and supports the welfare of pets in our community.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy. MPDC does provide a number of rebates to encourage responsible dog ownership which can reduce the cost of registration by up to $80.
FC - 21	Nuannang McLean		Option 3: Reduce or remove Fees and Charges			No	No	
FC - 22	Megan PAUL		Option 4: Other		I certainly dont think the cemetery fees should increase when our loved ones dont seem to be guaranteed a dry resting place. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR FLOATING IN WATER.Please get it right.	No	No	**Cemetery drainage** Planning is underway to improve drainage at the cemetery.
FC - 23	Lynnda McLachlan		Option 4: Other	Instead of increasing dog registration fees again, why not increase pound fees and fines to irresponsible dog owners. Why should responsible dog owners subsidize those that cause direst costs to council.	Great to see pool charges are not increasing. Council needs to be more proactive in encouraging families to use the pools.	Yes	No	

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FC - 24	Diana Rout		Option 4: Other		Pool fees/charges: Could please consider the charges for children using the pool 3 and under. 3 and under free with a adult entry. Tauranga City Council currently has a policy of: Children under 2yrs free with adult entry Consession Cards: Could the expiry become longer?	No	No	
FC - 25	Steve Greene		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	
FC - 26	Caroline Melville		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	
FC - 27	Wendy Morgan		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed		I like the adopt a puppy idea but feel all puppies must be deleted before going you their new homes. Desexing is not mentioned anywhere.	No	No	**Dog registration fees** It is Council's view that desexing is the responsibility of owners. There are also age restrictions for de-sexing.
FC - 28	Ross and Janet Miller		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	
FC - 29	August Law Limited - Evelyn Ryan		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed		Ideally, Council would continue offering a 3 working day urgent LIM option rather than extending it to a 5 working day option. When vendors and purchasers are trying to get a deal done quickly, they usually calculate their conditions in 5 working day blocks eg. 5, 10, 15 working days. If we can get a 3 working day urgent LIM from Council, then it's feasible to confirm a client's LIM condition within the first 5 working day block. If we can only get a 5 working day urgent LIM, it wouldn't be feasible to confirm a client's condition within that first 5 working day block because we wouldn't be able to order, receive, review and advise a client on it within that timeframe.	No	No	**Urgent LIMs** While Council acknowledges the inconvenience of no longer offering the urgent LIM, the new requirements to disclose additional natural hazard information mean it is no longer feasible for Council to continue providing this service. The statutory timeframe for issuing a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) is 10 working days. This timeframe is set under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), which mandates that any person may request a LIM, and the council must respond within this timeframe. MPDC has previously offered an urgent LIM option outside this requirment as a extra level of service, however it is not requirement to provide this service.
FC - 30	Jeremy Mayall	Creative Waikato	Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed	We acknowledge the proposal for no increases to pools and libraries this year. Libraries are an essential service. They contain resources, and spaces which support community wellbeing. Creative Waikato supports the provision of continued and future access to libraries. We commend the council for seeking more consistent fees across venues, and the distinction between commercial and non-commercial use of facilities. We also acknowledge that for some community venues, the non-commercial rate is half the commercial rate, making it more affordable for communities.	Note: our attached submission also refers to the rates remission consultation.	No	Appendix B, page 6	
FC - 31	dave mathews		Option 4: Other	Stop charging unreasonable fees for minor time based jobs like inspecting a pool gate for $205 Perhaps consider how some inspections can be done remotely- via webcam or various tech	you just create your own revenue stream and we the rate payer continue to be reemed in all directions-eventually a Govt will reign you lot in	No	No	**Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** The registration fee has increased to reflect increases in costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy.
FC - 32	Sharon Bailey		Proposed: Fees and Charges would change to proposed			No	No	

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FC - 33	Isaac McIntyre	Federated Farmers	Option 4: Other			Yes	Appendix B, page 10	**Efficiency / reasonableness of costs** **1)** Resource Consents Resource consents are fully user funded. The noted reason for the increase was therefore in error, and should have read, it was to ensure cost recovery. **2)** Roading The previous fees weren't covering the Engineer's time processing these applications, so the increase is to better cover this. Yes, the $416 is a fixed fee. 3) Inflation Adjusted Fees The fees and charges document outlines where fees have been increased by inflation or by a different amount. Where fees have been increased by more than inflation the reaason for the fee increase has been noted. **4)** Building Consents 1. The definition of 'Significantly Exceeds the standard processing time" is when processing takes more than one additional hour above the allocated time. 2. Yes there is an hourly rate for this additional time of $218 per hour 3. If a building consent is processed within/ under budget, no refund is payable to the applicant. 5) Water and Wastewater Detail of water and wastewater fees is included in the Fees and Charges schedule which was available on the website alongside the Statement of Proposal. Only inflation adjustments and a couple of minor corrections were proposed to the current fees. **Dog registration fees** 3. The registration fee needs to increase across all dogs to ensure we are covering costs and staying within the Revenue and Financing Policy band. 4. No further discounts are planned for this year. This suggestion can be considered for the Long Term Plan 2027-37. 5. There are 321 registered working dog owners. Twenty three of these owners have complaints logged against them in the current year. There are 114 that have a responsible owner licence.

Submissions received: Easter Sunday Trading Policy						
Sixty-one submissions were received and one submitter indicated they want to be heard at the Hearing. **Overall feedback received was as follows:** **Option 1: Adopt the draft Policy (allowing shops to choose whether to open) – 37 submissions in support (61%)** **Option 2: Retain the status quo – 0 submissions in support** **Option 3: Revoke the Policy – 20 submissions in support (33%)** **Option 4: Other – 4 submissions in support (6%)** **Submissions focused on business choice and flexibility, as well as religious observance, family time, and employee wellbeing. The public preferred option is Option 1: adopt the draft Policy.**						
ID	**Submitter name**	**Option selected:**	**Comment**	**Attending hearing**	**Attachment**	**Staff comment**
ESTP - 01	Keith Ferguson	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 02	Keryn Hogan	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 03	G T Sarah	Option 1	none	no	no	
ESTP - 04	Benjamin Ross	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	This is a country with a liberal democratic tradition that respects freedom of religion. Census figures show that only 1/3 of people in the country identify as Christians. Forcing any trading rules on business owners and consumers over the Easter holidays is not justified and the central government should change policy to reflect this. In the absence of action from central government, councils should do what it can to give business owners the option to open over the Easter holidays.	no	no	
ESTP - 05	Brendon John Fiebig	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	Church and state should be seperate so business owners, and general public, should have the freedom to carry on with life as usual free from religious rules and restrictions. Therefore I say keep the current rule to open or shut as desired as a personal choice, not regulated.	no	no	

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ESTP - 06	Carol Knowlton	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	It's sad to think that some owners of businesses which have not opened at Easter in the past in New Zealand have even suggested they want to. The doors of such places have in the past respected their staff and treated them with the respect that should alway come first. Since when did staff of any place in nz only count as a number on paper. Surely Easter.anzac and Christmas days will alway be family time as days of remembrance. If the staff are told they HAVE to work or loss that days pay (if that is there normal day of the week to work) that is what a call bullying tactics. As far as i know we Don't encourage bullying in any part of society in Nz. Surely money and greed is what is really behind the new proposal. Money is not everything	no	no	Submitters points have been noted, this Policy allows businesses to open if desired it does not require them to open. Matters relating to employment obligations, workplace practices, and employee protections are governed by central government legislation and sit outside Council's direct control.
ESTP - 07	Isobel Worley	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 08	Milly Keys	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 09	Caron Stewart	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	For personally owned and operated stores especially, being open over a long weekend encourages the community to support local before heading to larger cities if they choose to use long weekends for catching up on home maintenance for example	no	no	
ESTP - 10	Withdrawn	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	We only have a couple of days a year when businesses are required to be closed. Out of respect for God and the Christian values and heritage on which New Zealand is built, businesses should be shut on Easter Sunday. This allows everyone to have a well needed break. I am sure there are employees who feel they must work even if they don't want to on that day. It is also healthy for the spiritual wellbeing of our society which has become very materialistic, that we acknowledge there are things that are more important than money and consumerism.	no	no	
ESTP - 11	Shirley MacLeod	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	

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ESTP - 12	Carol MacLeod	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	
ESTP - 13	Justin Williams	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	Society is now too much 24/7, people need to take a step back and realize having downtime is a good thing, and life isn't always about money, Family and taking a day or two for yourself is a good thing, its no wonder there are so many mental health issues these days	no	no	
ESTP - 14	Steve Southall	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	Please retain and don't revoke. Business should have the right to choose, particularly those catering to tourism and visitors.	no	no	
ESTP - 15	Derek Bown	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 16	Graeme Alexander Guilford	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 17	Elspeth Robinson	Option 4: Other	Our district supports Anzac Day by keeping the shops closed until lunchtime. I applaud them for doing that. Could not the same rule be applied to Easter Sunday? That way the days significance would be honoured.	no	no	Under legislation Council may allow shops to open either across the district or in parts of the district. Council is not able to specify times that shops may open (Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 Clause 5A).
ESTP - 18	Anthony Lile	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	Option 1.	no	no	

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ESTP - 19	John Howlett	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 20	Louise	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 21	Jess Smart	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 22	Saskia van Waaijenburg	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	
ESTP - 23	Marilyn McNeil	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 24	Stacey Aldridge	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 25	Megan Gore	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	There is precious little time protected for families and people to spend time together these days without the compulsion or obligation to work. Whether one believes in the religious significance of Easter or not we need to protect time for families. There are so few days that businesses have to close anyway.	no	no	
ESTP - 26	Nikki White	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	There are not many days that shops are closed. If you can't organise shopping etc beforehand, it's very sad. Keep the family days sacred	no	no	
ESTP - 27	Andrea Hogg	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	I have no issue with shops being open. It gives us who work Mon-Fri more days to spend shopping and buying local.	no	no	
ESTP - 28	Graham Hollis	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	I think all families should have a chance to spend the day with the family an a day when children look forward to it	no	no	
ESTP - 29	Andrew Ellis	Option 1		no	no	

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ESTP - 30	Ron Connor	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	If they want to open let them!!	no	no	
ESTP - 31	Edward Kelly	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	
ESTP - 32	Delwyn		Keep them closed, we only have 3 days of the year that we don't open. These are times to share with families etc. The shops open they put a surcharge on, I purchased a coffee from one of our local cafes on good Friday didn't see the sign until I paid $8.40 . We have lost the meaning of Easter and Christmas . When I first started working in the retail business we shut all public holidays and guess what we all done it, we all got thru. Dont change nothing	no	no	
ESTP - 33	Alyssa	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	
ESTP - 34	Jaime	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	I am all for people having a rest and enjoying long weekends with their Whānau if desired or open if they want to as well. As long as there's no internal pressures on staff to work it	no	no	
ESTP - 35	Jacqueline Gillett	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	No workers should be able to have a holiday too and the surcharge is too much.	no	no	
ESTP - 36	Sheree Gausel	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	Allowing the sale of alcohol in supermarkets if they choose to open	no	no	Sale of Alcohol is managed under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and is not able to be managed under this Policy.
ESTP - 37	Lynette Allen	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	Shops should stay closed on Christmas day good Friday an Easter Sunday thats family time its not about the $$$$$$$	yes	no	
ESTP - 38	Greg Dring	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	
ESTP - 39	Monika-Rose Nichols	Option 1		no	no	

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ESTP - 40	Maggie Liddle	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	We are no longer a solely Christian or even religious society. Only 1.6 million of our population identifies as Christian. This is a minority. Religion should not be involved in any central of local/regional government policies or bills.	no	no	
ESTP - 41	David King	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	Some shops that follow a different religion to Chrstianity (Islam, Sikh, Hindu, etc) might close over Easter. Not a problem, as the policy allows that to happen.	no	no	
ESTP - 42	Charlotte Jenkins	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 43	Brendon John Fiebig	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 44	Jennifer Deacon and Cristopher Walker	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 45	Bronwyn stewart	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 46	Laura Daniels	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 47	Marianne Bruce	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	Easter is a sacred time. A time for worship, reflection and family. There is no need for anyone to be working on Easter Sunday. Its easy for people to get organised, even those travelling to our district for holidays etc.	no	no	
ESTP - 48	Ross and Janet Miller	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 49	Eve Kinane	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 50	Evelyn Ryan	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	The vast majority of MPDC inhabitants are non-secular and therefore Easter Sunday is not a day of more significance than any other Sunday, so there should be no restrictions placed on businesses' opening hours on that particular day of the year.	no	no	
ESTP - 51	Rosemary Garaway	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy		no	no	

ID	Submitter name	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
ESTP - 52	John McClintock	Option 1		no	no	
ESTP - 53	Vivian Laurie	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	I think the current policy suits most people, particularly employees who don't want to work on the Sunday for religious reasons.	no	no	
ESTP - 54	Mike Hines	Option 4: Other	In my view we are now such a diverse population(as regarding religious views) it should be the shop owners view and no one else,s as to wether or not they open. No one else should dictate	no	no	
ESTP - 55	Angela	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)	I like that most of the shops have been shut on Easter Sunday amd if its been a choice ots good the supermarkets chose not to open, which is a bit of a surprise. Its good to see Easter Sunday which Christians regard as giving acknowledgement to our Lord Jesus Christ rising again as prophesied after being crucified to shed his blood for the world and enable mankind to choose to come into a relationship through Jesus.	no	no	
ESTP - 56	Helen Mead	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	I firmly believe shops should remain closed on Easter Sunday. Retail workers should not be expected to give up yet another public holiday in a culture that already demands constant availability. Essential needs are still well covered by dairies and petrol stations, so extended retail trading is not necessary. What is necessary is protecting time for rest, family, and recovery. We are living in an increasingly fast-paced, “always on” world, where the pressure to be constantly working or consuming is already high. Creating and protecting space to pause is not a luxury, it is essential. Time away from work supports wellbeing, reduces stress, and plays an important role in maintaining good mental health. This is not a religious stance, it is a wellbeing one. Safeguarding this day is a simple but meaningful way to support healthier individuals, families, and communities.	no	no	
ESTP - 57	Michele Lee	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	

ID	Submitter name	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
ESTP - 58	Bryan	Option 4: Other	I would prefer the district to only allow shops whose main activity is tourism or hospitality to open on Easter Sunday. These activities directly relate to those in the district for holiday purposes. Aside from this I don't think there is a reasonable need for any other shops to open as other business activities can take place on the Saturday or Monday. I would like to know if employees are being g pressured to work. While this may be the responsibility of MBIE I'm not sure if it is being actively monitored and I don't see any harm in the MPDC doing its own district specific research in this area.	no	no	Under legislation Council may allow shops to open either across the district or in parts of the district. Council is not able to permit only some types of shops to open. Matters relating to employment obligations, workplace practices, and employee protections are governed by central government legislation and sit outside Council's direct control.
ESTP - 59	Priscilla Tarrant	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
ESTP - 60	K Webby	Option 3: Revoke the current Policy	We have enough commercial trading days, Easter Good Friday and Easter Sunday also Christmas Day need to remain sacred for families. Not all traditions should be thrown out - progress is not always positive and respecting traditions is import social responsibility.	no	no	
ESTP - 61	Lisa	Option 1: Adopt the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026 as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	

Submissions received: Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

Five submissions were received and one submitter indicated they want to be heard at the Hearing.

Overall feedback received was as follows:
Option 1: Adopt the draft Policy – 3 submissions in support (60%)
Option 2: Retain the existing Policy – 0 submissions in support
Option 3: Amend the draft Policy – 0 submissions in support
Option 4: Other – 2 submissions in support (40%)

Submissions raised minor clarification points only. The public preferred option is Option 1: adopt the draft Policy.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
RR - 01	Keith Ferguson		Option 1: Adopt the draft Policy (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	
RR - 02	Gayle Dickson		Option 4: Other	Re this clause..... Changes to reflect new legislation for granny flats, including a new remission so that if no extra refuse or recycling bins are requested for a small additional dwelling, the extra kerbside targeted rate can be removed. Why does council now appear to be able to target rated when we were told they couldn't when the new food waste bins etc were introduced at a fee to ratepayer? We were told you could not opt out as it was too hard to manage.. Yet now it seems feasible?? Could needs to clarify why there is suddenly the ability to target specific rates items when it couldn't previously	no	no	This policy is only dealing with the additional refuse levy that would occur if the property owner did not request an extra set of bins for the additional dwelling. Each property that is within the refuse collection area to receives the refuse levy, this is unchanged.
RR - 03	Catherine Tunnicliffe			The government value of property is actually not related to how much waste and other council services a family uses.The rates should be connected to "a standard person "charge.	no	no	The refuse levy is not based on the CV of the property.
RR - 04	Jennifer Deacon and Cristopher Walker		Option 1: Adopt the draft Policy (this is Council's preferred option)		no	no	

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
RR - 05	Jeremy Mayall	Creative Waikato	Option 1: Adopt the draft Policy (this is Council's preferred option)	We acknowledge the inclusion of a purpose and scope which provides clarity on what the policy includes as well as the inclusion of specific categories of remission, situations such as financial hardship, community or not-for-profit use, unused or marginal lands, and circumstances where rating legislation allows or anticipates a remission. Further to this, under 'Part 2 - Remission of penalties on unpaid rates', we acknowledge the inclusion of clause g: [that] in circumstances where a ratepayer's situation does not strictly meet the criteria [outlined in the clause] the Rates Team Leader (or higher delegated officer) may exercise discretion to remit a penalty where exceptional, compassionate, or otherwise compelling circumstances exist, and where remission is considered fair, reasonable, and consistent with the intent of this policy. Given that employment in the arts and creative sectors is mostly cyclical and/or inconsistent, it can be challenging for people working in those sectors to maintain a regular wage, and if they do, it is lower than average. Taking such circumstances into account is important. The study: A 'Profile of Creative Professionals 2022, provides a picture of remuneration in the arts sector and the sustainability of creative careers. Income growth is very low, and it continues to be a struggle for the majority of creative professionals to plan financially. Further information can be found here: https://creativenz.govt.nz/development-and-resources/research-and-reports /a-profile-of-creative-professionals-2022	yes	Appendix B, page 6	This doesnt seem to be pointing to the penalty remission policy at all, rather rates in general.

Submissions received: Land Transport Bylaw

Twenty-one submissions were received and three submitters indicated they want to be heard at the Hearing.

Overall feedback received was as follows:
Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw – 10 submissions in support (47.6%)
Option 2: Retain the existing Bylaw – 1 submission in support (4.8%)
Option 3: Adopt the draft Bylaw with amendments – 3 submissions in support (14.3%)
Option 4: Revoke the Bylaw – 0 submissions in support
Option 5: Other – 4 submissions in support (19.0%)
No option selected – 3 submissions (14.3%)

Submissions raised issues including heavy vehicle traffic, horse rider safety, cycling behaviour, and enforcement. The public preferred option is Option 1: adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
LT - 01	H.O.R.S.E. - Fiona Scott		Option 5: Other	It is unsafe for horse riders to use our roads to exercise their horses on the road verges in Matamata Piako district, even though they are legallyallowed. Many farmers have moved boundary fences out to graze these, to keep them tidy. This forces horse riders to ride on the seal. Motorists often do not slow down and allow extra room to pass safely. Many horse riders have died on the roads around New Zealand because of this. Can horse riders share the edge of the rail trail in lue of no other public land being available in this region? Council have suggested using Thompsons Track but the 4 wheel drive vehicles using this track make it dangerous to try using. Horses and motorsport Do Not mix!	yes	no	The concerns raised about horse rider safety and the lack of suitable alternative riding areas are acknowledged; however, requests for horse access to the rail trail or use of other recreational areas fall outside the scope of the Land Transport Bylaw. Pre-draft consultation on the Parks & Open Spaces Startegy 2021-51 indicated some community interest in bridle trails for horses. The majority of submitters on this topic were not resident in the Matamata-Piako District. None of Councils current parks or reserves are considered suitable for the development of horse trails. They are either too small for horse trails or have already been developed to an extent that does allow for new horse trails.
LT - 02	Jeff Johnson	Sustainability Matamata		MPDC must do something about the HGV traffic along Broadway. It is noisy, polluting and dangerous. It is also destroying the road surface. Many other towns have re-directed this traffic, due to the above. MODC must confer with Waka Kotahi around solutions, for example, redirecting and setting time restrictions, such as no large HGV between 8am and 10pm. A 12 months trial may be worth applying.	no	no	Council continues to work with Waka Kotahi to monitor HGV movements through Matamata and consider longer-term network options if necessary; restrictions on heavy vehicles are not commonly applied unless suitable alternative routes exist and there is agreement from the state highway authority.
LT - 03	Jeff Johnson	Sustainability Matamata	Option 5: Other	Limit HGV through Traffic to week-days only, leaving Matamata Broadway clear for light vehicles and cyclists / pedestrians at the week-ends. This long-standing problem of large Truck and Trailer traffic through town needs at least a partial solution. Allowing liquid gas HGV traffic along Broadway for example, is a disaster waiting to happen. The week-end restrictions could be put into place as a 12 month trial to begin with. MP-DC needs to do something about this long standing issue and not just say it is out of their hands.	no	no	Council acknowledges a wider congestion issue with HCV's through SH24/Broadway. See staff comment for Submission LT-02
LT - 04	G T Sarah		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	

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LT - 05	Keith Ferguson		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	
LT - 06	Stephen Cope		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).	Item 11.1a is a good addition. So long as it is enforced and does not fall between the responsibility of the Council and the responsibility of the Police.	no	no	Where pathways form part of the road corridor or shared paths, the bylaw may apply. If paths are within a reserve and not part of the legal road, this matter is outside the scope of the Land Transport Bylaw
LT - 07	Isobel Worley			Thought needs to be given to cycling in the Te Aroha Domain. Bicycles come down very fast sometimes. Seems odd to me that it is allowed. Similarly school age children, and adults, should not be allowed to ride on pavements in my view.	no	no	The concern raised about cycling behaviour is noted. It is not clear from the feedback whether this relates to cycling on the road through the Te Aroha Domain, use of the shared paths within the Domain, or cyclists accessing or leaving the mountain bike trails. To date, Council has not received other complaints regarding cycling speeds or safety issues in this area. Cycling is legally permitted on roads and on shared paths where indicated, and children are also permitted to ride bicycles on footpaths under national rules. Council will continue to monitor feedback received through this process and consider whether any wider issues are identified that would warrant further investigation or site-specific interventions.
LT - 08	Milly Keys		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	
LT - 09	Steve Southall		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).	Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option). looks good. Under "Current issues" I definitely agree with "Activities that damage roads will be clearly prohibited, and Council will be able to recover repair costs from the person responsible." I'm assuming this will apply to boy racers who damage roads through burnouts, donuts etc. Good if Council clarifies this, and provides guidance on what residents should do when they observe these activities taking place	no	no	confirming this is correct.
LT - 10	P Kampenhout			The maintenance of the rail trail between Te Aroha and Matamata is a disgrace in parts. See it has been sprayed in places and big parts missed so it is gradually breaking down the sealed track. Put a round about in by Stanley's dairy or a traffic camera so MPDC can collect some serious money each day as even council vehicles drivers don't know how to interpreted STOP sign	no	no	Asset maintenance and operational standards are outside the scope of the Land Transport Bylaw. This feedback is noted for operational teams.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
LT - 11	Tracey Ward		Option 2: Keep the existing Land Transport Bylaw	Section 12(4) requiring owner/ occupier to remove trees, hedges etc is totally unreasonable! If Council needs to do work then council should remove vegetation at their cost and fix/replace as agreed by both parties prior to work starting.	no	no	Proposed Bylaw places responsibility on the owner or person responsible to remove or trim vegetation.
LT - 12	Peter Bosson		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	
LT - 13	Laura Daniels		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	
LT - 14	Wendy Morgan		Option 3: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) with further amendments.	Activities that damage roads, no where do you mention boy racers or burnouts. We know fro other areas how much damage this can do to roads. People who get charged for burnouts should be liable to pay for repairs. Council should NEVER have removed the bypass planned for Matamata. While trucks are getting heavier and longer road damage will be a massive ongoing problem. Truck and trailer units going through the centre of town are a major problem, they block up the clock tower roundabout daily because of the pedestrian crossing. There are meant to be clear ways left but they are often blocked. Trucks are taking Rawhiti Ave which is also a problem. It's a busy area with the Doctors and medical facilities. Angle parking on road "corners" is a massive problem. The intersection by the council buildings, and Rawhiti Ave/Tawari St intersection and Farmers access are 3 good examples. Because of the angle parking right on the corner or in the case of Farmers right on either side of the entry you have to stick your car nose half way across the oncoming traffic lane just to see if the road is clear. This is dangerous, especially with the size of some of the parked vehicles if you are in just a normal saloon or small car. You often can not see over or around these other vehicles because of the length/height if them. Freedom camping on council land. We are getting too many examples of permanent "residents" in areas like Railside, the carpark beside the info office and even out at the Tower. This needs a better eye kept on it and no one should be able to live in these areas in their vehicles permanently. There are only 2 major events each year that ask for road closures around town. ANZAC parade and Christmas Parade. One is a National event, the other a local event. Both are only once a year and should not cost these organisations anything. The council fee for the ANZAC day parade is $10000. This is ridiculous when everything else is being donated. Swaps donate the traffic management but council charge for remembering our fallen service men and women. The Christmas Parade is a couple of hours enjoyment to numerous Matamata families. It is a community event. Surely these 2 nit for profit events could be supported by council??	no	no	The proposed bylaw provides for activities that damage the road corridor to be prohibited and enables Council to seek recovery of repair costs from those responsible. The bylaw also supports controls on parking near intersections to protect sightlines and road safety, and operational issues raised at specific locations have been noted. Comments relating to the Matamata bypass, freight route selection, freedom camping, and fees for community event road closures are governed by separate policies, legislation, or Council decisions and sit outside the scope of the proposed Land Transport Bylaw.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
LT - 15	Ross and Janet Miller		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).		no	no	
LT - 16	Evelyn Ryan		Option 5: Other	Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community with the following amendment to clause 12.1: "No Person may, without the prior Approval of the Council, place, erect, or allow any building, structure, object, vegetation, or other item on, over, or under any part of the Road Corridor. This includes any permanent or semi-permanent encroachment that may obstruct, endanger, or otherwise interfere with the safe use, maintenance or operation of the Road Corridor. Council will not unreasonably withhold its Approval for the placement of any vegetation on a Berm which the Person seeking Approval agrees to maintain until the vegetation's maturity."	no	no	The proposed Bylaw makes provisions for any permanent or semi-permanent encroachment that may obstruct, endanger, or otherwise interfere with the safe use, maintenance or operation of the Road Corridor. Staff don't think the additional wording is required.
LT - 17	Clem Melville		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).	Enforce the law on vegetation over footpaths. I feel the minimum clearance height from the footpath should be 2.7 metres. This allows children on bikes, those riding mobility scooters and pedestrians to have safe vision. As a person who uses a mobility scooter, I find it difficult crossing certain roads from the footpath onto the road as there is no proper entry points.	no	no	Vegetation overhanging footpaths is addressed in Clause 12 of the proposed bylaw. Matters relating to clearance heights and kerb crossings are operational and sit outside the scope of the bylaw.
LT - 18	Margaret Teague		Option 1: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) as proposed to the community (this is Council's preferred option).	Please give us an Island at the Town Clock Intersection where we all Give Way to the Right.	no	no	Intersection design and changes where state highways are involved sit outside the scope of the Land Transport Bylaw as State Highways are the responsibility of the New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi. The feedback in the submission is noted and will be passed to roading team.
LT - 19	Vincent Andersen		Option 3: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) with further amendments.	School Buses should be legally required to have flashing lights on them in our district. On foggy days they are really dangerous as they are hard to see. Many of my drivers have reported near misses with school buses on foggy days.	no	no	The safety concerns raised are acknowledged; however, requirements for school bus lighting and vehicle equipment are set through national regulations rather than local bylaws, meaning this matter cannot be addressed through the proposed Land Transport Bylaw.
LT - 20	Isaac McIntyre	Federated Farmers	Option 3: Adopt the draft Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) with further amendments.		yes	Appendix A, page 2	The references to Schedule 5 (Stock Movement) in the draft Bylaw are incorrect. These have been corrected (for Council approval) and an explainatory note added to reference the Development Manual and Stock Control Strategy where further detail on the permits and conditions can be found.

ID	Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
LT - 21	Rachel Cook	Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission			no	Appendix D	Amendment has been made in the Draft Bylaw (for Council approval) to include the following: *"For the avoidance of doubt, 'road' includes all formed and unformed legal roads, including paper roads, that are vested in or under the control of the council, whether or not they are constructed or maintained."*

Submissions received: Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw

The consultation on the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw resulted in a large number of submissions, with many option based response fields in the submission form. To improve readability, responses have been collated into summary tables, with percentages shown.
The table below captures submissions with written comments only. The full submissions for Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw can be found in Attachment D - Full Submissions for Policy on Dogs on Dog Control Bylaw 2026

The submissions show broad alignment with the overall direction of the proposed Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw, particularly the clearer structure, clearer expectations for responsible ownership, and retention of existing welfare standards. Most submitters agree with the need for updated policy settings and improved clarity.
There is general acceptance of allowing dogs in Central Business Districts and on the Hauraki Rail Trail when dogs are on leash and under control, with many submissions noting that effective implementation will rely on signage, waste management and enforcement.
The most contested issue raised through submissions relates to proposed changes to off-leash exercise areas in Matamata, particularly Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive. Feedback on this issue is divided, with submitters raising a range of reasons both for and against change, and frequent references to the availability, accessibility and distribution of alternative off-leash areas.
Across submissions, enforcement and roaming dogs are repeatedly identified as key operational concerns. Many submitters note that compliance outcomes are seen as dependent on enforcement capacity rather than policy wording alone.
Overall, submissions reflect support for the policy framework and mixed views on specific access changes, with consistent emphasis on implementation, enforcement and practical impacts

PREFERRED OVERALL OPTION

Option	Count	Percentage
Option 1: Adopt Policy	49	31.60%
Option 2: Keep Existing	22	14.20%
Option 3: Adopt with Amendments	33	21.30%
Option 4: Revoke Bylaw	5	3.20%
Option 5: Other	18	11.60%
No Response	28	18.10%

QUESTION-BY-QUESTION RESPONSES

Question	Yes ✓	No ✗	Other	No Response	Support Rate	Status
Q2: Clearer layout & responsible ownership	120	8	8	19	93.80%	Strong Support
Q3: Updated policy objectives	90	15	16	34	85.70%	Strong Support
Q4: Farmer St Reserve prohibited	34	13	84	24	72.30%	Moderate
Q5: Dogs in CBDs (on leash)	111	26	9	9	81.00%	Strong Support
Q6: Dogs on Hauraki Rail Trail	111	11	20	13	91.00%	Strong Support
Q7: Six-month trial for changes	96	30	14	15	76.20%	Moderate
Q8: Centennial/Tom Grant → on-leash	**53**	**57**	**30**	**15**	**48.20%**	**CONTENTIOUS**
Q9: Two dogs in town rule	115	17	9	14	87.10%	Strong Support
Q10: Current housing/care standards	119	7	9	20	94.40%	Strong Support

SPOTLIGHT: off-leash vs on-leash?

Q8: Should Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive (Matamata) change from off-leash to on-leash?

KEY CONCERNS RAISED:

- Lack of alternative off-leash areas in Matamata township
- Dogs need space to run and exercise safely
- Current areas are well-used by responsible owners
- Concerns about accessibility of alternative locations

KEY THEMES FROM SUBMISSIONS		
STRONG SUPPORT	Policy Clarity	93.8% support clearer layout and responsible ownership focus
STRONG SUPPORT	Rail Trail Access	91.0% support dogs on Hauraki Rail Trail (on-leash)
STRONG SUPPORT	Dogs in CBD	81.0% support allowing dogs in town centres on-leash
MODERATE	Trial Period	76.2% support a 6-month trial for CBD/Rail Trail changes
DIVIDED	Off-leash Areas	Only 48.2% support changing Centennial/Tom Grant to on-leash
CONCERN	Enforcement	Multiple submitters want stronger enforcement for roaming dogs

Submitter name	Organisation	Option selected:	Comment	Further comment	Attending hearing	Attachment	Staff comment
Royce WILES	Matamata Historical Society	Option 5: Other	In the October 2025 MHS committee meeting we asked all MHS committee members their views on allowing dogs into the Firth Tower Museum grounds, we also canvassed our member volunteers on site on the Wednesday morning working bees. The following points were raised in the discussion, you will see that our choice is NOT to make any changes in current rules. Some of our museum buildings are left open for the public during opening hours (some permanently and sometimes for individual events) and we would do not think it appropriate for dogs to go through our displays or indeed the heritage buildings—also the risk of someone (eventually) walking in something left behind by a dog, and then walking it through the heritage buildings was not considered worth the risk); Although dog owners are mostly considerate there are a few who may not be (we have all seen dog 'do' left behind around Matamata) and we prefer not to have even an elevated risk of this anywhere on site (partly for aesthetic reasons but also because we have a vegetable garden on site that supplies the Matamata food bank)—we have had no problems of this kind whatsoever in recent years and so we think the current by-law/regulation is working well and does not need any changes; The MPDC listing of Wai Tapu at https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/wmmp/96-district-plan/district-plan-part-b/347-schedule-1-heritage-waahi-tapu includes the Tamihana monument in the museum grounds, this is not in anyway fenced off and we definitely prefer not to have this site at risk, or any disrespect possible for this Ngati Haua significant site. There were other discussions, notably that MPDC staff on site MAY have to take on clean up duties after dogs and this was best avoided.		no	no	Staff support keeping Firth Tower Historic Reserve as a "no dogs" area.
Glenys udy		Option 5: Other	Using the public pool for dogs only event is not good idea. They should have special pool for dogs of they want it. Spoke to some friends about it and very much against it. This pool is for people not animals. I refuse to go to the pools knowing animals have been using it. I rather go to Te Aroha .		no	no	The dogs in Togs event held in the Morrinsville Pool is held on the last day of the pool being open each summer, and was only open to dogs. The pool is then shut for the winter. In spring, before the pool is reopened to the public it is completely cleaned out, filters changed and all Health and Safety taken care of.
Natasha walsh		Option 4: Revoke current Dog Control Bylaw	i Also think its wrong i have a fully fenced section my dogs have never caused trouble and i have to pay $160 each year when we have wild dogs roaming the neighbourhood and nothing is done about this		no	no	Dog registration fees are set to recover the cost of animal control services in line with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. Council acknowledges concerns that responsible owners may feel they are subsidising roaming or unregistered dogs, and improving compliance remains a priority.
Nicola Slade		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	After a very frightening experience concerning a dog recently, I suggest that dog wardens are obliged to visit the complainant, not just drive round the area. If this had occurred in my case my neighbours and I could have pointed out where the dog came from, etc. As she didn't bother to contact me nothing happened. I was furious.		no	no	Animal control officers endeavour to visit complainants when possible.
Katrina Mcintyrw		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw			no	no	
Laura Daniels		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Would prefer up to 3 dogs in urban areas as long as you are a responsible owner and have no complaints against you regarding owning dogs. Also that your property is large enough to support 3 dogs.		no	no	The draft Bylaw provides that no occupier of a property within an the Urban Area shall keep or permit to be kept on each separate premises more than two dogs of a greater age than three months without obtaining a permit under this clause. To obtain a permit for 3 or more dogs, the applicant must seek the consent of the adjacent property owner(s) or occupier(s) most likely to be affected by the application.
Billie Naessens			I strongly disagree with centennial drive and Tom grant drive being changed to on leash areas. There are really limited off leash areas in Matamata and this will massively effect the quality of life for my dog. My dog is trained to heal and recall. He does not need to be on a lead at all, these areas are my every day walk routes. I don't understand		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive are shared spaces and not separated from the road. It was deemed by staff to be the safest option to make this on leash.
Priscilla Tarrant		Option 5: Other	Regarding Dog limits: Up to two dogs may be kept in urban areas without a permit .....This is ridiculous..... All dogs should have a permit. Unlimited dogs in rural areas .....this short sighted and pandering to people whose dogs just keep having pups. Farmers who can prove they have working dogs is a different kettle of fish. .....they should have special reduced prices for their Dog licences. There is a DOG problem in NZ especially in the country areas. Up to 32,000 dog attacks per year in NZ plus people are getting killed yealry by dogs. The cultural aspect of Dog control is also ridiculous and biased towards a certain sector of Dog owners who use them for fighting dogs and allow them to run freely (They will love the Free for All country allowance. This is a cop out by councils who have no back bone or courage to protect the MAJORITY of New Zealanders and the 32,000 people (and the number that is growing) who have been attacked (and killed) by dogs, myself included.	Nobody can have picnics anymore because of DOG faeces/ urine everywhere plus unleased dogs keeping people away from walking freely because of their liabiity to attack. ("everyone says Oh my dog doesnt bite") It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people plus the defaece and urinate every where. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people plus defeceate and urinate everyhere. We need leaders who have courage and justice thinking, and not those who pander to outlaw groups of wild dog owners because they are afraid of being threatened I dont think dogs should be in the Central Business Districts at all. It is naive to thing that those who always disregard the rules are going abide by that. Those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people on bikes plus the defaece and urinate every w It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. The law has to be VERY STRONG because those that dont care (because they are being pandered to) will always keep breaking the law and NOTHING will improve. (For example) I have often seen the same man with 3 dogs down at the Morrinsville Rec Ground, walk through there to the bush area at the end and entering the bush from there. This way he doesnt enter by way of the proper track that has a sign saying 'no unleased dogs), so then he has an excuse if he is ever pulled up about it. The rules with dogs are being broken left right and center and I believe the Dog Control Officers	yes	no	Council acknowledges the submitter's concerns about dog attacks, public safety, and enforcement. All dogs must be registered, and the draft Bylaw allows up to two dogs in urban areas without a permit, with permits required for additional dogs. Dog control officers operate within national legislation and respond to complaints about roaming or aggressive dogs. Improving compliance and enforcement remains an ongoing focus, supported by reporting from the community. Kuri inclusion was reccomended by TMF. As part of the development of the Policy and Bylaw, staff reviewed the complaint trends from 2019-2024 in the district. The most common reported issue is wandering dogs, barking dogs, and aggressive dogs. Within the district, aggressive dog complaints increased steadily from 37 (2019/20) to 51 (2023/24), peaking at 57 in 2021/22. Dog bite complaints climbed from 11 (2019/20) to a high of 25 (2021/22 & 2022/23), then slightly decreased to 21 in 2023/24.

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				have their own rules and are not protecting our freedom to walk anywhere in town. Also I thing Councillors are not responsible if they do not clamp down hard on Dog Control. 32,000 people attacked by dogs - does anyone really care ????????????????			
Jason Tidmarsh		Option 5: Other	Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive to remain off lead areas. I walk my dog through both Centennial Drive and Tom Grant every day of the week and have never had nor ever seen any issues with other users with or without dogs. Making these areas car free would be much beneficial to the community.	There is nowhere else in Matamata where you can walk your dog for any reasonable distance other than the drives. The whole Drive loop is approximately 4km with a bit of on lead time when outside of the drives.	yes	no	[Closing the road to cars] Centennial Drive is a Recreation Reserve. The internal road through the reserve is not a public road/part of the public roading network. Council may temporarily close the road under the provisions of the reserve management plan however any permanent closure of the road would require public consultation.
Yvonne Mortensen		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Would not be happy to see any dogs on leash in the main shopping areas. What about entering shops with the dog? If that is not ok, then why allow them into the CBD at all. Older persons are more likely to have a fall or be discouraged to go into these areas. I am not anti dog but I am anti bad owners and feel there will be no control over the CBD if this is allowed.		no	no	It is proposed to change the CBD areas from prohibited to dogs during business hours to an on-leash areas. Council will need to consider this in light of the public feedback.
Andrea Ritmeester		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	This is one of the few places in Matamata (other than the dog park on Peria Rd) where dogs can be walked off leash, and the only area that you can easily walk to from anywhere in Matamata. We walk our dog here every day and it is very rare to come across a dog being walked off leash that is not social with people and other dogs and under control. I feel strongly that as long as the dog is under control at all times this area should be preserved as an off-leash area to exercise dogs. The vehicle traffic currently through these areas pose a much greater danger to pedestrians and children that the dogs being being walked there and, in my opinion, these areas should be turned into proper green spaces by closing them off to motorised vehicles.	Please don't punish the many people who have well educated and socialised dogs by removing the off-lead walking areas in Matamata.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.)
Sharon Neal		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	There is no place for off-leash dogs in a public area		no	no	There are designated off-leash dog exercise areas available in each of the district's three towns. These areas are intended to provide opportunities for dogs to exercise off-leash in appropriate locations. Information on the location and rules for these dog exercise areas is available on the Council website.
Chris Gifford		Option 5: Other	No Dogs on the Waihou recreation reserve which is now mainly Equestrian focussed and no signage posted. Needs tobe a sign All the Dog areas you have mentioned, not once is Waihou Recreation Reserve mention as being allowed Dogs and just a query , the 4 user groups of the grounds Rugby Club, RDA, Te Aroha Hack and Hunters and Morrinsville Te Aroha dressage Group , which i understand all have a lease agreement so why is it open for public access, dogs off leashes, mini bikes racing round and people practicing golf?		yes	no	Waihou Recreation Reserve is currently an 'on leash' area. Regulatory signage advising that dogs must be on leash were vandalised and had to be replaced. The leases referred to only apply to specific portions of the reserve. The leases do not grant exclusive rights of occupation over the entire reserve. The public have a legal right of access to most of the reserve land. The public must however comply with the law, including the Dog Control Bylaw and the Community Safety Bylaw when accessing the reserve. Staff are aware of one complaint about mini motorbikes accessing the reserve. Motorbikes accessing parks and reserves is a challenging issue across the country. Effective physical measures to keep motorbikes out unfortunately also keep out legitimate park users like people in mobility scooters, people pushing baby buggies etc. Motorbike-related issues also tend to move around from one park to another. Staff are not aware of any complaints about people practicing golf at the reserve.
G T Sarah		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Excessive barking has not been addressed and should be part of the dog control by law as well as under noise control.		no	no	Complaints relating to excessive or persistent barking are addressed under the Dog Control Act 1996 and responded to appropriately.
Bridget Gill		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	in Matamata you take away the only two areas were mothers with prams can take their dogs off leash. You are not adding any new ones. Logically fence founders park anyone who does not want to be with dogs off leash can easily walk around it. Have certain areas of the drive fenced. Back on Leash when out of these areas.	These are the only areas families, with prams,i kids scooter and bikes and mobility scooters can take their dogs off leash it is discriminating against families and those with disabiliy. Tom grant is the only one in this area as Founders park is not fenced and dangerous !!	no	no	Founders Park was not originally inteded to be a dog exercise area. It was originally developed by community groups as a picnic area. It became an 'off lead' area prior to the development of the Peria Road dog exercise area. Fencing is likely to detract from the open character of Founders Park making it appear less inviting. Fencing would also increase maintenece costs. Founders Park is only 3 mins drive from the Peria Road Dog Exercise Area which is already fenced. Council could consider changing Founders Park back to an 'on lead' area given its proximity to the Peria Road dog exercise area. Centennial Drive Reserve was developed as a green belt and contains a significant tree collection largely established and maintained by a volunteer community group. Fencing parts of the park is likely to detract from the aesthetics and would also increase maintenece costs. If Council wishes to investigate fencing options and costs this could be done as part of the LTP process.
Becky		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Morrinsville needs more dog exercise areas and areas where dogs are allowed to walk on-leash, including in the nearby countryside / local walks.	Yes, but there also needs to be an emphasis on more dog exercise areas, and countryside walks / areas dogs are allowed to walk on-leash in Morrinsville.	no	no	Council may wish to consider providing and funding additional dog exercise areas as part of the Long Term Plan process. Dogs are already allowed 'on leash' at all public parks in Morrinsville except for the fenced playground at Thomas Park which is a 'no dogs' area. Dogs are already allowed 'on leash' at all walking tracks in Morrinsville that are managed by MPDC.

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Natalie Feek		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		This is the perfect place for dogs to explore, socialise, and walk freely in an open environment. It provides a wonderful space where dogs can exercise, interact with other dogs, and simply enjoy being outdoors. For many dog owners, it is also a valuable community space, a place to connect with others, and watch their dogs play happily. Restricting vehicle access would help preserve the space as a safe and enjoyable area for everyone who uses it.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Yash Murti		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw					
Karen Huitema			I have just read your rules on dogs..leash areas...every where which is ridiculous. Matamata dog owners..the ones just I know are devoted to their dogs.They are well trained and we trust them...we can walk them leash free in the drives and Swap park where we know and trust them to run around and play together..otherwise we wouldn't be there. It's the dogs that aren't walked that are not controlled. There is no way my dog is going to go 'walkies' every day leashed! He loves to meet his doggie friends and they zoom around together.. If there is any hostility its at the Peria road dog park where I've broken up a couple of confrotations'! My Cooper is 6 and adored by all the dogs and humans..lots of kids want to come pat him. I disagree with your rules..I think you need to leave the decisions up to the owners..we know our dogs better than anyone. Thankyou for your time and please consider what I'm saying Karen and Cooper Huitema.		yes	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Bev Jackson		Option 5: Other	I agree with all dogs on lead in town with safety for both dogs and people. The saddest thing would be for dogs not allowed to be off leash in centennial drive - all dogs I have meet there have been under control and REALLY enjoying a small piece of matamata off leash allowing times to sniff. Yes I know there is the dog park but good grief what can a dog do there for a very short run and usually being attacked by another dog - which is why I don't go there. One of the main reasons for shifting to Matamata was the ability to have a place where myself and my puppy can walk through a beautiful place together		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Linnea McDonald onald	Te Aroha and District Riding for the Disabled		We want people to stop using the area for dogs off lead. This can spoke our horses. I love dogs but not around our horses.		no	no	Waihou Recreation Reserve is currently an 'on leash' area. Regulatory signage advising that dogs must be on leash were vandalised and had to be replaced. Council may chose to make Waihou Recreation Reserve a 'no dogs' area or retain it as an 'on lead' area.
Craig Le Vaillant		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Tom Grant drive is a valuable dog exercise area that is readily accessible to many living in the area. This should stay as an off leash option.		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive are shared spaces and not separated from the road. It was deemed by staff to be the safest option to make this on leash.
Brendon John Fiebig		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I like the option to allow dogs in CBD if leashed and responsible, and cleaned up after.		no	no	
Stuart Davey			Dogs should not be allowed in hospitality areas. Dogs should be on a leash when in public areas		no	no	It is proposed to change the CBD areas from prohibited to dogs during business hours to an on-leash areas. Council will need to consider this in light of the public feedback.
Colin Simpson			I believe all the options are useless, and will not address the dog problem. All unregistered roaming dogs are dangerous. This is an unfortunate reality. I am a dog owner myself, and have been for 60 years. As unpalatable as it seems, these dogs need to be killed. There is no shortage of dogs, just a shortage of good owners. Allowing these dogs to live, even desexed, is wrong. These dogs, in fact all dogs, are always looking for a pack to belong to. If they can't belong in a human pack, they will make there own. Sometimes we just have to harden up and do the hard yards. Doing the hard Mahi is what councils are voted in to do. If any councilors find this repugnant then they should probably stand down.	I don't believe it is working now and I don't think it will work in the future without tougher consequences.	no	no	Dog management under the bylaw must operate within legislative requirements and focus on public safety, animal welfare, and responsible ownership, supported by a range of enforcement and education tools
Stephen Cope		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Yes, changes to the use of some of these areas mean we need to change how dogs are treated in these spaces.	Another companion animal that would benefit from similar bylaws are our cats. Please apply these same rules to cats. Many other councils have done similar with great result	no	no	Cat bylaws arent being considered without the backing of leglisation.
Miru Hotene		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	If they are used for personal care and support ONLY, these dogs are trained to behave accordingly in public places. Other dogs, not used for these purposes can cause unnecessary trauma to some that have had bad interactions with dogs in the past. I am one who was bitten by a dog when attending a whanau call out. It came quietly from behind and ripped into my leg. I complained to Council after getting medical attention.	Should be a higher standard especially in rural communities such as Rukumoana Road! My neighbours have dogs that run rampant all the time. I do not believe any are registered except my neighbour next door, whose dog only stays in his yard.	no	no	All complaints are dealt with through the bylaw and Dog Control Act 1996.

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Jill Gibbs			No I prefer to not allow dogs on the main shopping streets. The footpath are nl don't enjoy seeing dogs running along side cyclists, I feel its too hard on the dogs .ot wide enough and most dog owners don't keep their dogs on a short lead.	There should be a maximum period of how long a dog is allowed to be tied up. Fencing should be compulsory. More than 2 visits from dog control should amount to removal of dog until issue sorted.	no	no	SPCA look after animal welfare and have new rules around how long dogs can be tied up. Removal of dogs from owners is governed by the Dog Control Act 1996.
Isobel Worley		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Dogs need to be well under control, on leads. Young children can be really frightened by dogs sniffing around them, as can many adults. Higher focus on dogs needing to be on leads on tracks in the bush, particularly the track to the Whakapipi Lookout.		no	no	The Council website and signage at Te Aroha Domain entrances indicate dogs must be 'on leash' at Te Aroha Domain and on the track to Whakapipi. Regulatory signage along the Te Aroha Mountain Track is in the process of being upgraded (larger sign with a repeat of regulatory icons). Note: MPDC does not control signage on public conservation land above Whakapipi/Bald Spur which is managed by DOC.
Heather McIntosh		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	I'm not so keen for Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive to be on leash areas. I am a high user of these areas, dog off leash - & have not had a serious issue in the 15+ yrs. Compromise? On leash from 8am-3.30pm, off leash outside of this times? Gives school kids freedom, and a big time slot for nervous dog uses		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Chris applebee		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Number of dogs allowed per home should be 3 as long as the owners have a clean history of good dog ownership and can safely confine the dogs on the section. Neighbours should not be able to veto said number as this relies on good neighbour relationships and any negativity may not be the fault of the dog owners but just vexatious neighbours.	Number of dogs allowed per home should be 3 as long as the owners have a clean history of good dog ownership and can safely confine the dogs on the section. Neighbours should not be able to veto said number as this relies on good neighbour relationships and any negativity may not be the fault of the dog owners but just vexatious neighbours.	no	no	A permit for three dogs can be applied for. There is no fee for this permit.
Deirdre Bretherton		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		Absolutely support these changing to on-leash areas. A community safety issue that's long overdue for implementing	no	no	
Amy Barker		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments		this is so disappointing. as usual it's the good dog owners being penalised. i compete in three different sports with my dogs, they never roam despite being entire males and we've never had any complaints. go and PROPERLY target the shitty dog owners who don't desex, let their dogs roam and create more puppies - there's several of these houses within 200m of me meaning i have to drive to a different suburb of Morrinsville to feel safe enough to walk my dogs. those people are the multi-dog owners causing issues not people like me. there's also the issue of renters, how is someone meant to get a permit when there's a never ending cycle of new tenants?!? also not sure why i should have to pay an additional fee to the council each year for the permit? what on earth would that be covering in terms of costs?	no	no	Permit does not have to be renewed when occupants. Fees cover administration and monitoring.
Lyn Shaw		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Most of the proposal I agree with, but I am concerned about the closure of centennial drive in Matamata as a no leash area.	I frequently walk my small dog through Centennial Drive as it is near my home and easily accessible to me. I have a small section and need to walk her 2 or 3 times per day to maintain her health. All the other off leash areas are too far away to walk to and I would have to drive there, which is becoming more prohibitive as petrol costs increase. If Centennial Drive is closed to off leash dogs, I feel an alternative area is needed that is within walking distance, especially with the housing developments happening on this side of town and the potential for increasing dog numbers. I know that Swap Park has been suggested previously and maybe it is time to revisit this as an alternative.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Jessye Marshall		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	The policy seems great but I think taking away the off leash on centennial drive and Tom grant is a bit harsh as I notice it's alot of older people that want a safe space for their dog to be able to freely walk without being pulled all over the place, but isnt as restricting as being locked in a dog park		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Talia Thornley		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		Dog rego do not need to go up. Good dog owners should not be paying for bad owners. Dog rego should be cheaper and bad dog owners pay more consequences. As a responsible dog owner, I'm in favor of a law that all dogs must be micro chipped and desexed unless the owner has a breading license. And all dog should be on leash in public places, including beaches and parks.	no	no	Dogs do need to be registered and mircochipped. The fee increase is necessary to ensure we cover costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy which requires 80% of the costs of this service to be covered by dog owners. However, as part of developing the Long Term Plan we plan to review this split.
Rhonda Fawcett		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	I do not like you taking away the option of dogs off the lead in Centennial drive. It is my favourite place to walk my dog off the lead. He gets to meet many other dogs. Every one is so friendly. I have never once had problems with other dogs in this area but I have at the dog park so I don't use that now. It's nice that you purpose to allow dogs in the CBD and I think adding extra spaces is great for dog owners but taking away off lead spaces is definitely a bad thing. Also Centennial drive provides a shaded walkway for both owners and dogs. Where else do we find that?		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive are shared spaces and not separated from the road. It was deemed by staff to be the safest option to make this on leash.
Emma Miles		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I agree with the new amendments proposed in the letter. Hopefully, that is Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw. The options above are not easy to follow, and I would not be surprised if you receive inaccurate results because of this.		no	no	

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Rose		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Being a dog owner myself I think dogs should be allowed every where except for children's playgrounds and schools. More dog exercise areas should be around, look at doing something like Waikato canine adventure park great revenue maker for the council and great area for dogs also	Any dogs that are not cared for properly, escape continually and are not registered should be removed from the house and rehomed to responsible people	no	no	Council may wish to consider provision and funding for any future dog exercise areas as part of the LTP. Waikato Canine Adventure Park is a private business located near Taupiri.
Milly Keys		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I have absolutely no problem with dogs being allowed onlesh in the CBD, however I do have concerns with the potential of dog poop and urine not being attended to. I would assume that dog bag, and specific disposal bins will be installed. Dog poop is not all the same "consistency" so would be concerned that less easier poop pickups would cause unsightly and odorous residue on our footpaths. Very happy to hear onlesh for Tom Grant drive. Our home backs on to Tom Grant Drive, and have witnessed a couple of altercations between dogs that have been off lesh, thankfully without any serious incident.	I have absolutely no problem with dogs being allowed onlesh in the CBD, however I do have concerns with the potential of dog poop and urine not being attended to. I would assume that dog bag, and specific disposal bins will be installed. Dog poop is not all the same "consistency" so would be concerned that less easier poop pickups would cause unsightly and odorous residue on our footpaths. Our home backs on to Tom Grant Drive, and have witnessed a couple of altercations between dogs that have been off lesh, thankfully without any serious incident.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use. There are enforcement options for dog owners that dont clean up after their dog. Onus is on dog owners to dispose their dog excrement.
Caron Stewart		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I agree Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive should be on-leash areas. A number of people use both for regular walks with or without dogs and for many, an off leash dog can be intimidating regardless of its size. I think dogs in the CBD should remain during restricted hours		no	no	
		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Current policy allows dogs to be tied up all day and even 24/7. That is cruel and no dog should be forced to live chained up like that. There should at the very least be a requirement that dogs should have freedom to move about on their section unrestrained as every house is required to have fencing. I would like to see a requirement that no dog is permitted to be tied up without exercise. Council needs to take more responsibility for the welfare of dogs which are cruelly treated in this way.		no	no	SPCA look after animal welfare and have new rules around how long dogs can be tied up. New dog tethering regulations were introduced in September 2025 under the Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations. These are designed to address situations where dogs are being harmed as a result of being chained or tied up for long periods and to protect vulnerable dogs such as puppies and mothers.
Kevin Whaley		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Most of the options contain far too many words, which ultimately lead to a situation where policy becomes vague. The policy should be short, sharp and to the point.	There is a great need to be bold. This applies to Central Government also. Dogs are NOT more important than humans and the recent spate of dig attacks around the country highlight a much stronger approach must be taken. I do not dislike dogs, I should make that clear, but unless more significant steps are taken to force dog owners to be responsible then nothing will change. Just more words and more lengthy policies. One simple way to have an immediate effect is, ALL un-registered dogs, whether they be out loose or on a property, are immediately destroyed. NO discussion. If an owner cannot afford to register a dog then how do they feed it properly. Some would say this is cruel, but no, if owners care then they will do the right thing an register them. Second simple way, owner of any registered dog caught loose, have 48 hours to reclaim their dog or it is destroyed. This will give time for the Dog Control officer to contact the owner. A register to be maintained of roaming/loose dogs and if a dog is caught loose twice, then it is destroyed. Many will say this is a very harsh approach, but if we wish to be serious about what has become a significant issue within communities then a bold approach must be taken. Widely publicise the changes so that everyone is quite clear, provide a lead in time of 3 months and then implement. Thank you for your time, I await with interest.	no	no	Rules are set by the Dog Control Act 1996.
Chris Bennett		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		More enforcement of dogs off lease particularly when using on lease areas.	no	no	Animal control carry out regular patrols.
Lynette Beer		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Submitters may have genuine concerns/suggestions that could be considered prior to the Policy being ratified.	1) Visit all residences in area to determine unregistered dogs and have owners comply - there are more than one in our small village 2) Prohibit the use of vehicles to exercise dogs i.e. use of vehicle driving at speed with dogs following loose on open road - make this an offence 3) Limit number of dogs held on property to maximum of 2 - in builtup areas the noise of barking/howling is unacceptable	no	no	Properties with dogs are checked once a year by animal control at registration time. Dogs are to be on leash in public areas unless in a specified off leash. There is a limit of two dogs per household unless the recieve a permit.
Sebo Bruins		Option 5: Other	I dont understand these laws or changes well enough to have an opinion	They are extraordinarily poorly written for example ; Dog exercise area approach (??) - removing the previous policy statement that exclusive dog exercise areas would not be provided This is a very complicated way of saying "we'll provide dog exercise areas" I'm assuming for a lot of dog owners in town this will be a main point especially if other areas are now only for leashed dogs. So please just be clear Most of the wording of the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw is cluttered with pointless over statement that requires repetitive reading to understand Recognition of Kuri- strengthened and expanded in partnership with Te Manawhenua Forum Why? Why is a council needing to make that statement ? We all are aware of the Kuri already, it doesnt require laws or exercise or treatment so why are we making a policy for something that doesn't exist ? Operational updates- clearer neutering rules for menancing dogs and rules around what might happen in serious situations No Clear rules for dangerous dogs and what will happen in serious situations- is a clearer more accurate way of communicating without the fluff	yes	no	

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lynn needham			most of the adoptions don't concern me apart from dogs in towns dogs in cafe's Why would you want to take your dog to town. I was having a nice lunch in a morrinsville Cafe where these 2 dogs started to have set to. which resulted in a customer being hurled into the lap of a couple have tea and cake which just got spewed to the ground. luckily no one was hurt, and I managed to grab the lead of the offending animal. now these were small dogs. so would it be ok for my daughter and myself to take the Rottweilers to town. no I wouldn't anyway because it's these small irritating yapping dust mops that course the most upsets. all dogs should be on a leash. have you seen the "Fenton" dog on utube it's funny but could have been dangerous		no	no	It is proposed to change the CBD areas from prohibited to dogs during business hours to an on-leash areas. Council will need to consider this in light of the public feedback.
Marie Wright		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	I do agree with everything, including a stronger focus on responsible dog ownership. However, it appears that the council has a different understanding of what responsible dog ownership means. A responsible dog owner knows when it is appropriate to put their dog on leash, and when it is safe to allow their dog to walk off leash. A responsible dog owner knows to pick up their dogs droppings. A responsible dog owner knows their dog, how their dog behaves when meeting other dogs and people, and acts accordingly to not put their dog or others at risk. A "stronger focus on responsible dog ownership" to me means enabling that behaviour, not restricting it by cutting down off leash dog exercise areas. You should reword the proposed changes to "stronger focus on controlling dog owners and their dogs". As a responsible dog owner myself I do not feel empowered by this proposal but restricted. Cutting down off-leash dog exercise areas does not focus on responsible dog ownership, but on people who do not own dogs.	Please do not make Centennial Drive on-leash only. It would be a great disservice to the dog loving and responsible community of Matamata.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Carol Bennett		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		Cars don't always drive at 25kmh and electric vehicles are so quiet it sometimes hard to know a car is behind me. So many dogs off leash with little regard for on leash dogs. On leash would negate any excuses for not picking up after dog. I quote Founders Park as classic example of off leash area where owners simply don't pick up afterwards (my kitchen overlooks the Park - so sad when so many have picnics in the park). I have a miniature poodle on 10m Longline lead and so many larger dogs in the Drives terrify him or bowl him over and owners just say "it's OK, my dog is friendly". Mine is a rescue and still reactive to larger dogs.	no	no	
Kay Tappin		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	It is disappointing to see the proposed changes to Centential Drive and Tom Grant Drive to be on leash. There are many owners who use these areas to give their dogs a bit of a run, leg stretching opportunity, myself included. Founders Park remains of leash but is more open and exposed to traffic, posing dangers. There are many older people who use Tom Grant Drive, (my area), that cannot afford a DAILY drive (and that will get worse!) across the other side of town to access the Peria Rd dog off leash park. Some of us are also limited with our own physical restrictions and do not go far from our homes meaning access to off leash in these areas is close by and needed. Please let Tom Grant Drive and Centenial Drive remain off leash areas. All the dogs I have witnessed and met that use , at least Tom Grant Drive as off leash are always well behaved and well trained. I even call my dogs and they sit while cars pass us as we walk a short portion of Tom Grant for daily 30 walks. To the best of my knowledge I have never heard of any complaints regarding off leash problem dogs in at least my area.		yes	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Syntyche		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	For smaller dogs centennial drive and Tom Grant are safe places for off leash. We've had bad experiences with bigger dogs at the other off leash exercise areas. We don't feel safe there.		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
ashlie		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I have epilepsy type disorder. So with the current by-laws, cannot phsically get my dog to the vet. Appreciate the proposed change to dogs being allowed in town, so long as on leash and they're, 'tideid up after'. Thank you.	Find it quite aweful - would you treat a child (your child), the way you treat you dog. I.e., put on a leash while at home, being kept in a cage (aka a kennel where you do not have the space to turn around, let alone not-being able to 'toilet' while in cage.	no	no	Animal welfare matters of this nature are primarily overseen by the SPCA, and Council works alongside the SPCA where appropriate to support.
Aleicia Harley		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Small dogs need to be leashed		no	no	All dogs are required to be on lead while in public unless at an off leash park.

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Jacqueline Steyn		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		A lot of dog owners do not understand dog mentality. Socialising dogs does not mean just letting them run up to any dog. Not all dogs are friendly with other dogs but if the owner is keeping it on a leash and under control they deserve to be able to go out in public and not get accosted by all the 'friendly' off leash dogs that are out of owners control and may run up and cause a dog fight with the responsible owner's dog that is on a leash. These off leash dogs that are not under the owners control cause a lot of dog fights and anxiety for the owners that spend time properly training their dogs. We want dogs to socialise under a controlled situation. In most cases people are just lazy and want the dogs to run wild and exercise themselves. I think there should still be areas that dogs can run off leash but everyone needs to know where this is so they can be avoided if you want to.	no	no	All dogs are required to be on lead while in public unless at an off leash park.
Lorraine Hutchison		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments		One of the pleasures of our seniors and myself is walking their furbabes up Centenial Drive. All the dogs I have met are a pleasure for us. noted people will secure their dogs if they are willful! My boy loves the freedom of sniffing and running around with other friendly 4 legged family pets.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Suzanne OConnor			I am just concerned about the amount of dog attacks on innocent people particularly the elderly and young children. I'm not familiar with the new changes but trust the right decision to be made. I wonder if people are not registering dogs due to cost? I do think there are some breeds eg pit bulls etc that can be lethal so that could have a higher penalty? Also my concern is that gangs often have dogs for protection etc but maybe too intimidating to monitor.		no	no	
Denise Anderson		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	I believe clear and enforceable rules must be made to further protect kuri. My questions around this further below in the form.	I would like to know what the bullet point 'Recognition of kuri- strengthened and in partnership.....' etc, actually means. Does this give greater protection to the animal, or to the whanau who own them? How is this enacted and policed in the real world outside of a cultural construct?	no	no	
David Irwin		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		We have been walking our dog on lead (by choice) twice a day in Centennial Drive for 9 years and have never seen a dog attack another. I am on the committee for the Centennial Drive Development society who support putting dogs on leash but unlike most of the members, I am a dog owner and as an individual I do not support their decision. I do not know the details of the purported minority attacks that have occurred, but I do know timid dogs often have timid owners and attract attention. Timid/small dogs on leads can feel threatened as they are unable to adequately defend themselves which makes them more defensive around unleased dogs. As the majority of dogs are walked in the mornings and early evening a fairer system would be to allow off lease between 4pm and 9am and on leash between 9am and 4pm as is done in other countries. That gives everyone a choice as to when and how they walk their dog and avoid the inevitable altercations which will occur if your proposal goes ahead. It will not be the dogs that you have to worry about. In my experience Centennial drive has been a successful off leash area. A dog must be walked. Not by car which has a dangerous element and owners that are less likely to pick up.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Murray Reid		Option 5: Other	Firstly I would comment that the dog issue in MPDC is relatively minor compared to some districts. I have been a responsible dog owner for nearly 30 years and have concluded that my registration fees in the main go toward creating a Council team whose focus is on control of dogs owned by people less responsible. "The goodies pay for the baddies". We seem hell bent on desexing, again at my expense. I think we should take a much harder line. All dogs should be chipped and registered. Any found unsupervised should be impounded and if after a week no owner has claimed it it should be put down, by the cheapest means. If an owner does claim the dog then a very healthy fine should be applied, big enough to suggest to the errant owner that the best option is to have the dog put down. Their choice!		no	no	Dog registration is not optional, it is a requirement under the Dog Control Act that all dogs are registered. Council do enforce this requirement and assist with microchipping where required.
Roy Brimblecombe		Option 5: Other	All dogs to be on leads at all times, excluding designated exercise areas. Dogs on leads permitted in main shopping area. Dog control officers to be given more power to ensure animal and public safety and to detain any and all wandering dogs. Dog control officers to carry out random property checks to expose the massive number of us registered and improperly cared for dogs. The onus has to be on the dog owner, not the public, to be safe.		no	no	Government is currently reviewing the Dog Control Act.
Greg Aspinall		Option 5: Other	Hi there, Thanks for allowing me to make a suggestion restricting access . What about having time-bound access for off-leash and on-leash for Tom Grant and Centennial Drive, much like a beach provides? As a dog owner and walker, I notice limited people except for joggers and dog walkers in the early morning. ie 5.30 am-7.30 am Mon, Friday, and 5.30am-8.00am Sat/Sunday. Anyway go well. really appreciate the consultation		no	no	Laws that are time framed do add confusion and are harder to regulate, but could be further considered.

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Keith Walters			Only one dog per household. Focus completely on dog-barking. (Always overlooked, perhaps intentionally by Council).	Stop people suffering with stress from now on. Dogs, even include murderous ones (they're all capable) They dogs aren't even put down! The only good dog is a working dog. Don't be afraid to stand up to pushy and demanding dog owners. Those days should be gone. Dogs are quieter when their owners are home. How nice for them! (discussed with MP's local office)	no	no	Barking dog issues are covered under the Dog Control Act 1996
Laurel Amon		Option 5: Other	Unless in exercise/dog areas all dogs should be on a leash. Owners all think they can control their dogs but many do not respond to command instantly. Not every one likes having dogs rushing up to them, jumping up on them etc etc. Don't like dogs in outdoor eating areas....means those who do not like or fear dogs do not have the option to dine out in fresh air. . Have some in our area who take their dogs for walks..with at least one off leash and allow it to tear off and pee on neighbours letterbox, garden etc.. Would like to see Dog Ranger patrolling more often.		no	no	Animal control carry out patrols as part of their duties.
Fiona Scott		Option 5: Other	Dog walking on leash on rail trail is excellent idea. Dogs in CBD should Not be allowed unless they are a guide dog. Shoppers dont want to see or smell dog poo or urine!		no	no	
Jodi Hilliar				Have to have dogs on a short/very short leash. Not a long lease like the ones where you can release or wind in the leash. So dog has to be beside the legs of the owner at all times. Especially applies when in the CBD, or in places where there are a lot of people gathering, eg; market place or farmers market or concerts. It's important the dog gets out of the way of people, not the other way round	no	no	There are not restrictions on leash length however dogs must remain under control even while on a lead.
Rogenvald Staffenmeir		Option 5: Other	I am always astounded at the binary either or approach. How about the both and approach? In Central Park NY you may walk your dog off lead until 9am and then on lead is enforced on lead from 9am to 9pm. I suggest that the same compromise be adopted here. Most people who are timid of dogs do not walk before 9am and most dog owners have walked their pooches well and truly before this time apart from a few stragglers.	Personally I believe if you decide on the heavy handed approach you will only encourage bloody mindedness most dog owners I have seen especially in the drive are very responsible.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Dianne Burnadette Squires		Option 4: Revoke current Dog Control Bylaw		There is nothing in the changes for those dogs whose owners let them roam and do not register them. The ones who are paying for the privilege of owning a dog are paying for the Animal Control to deal with them. The Lack of Registration and roaming dogs should be shown front and fore most not just in small print.	no	no	The fee increase is necessary to ensure we cover costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy which requires 80% of the costs of this service to be covered by dog owners. However, as part of developing the Long Term Plan we plan to review this split.
Christine smith			Can we have more rubbish bins at parks for dog poos		no	no	Outside the scope of the bylaw review. Rubbish bins and removal of waste comes at a cost that is funded from rates. We currently provide bins at high use sports and community parks that attract large groups of people and visitors from other areas during tournaments and events. We do not provide bins at most neighbourhood parks (residents are expected to take rubbish and recycling home and dispose of them responsibly). We also do not provide bins at remote rural sites due to the costs of servicing. These have a 'carry in, carry out' approach. Council may wish to consider the provision of bins, the associated costs and funding options as part of the LTP process.
Eve Kinane		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Section A Control Requirements, point 9 Confinement and General Control, in the explanatory notes add another bullet to include "runners" and "cats", in other words, a dog is not considered under control if it runs after runners or after cats.	Where is the policing on the less populated parts of the rail trail for dogs that are found wandering off leash? How will that be policed? What can people using the rail trail do to help bring to the attention of Animal Control a dog that is being allowed to breach the rules in that area eg photographs, video footage?	no	no	Compliants will be investigated, any information provided may help progress the compliant.
Chantelle McQueen		Option 4: Revoke current Dog Control Bylaw		I have lived backing onto Tom Grant Drive for 30+ years and have specifically chosen to stay in this area due to the fact we can walk our dogs off-leash along the Drive. I walk the Drive daily and have never seen any situation that would require changing to on-leash. Personally I always leash my dog/s when I think it's necessary (young family approaching etc) / passing the playground. We do not let our dogs run up to people, they know they need to stay close to us. I have seen very scary situations with dogs being aggressive when visiting the Peria Road and Cambridge dog parks, but never in the Drive. I think there should be more poo bag stations at each end of the Drive, and that owners should be more responsible and carry their own rolls. I realise people without dogs enjoy walking along the Drive, but so do people with their dogs. Others have the chance to walk anywhere they like, we don't. One of our dogs loves to play fetch with her ball, how are we supposed to do that while she is on a leash? Where else do we do that? Founders Park is not suitable as a dog park, the fence is non-existent, and it's surrounded by roads.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.

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Phil Beetham		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I have no problem with any bylaws regarding dog control and other owner's responsibilities. We have a medium size dog who is totally bonded to us; avoids other dogs and people unless we take her there, and because of our age and condition exercise her by running her slowly beside the car. She loves this and we are completely happy to keep her fit and healthy this way. Because of this, as we have NEVER had any problem with her behavior or from other dogs, PLEASE DO NOT MAKE CENTENIAL DRIVE A LEASH ONLY AREA. It is the most handy and suitable area for us, and keeping our 10 year old girl fit and healthy without any problem. Thanks for this opportunity, and thanks for listening.		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Trish Tribble			Dog registration charges are already too high with rates. We cannot keep up!	The $10 per dog increase is outrageous! Al9ng with extra hike in rates yet 150 is not enough PER DOG!!! Make it $10 per household but not per dog.syop making us the responsible ones pay for the irresponsible ones! If pound is running at that big of a loss then you need better staff and model for it.	no	no	The fee increase is necessary to ensure we cover costs and stay within our Revenue and Financing Policy which requires 80% of the costs of this service to be covered by dog owners. However, as part of developing the Long Term Plan we plan to review this split.
Linda & Peter Lintern		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	As we each day walk our Teacup Chihuahua along CBD, we very much appreciate that. We find it very safe and at all times Remy is on a leash & any dropping immediately attended to.	Illegal to walk dog unleashed in CBD and all built up area's in Matamata. Also dropping to be picked up at all times.	no	no	Dogs should be on leash at all times in public unless in an off leash area.
Edward Dean		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	I do not know if this applies to Swap Park. As dog owners we are responsible and always take away dog poo, etc. I know there are many people in Matamata, like myself and my wife, who love exercising their dogs at Swap Park, there are hardly any alternative areas of a decent size in Matamata at present; it is necessary, fitness wise, for the dogs to get proper exercise which they can't get, to that degree, on-leash, and also it is good exercise for the owners to walk or run with their dogs over the park! I feel that this is a necessary occupation for all concerned, dogs and people. So I hope that Swap Park will continue to be an available venue for exercising dogs off-leash, and I know there are many people that think the same. Hopefully the regulations stated in your plan does not impinge on the facility of Swap Park, but in case it does, this is why we feel we have to make a statement. Thank you. Eddie and Kerry Dean.		no	no	Swap Park is an on leash area in the bylaw. There was a proposal a few years back to make Swap Park an off leash dog exercise area, but there was mixed feedback from the community and it was decided to develop Peria Road Reserve as a dog exercise area instead. Over the years various ideas have been floated to develop Swap Park for various sports, recreation, and otehr activities. Council may wish to consider developing a masterplan for Swap Park with the community to guide future use and development of the space.
Barry Patchett				As responsible dog owners, we like to be able to walk our dog off leash through sections of Centennial Drive. This she enjoys, opposed to dog parks, because she does not run around with other dogs, and prefers the company of humans more. It would be a shame to loose the option of off lead walks through this beautiful section of town. We have never experienced any problems with other dogs, or people when we take this enjoyable option. We did used to walk her off lead on the outskirts of town until we got to the busier roads, then put her on the lead. Someone objected, and reported us to animal control. We have owned dogs at our address on and off for thirty odd years, and never before been reported for any issues.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Nicole		Option 5: Other		Submission on Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw To the Matamata-Piako District Council, As a resident of Waharoa and a responsible, law-abiding dog owner, I am providing feedback on the proposed updates. To be blunt, the majority of the proposed changes - such as CBD access and Hauraki Rail Trail rules - feel like minor administrative distractions compared to the significant, unaddressed issue of wandering dogs in our community. My feedback is as follows: Prioritize Safety over Perks: While the Council is focused on "increasing access" in town centers, residents in Waharoa are dealing with the daily safety risk of roaming, unsecured dogs. It is frustrating to see resources spent on debating leash rules for the CBD when basic street safety in our township is being ignored. Enforcement is the Real Issue: Changing the wording of a bylaw doesn't matter if there aren't enough boots on the ground to enforce it. I want to know why the Council is prioritizing "repurposing policy statements" over actual, proactive Animal Control patrols in areas like Waharoa where wandering is a known problem. The Burden on Responsible Owners: As someone who keeps my dog secured and follows the rules, I am the one most impacted by the Council's failure to control roaming dogs. The "public confidence" the Council claims to seek cannot exist while we cannot walk down our own streets safely. Conclusion: I urge the Council to stop focusing on low-priority "amenity" changes and instead provide a clear, funded plan for how they intend to solve current issues like the wandering dog crisis in Waharoa. I would like to see more accountability and more frequent patrols rather than more rules that only impact the people already following them. Thank you	no	no	Council is currently developing its plans for the next 10 years. As part of that it may be possible to look at increasing staffing for animal control. No decisions have been made. The submissions received through this process will be used as part of what is considered.
Brett Johnstone		Option 5: Other	Ban all dogs in the business area of Morrinsville.		no	no	
Belinda Duncan	Wildflower Animal Care	Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		It would be great if off lead dog play areas are properly fenced.	no	no	
Donna Bjerring		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		There are no dog waste or council bins in the Waihou area, most people exercise their dogs on the 'paddock' by the Waihou Rugby Club so is it possible to get a bin at this location to dispose of dog waste as there are issues daily with people picking up after their dogs in this area and its used by many sports / people including children as well as dog owners.	no	no	

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Lynnda McLachlan		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Why do you need recognize a dog for cultural reasons? No other local council stipulate this. A dog for the majority of the responsible dog owners is an integral part of our family unit. We care for our dogs and fully socialize our dogs. By contrast the minority (part maori) are inevitably the irresponsible dog owners, who chain and mistreat them.	Also need to ban dogs being on chains permantly. How is council going to monitor compliance to new standards? The dog owners need to be educated on being a responsible dog owners. Vicious and aggressive dogs are generally due to how the owners treat their dogs.	yes	no	Animal welfare matters of this nature are primarily overseen by the SPCA, and Council works alongside the SPCA where appropriate to support.
Róisín Mc Quillan		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Some of the proposals over over leash areas are a little strict		no	no	
Steve Greene		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	If the community want change, then make the change. Trial periods just drag out the consultation and democratic process.	Strongly support the feedback already received regarding the need for more and larger off-leash dog exercise areas in the district, particularly in Morrinsville where options are very limited and compact. Rules and signage need to be more clearly displayed so they can be understood and followed accordingly.	no	no	
Graham & Sue Callis		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	The 2010 Policy on Dogs ammendment has been clarified and the language simplified to be more inclusive of owners requirements and easily undersatood. We believe some of the proposed changes, as detailed in our submisson, require changing to maintain the intent of this update to be clear and meaningful to dog owners and residents across the district.	This proposed change does not make sense for dog owners or residents in the Matamata ward. Currently Matamata has five designated areas for dogs to exercise off-leash - Furness Reserve, Founders Park, Peria Road Reserve, Tom Grant Drive and Centenial Drive. The total land area of these five areas (derived from the Passive Reserve Management Plan 2009) totals 12.1394 hectares. Removing Tom Grant Drive and Centenial Drive would take away 8.5156 hectares or 70% of the current available exercise area for dogs off a leash. The remaining three sites available (3.6238 hectares) are small and not easily acoessable for all dog owners within the Matamata district. In particular Founders Park is a small area with heavy pedestrian use, bordered by four carriage ways and any increase in use woud be detrimental to all users. Additionally the proposal does not provide any background information as to why this change has been proposed - is there data supporting this proposal that relates to incidents or complaints about owners and their dogs in these two areas? We note that of all the submissions made during the September/October 2025 consultation process on unsuitable dog spots in Matamata, a total of 90 submissions were received which only represents 0.24% of the district population - meaning this would appear insufficient data on which to base any proposal for change. If the two areas proposed are to be removed as off-leash exercise areas, there must be alternate areas allocated within the district to maintain equitable access for off-leash dog exercise areas within the Matamata district. Matamata has the largest resident poupulation (14,883 residents - compared to Morrinsville of 13,782 and Te Aroha of 8,430) of the three wards comprising the Matamata Piako district, yet this proposal would see the Matamata ward with the smallest area available for off-leash exercise, something that is out of sync and disproportinate compared to the remaing wards. Additionally as the population of Matamata continues to grow, particulary with residential lifestyle villages, the remaining facilites would not be able to easily meet any growth in demand of dog owners. Large numbers of residents use the two drives for exercising their dogs responsibly and within the current regulations. Many of these users are elderly and can walk to these areas from their places of residence. Any proposed change should also consider the impact on residents having to use private transport to access the remaining off-leash exercise areas and the impact this would have on existing parking at these remaining facilities. Additionally the use of the two drives by dog owners adds to the social and community intergration that is highly benefical to the vibrant and supportive community spirit that currently exists within the ward.	yes	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Wendy Morgan		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	1/. I disagree with the "cutural" section. It doesn't matter whether you're black, white, brindled, pakeha or Maori, the same rules should apply to everyone without having to put a cultural section in. This by-law is about DOGS, not people or their race. 2/. Nowhere undsr the menacing dogs is it mentioned the dogs will be euthanised. A warning and prosecution is not enough for a dog attack. If it is a serious attack that dog should be taken and destroyed immediately. Too much time and money is spent on keeping dangerous dogs alive because the owner wants to take the issue to court. If a dog does serious damage it must go. 3/. You speak of neutering but any dog that is entire and continuously roams or gets picked up should be neutered before being returned to the owner. No cultural rubbish in there either. There's too many unlooked after dogs as there is. Roaming dogs breed, simple. And finally people mentioned Founders Park quite a bit but you are leaving it as a leash free area. Rawhiti Road is way too close and busy for this to be a leash free area with trucks going down it all the time. You are taking away the other leash free areas but I don't see one new area included where dogs can go leash free. From what I see you're just removing the options?	As a dog owner who uses Tom Grant regularly I totally agree because there are a lot of owners who just let their dogs off when they have no control over them, they're in the playground and people's sections and half the owners don't bother to pick up after them. Alot of owners are responsible and take dog bags with them and I see you have put a bag dispenser on the eastern end of Tom Grant, it would be good to also have one on the Western end, preferably up near the Tawari Street entry so anyone who may have forgotten a bag can take one with them.	no	no	

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Lea Stanley		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments		My property backs on to Centennial Drive and I walk both Centennial and Tom Grant drives almost daily - I am not a dog owner. I find the proposal to make these particular areas on leash only, totally unnecessary and a huge restriction for responsible dog owners in this town as they have so few alternatives. I understand there may be an issue with the small playground in Tom Grant Drive but this could be so easily remedied with a fence around the playground that would stop any dogs and children meeting by accident. The alternatives for dog owners are not very user friendly - Founders Park is bordered by 4 roads, one of which is very busy. The Peria Road Reserve is also beside a busy road. The actual dog park is very small and not ok when you get small and large dogs together. That only leaves Furness Reserve which is not ok for all the dogs and owners that live on the other side of the railway line. People that are not ok with dogs off leash have plenty more spaces that they can walk where dogs do have to be leashed, than the other way around. This proposal puts dog owners at a huge disadvantage and I certainly don't agree with it.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Evelyn Ryan		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	It would be good if Council would also try to get the trail administrator to remove the prohibition on dogs on the Rail Trail section from Stirling Street to the MPDC/HDC border.	Trials cost money, just be brave and implement the changes.	no	no	
Cathy O'Callaghan		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw		This proposed change disappoints me. We live near Centennial Dr and walk two dogs off lead there every day. In eight years we've not had a single issue with people, children, cyclists, vehicles or other dogs. It's so sad this will be changed.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Margaret Troughton			As a dog owner and I walk this area everyday I propose -Centennial Drive & Tom Grant Drive are a community relaxation area and dogs should be on a lead from 8am - 5pm - The only problem is dogs that are roaming free and this causes problems for other dog owners and the public. We love this walk and appreciate an area to walk our dogs on a lead and well supervised.	Dogs should be on a lead at all times- we have a local dog park for roaming & exercise.	yes	no	
Rosemary Locke			I have a guide dog and walk the centennial drive and Tom Grant drive every day , problems are Dogs not on a lead .		no	no	
Christine Coley		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	There needs to be very clear, larger colourful (red/yellow) signage where dogs need to be leashed. I see dogs off leash most days I walk the Tūī Domain track.	More & larger signage for on leash walks on Mt Te Aroha, particularly the Tūī Domain Track. Need signs facing both ways at the Water Treatment Station, Hamilton Street, the start of the Tūī track by the Domain etc. plus a social media campaign to educated for people with dogs who don't read policy.			Our website advises that dogs along Tui Domain Track must be 'on leash'. Signage along Tui-Domain Track is in the process of being upgraded. Red and yellow signs along tracks have specific uses as outlined in the *Good practice guide for outdoor safety signs*. Red signs warn of Danger and yellow signs advise Caution . This system is used nationally by DOC and also by MPDC. It is therefore not appropriate to use these colours on regulatory dog signs.
Nicola McDonald	Companion Animals NZ	Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'		no	Appendix C, page 2	
Angela		Option 5: Other	The responsible owner rebate should be for attending an approved dog training school and if there any issues of threatening behavior or actual harm such as with an attack the owner should not only deal with the charges but also be made compulsory to attend dog training. The number of reports made on mm noticeboardof threatening begaviour or actual attacks is quite worrying for many people out walking with dogs and children and themselves Dogs or properties around Matamata of which it is said there are many that are permanently chained and never let off their leash or out of their cage should be checked at least once each year for maltreatment. My neighbous have a dog they told me is a Rottweiler which ive heard barking but never ever seen it. One of my lawnmower ladies said it killed her cat years ago. So its obviously never let off its chain		no	no	Changes to the Dog Control Act 1996 are being reviewed by central government, any council does in the dog space need to a line with leglisation. SPCA look after this type of welfare concern.
Peter Hayes		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Existing policy is fit for purpose. What is not fit, is resourcing to ensure the policy is implemented. A small increase in monitoring capability, increased penalties where infringement occurs. A very small percentage of our dog owners are responsible for the majority of incidents or bad behaviour.		no	no	
Colleen Smith			I'm not choosing My rules are no dogs in retail area. Definitely not in cafes or outside. More control on wandering dogs. Dogs on leash in suburban streets.		no	no	

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Leith and Cheryl Shearman		Option 2: Keep existing Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	We do not see a problem with keeping things as they are, why change something that has worked for years? We walk our dog daily through Tom Grant Drive, seeing/meeting many owners/dogs and have never had a problem with our dog or any others. Being off leash allows them to explore and is much more enjoyable for them. If dogs are going to be unnecessarily restrained then we would suggest that 1. speeding cars through both Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive should be stopped as they are dangerous for walkers, runners, children cycling and dogs; 2. cars must stay on the tarseal and not go onto the grassy areas; 3. people in those cars need to take their rubbish with them or put it in rubbish bins provided instead of littering		no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Catherine Tidmarsh				Living in Matamata, this is the only walk that allows you to take your dog on a long-distance walk without having to put them in a vehicle and leave town to walk them off-leash. I believe that if your dog has good recall, you are able to control them, and you are picking up after them, it would be a shame to revoke this opportunity to take them off lead. I am happy to discuss this further in person if required.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Diana Bird		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Roaming dogs are clearly a problem. Will reports be promptly acted upon? That appears to be an issue at the moment. Education is obviously a key part of your process. I applaud this, and would like to know who will be doing it and how? Is it the first course of action once a problem is identified or do you have the time and people for preventative education? If not, please utilise your community. I'd be happy to help and I'm certain other local trainers would too.		no	no	Education is carried out through face to face interaction and council communication mediums.
Mark Walton		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments		It works well as a dog exercise area as it is, we walk our dog there daily and have never had any issues. Owners are very responsible and keep dogs on leash if they are not social, most dogs are well socialised and no bother. Our dog is never on a lead, is always under control. is social with people, kids and dogs, doesn't chase birds or cats and has good recall. This is one of the few remaining exercise areas in Matamata that we can walk to (the dog park is too far out of town).	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Christopher Randal		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments	Support the new policy, however do not support making Centennial/Tom Grant Drives being on leash only. Dogs benefit from mental, visual and location stimulation and the dog park on Peria Road does not offer that.	Although not part of this proposal do not agree to the increase in dog fees without a commensurate increase in dog control measures. In Waharoa we are unable to walk our dogs due to the number of roaming dogs There seems to be an unfortunate increase in councils restricting the movement of dogs within their areas of control. Examples in our area are Tauranga and Rotorua. I would hate MPDC going down the same path. I think that people who are, at best, ambivalent about dogs are writing these restrictive rules without considering the ramifications for dog lovers.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Lisa			I would like to see this happen but its also hard for dog owners as people ideas of what a dog is or should be ie size, looks and colour or even what dog owners look like can make it hard when you want to walk your dog through towns. Also our foot paths are small so contact between dog and people are unavoidable. In Morrinsville you do see business who are dog friendly who have dog water bowls out the front of their shops. Its almost like you need a walk way like bikes have on roads for dog owners but this will limit car parking if we widen foot paths. Also I dont think dog owners know there is time restrictions as i dont think ive seen signage in town or ive completely missed seeing them?If this is safe to do so, I think a trial or pilot program would have been good to test this ie different dog types, sizes and possibly behaviors meaning well behaved, hypo dogs with lots of energy etc Also council may want to consider that families take their dogs for walks and often stop at play grounds for children to have a play and some play grounds are not all fenced, those that are, especially if only one parent with children can't enter with dog according to policy could it be looked at that can enter if on lead and possible tie up post? Just a suggestion. If this is safe to do so, I think a trial or pilot program would have been good to test this ie different dog types, sizes and possibly behaviors meaning well behaved, hypo dogs with lots of energy to see if the can co exist but also signs up with poo bins available for dog owners. I have seen these types of bins in Cambridge. Ive also seen them with bags available if owners run short. All this cost but great incentive for more areas to have the bins rather than filling normal bins with animal faeces.	When you as a responsible dog owner/s who takes responsibility of the actions their dogs when they commit an offense as i was first informed that my dogs were detained as DNA had to be taken and sent away to confirm they had a right dog even though a witness said it was the dogs so when another person started dealing with me directly i was given mixed messages over this. Dog owners shouldn't be pressured to put down their dog (cause council are looking at time frames at having to hold a dog not the fact the dog has been part of your family for years) especially when you know the nature of your own dog and the fact they safely interact with people and other dogs but just dont like cats especially when they are not brought up together, it was stressful as we worked full time and trying to find money and solutions to get your section fit to have dogs returned was hard, when you did something to make improvements you were told thats not enough or thats not good enough or each improvement you made and you sent evidence in to show what you had done there was no acknowledgement to say yes that will or will not work was also frustrating and also one minute your dealing with one person and then not advised that someone else is now handling to followed up of what your decisions are etc. Better transparency around this needs to be improved. Also information your are handing out needs to be accurate around getting your dog desexed as I was told I could get a voucher and it wasn't until I was getting the other dog returned that I was told that this doesn't happen for dogs anymore. When you make the decision to allow your pet to be put down you as the owner should have the option to do it at your home and provide a vets death certificate that you have complied or you should be allowed to be with your dog when vet does it and you should have the option to have your dog given back to you after it is put down. I was prepared to pay for this service through Truly Treasured Pet's loss & Cremation services in Horsham Downs whom i did use to cremate my dog. My family went through this traumatic experience recently with council, we had not seen our dogs since they were impounded and when I made the decision to put one of the dogs down (as i told council i can't guarantee my dog wont get out as it takes one person to make a mistake and not shut a gate properly, so that is why i surrendered him) we weren't given the option to see our dog before it happened and I had to ask to have my dog back cause if council cremated we dont get ashes back and though I surrender him he was still part of our family whom we wanted to cremate and keep. Picking up my dog from vets after he passed was the worse experience as this was how my family remembered seeing him one last time. I dont want any other family to experience this. I know council have rules and regulations and I abide by them but believe some areas of interaction between owners and council could be reviewed. I dont have a problem with cats but why is it that council dont have a policy about registering cats as they are considered as pets, they can roam freely in and out of properties that isn't there own, like dogs can cause accidents on roads but also who is responsible for collecting a cat if killed on the road and no one claims it? Who pays for cost of disposal if council collects it? i am a pet owner and always respect laws and policies as it showed i co operated with all that was asked of me by council when dealing with this and all that I ask is a review on how to handle this better especially when you as an owner have taken responsibility even before test results came back. I don't mind this being discussed but I dont wish to speak in a public forum and be at risk at being publicly verbally abused because I saw how people reacted on social media reacted when my dogs were said they have killed a cat (though I wasnt publicly outed as owner and I never commented on post) some reactions were not nice. I know there are probably others out there who may have gone through this but probably never had any follow up after this happened. I want to make it clear I am not in	no	no	Staff note the distress and personal loss experienced and recognises the significant emotional impact that situations involving the impoundment or euthanasia of a pet can have on owners and their families. Council's processes in these circumstances are guided by legislative requirements and established procedures; however, feedback about how those processes are experienced and could be improved are important. We take your comments seriously and although Council is required to follow the requirements of the Dog Control Act, we will review our processes and ensure dog owners receive clear communication from Council staff in these circumstances. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences and how we can improve. In terms of cats, there is currently no leglisation that Council can enforce. Any complainants or concerns can be logged through our infoline at any time.

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				this but probably never had any follow up after this happened. I want to make it clear I am not in any way opposing council follow policies, I just feel some areas just to be reviewed.			
Caroline Thompson		Option 3: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw with amendments		This would impact me directly and be very disappointing, as it is the only place in Matamata that I consider suitable for off lead dog walking (I do not consider the dog park on Peria Rd a suitable design). The overwhelming majority of dogs that I see off lead in this area are well-behaved and under control, and those that are not well trained or socialised are usually kept on lead (unlike at the Peria Rd dog park). Losing this area would be a significant blow to the dog-owning community, and as an alternative I would suggest imposing time restrictions as to when dogs can be off lead, or only making certain areas/sections on lead.	no	no	Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Danny Boeglin		Option 5: Other	Little is suggested about real deterrents to keep dogs on leashes in any public place. Too many people are blaze about keeping their dogs on a leash. Excuses are: 'my dog is friendly, my dog does not bite, it is inconvenient to my dog and myself to keep the dog leashed'. The excuses are endless. As a country we are failing people when it comes to being safe around dogs. Far too many maulings and killings of stock and even people. (Please check with ACC) Councils have for years tried to educate people about being responsible dog owners. Yes many are however not enough is being done about the careless, sloppy dog owners. I suggest instant heavy fines for owners who do not keep their dogs on a leash in any public place. No warnings anymore. Confiscate their dogs and hand them back after the heavy fine has been paid. Present laws do not address peoples' and dogs' state of mind after having endured a horrific attack. Many people have given up taking their dogs for walks because of the constant 'triggers' when coming across an unleashed dog. A good example is of a person who's calf muscle has been ripped off clean off his/her bone. This person possibly will be scared for live to venture out. I would like Council to consider this. All up I have no qualms about the present laws. My concern is that real deterrents are not in place. I am a dog owner. The dog is always leashed in public places and I clean up after him. Too many people simply leave their dog's excrement where it landed. This is why I would not want dogs in any City center. I would like to see bigger signage at the start of any public walk way and signage along the way highlighting fines if the dog is unleashed. Present signage is far too small. I have given up walking around the Wetlands as on most walks I come across unleashed dogs. My wife, dog and I have been molested by un leashed dogs on several occasions. Prior to returning a roaming dog Council should be satisfied that any fencing and gates are adequate. Unless an owner can provide secure fencing any dogs found roaming should not be returned to its owner. Thank you.	We as a society have for far too long tried to educate people about keeping dogs responsibly. Allowing dogs in City Centers brings back memories of overseas where dogs are allowed in CBDs. What a mess. I guess people get used to anything. Please maintain shopping to be a pleasant experience by keeping dogs out of the CBD. People will enter shops and as they do what are they going to do with their dogs? Tie them up outside and let them pine for their owners? Or at a later date allow people to take their dogs inside shops? Being a dog friendly Council is fine but please keep matters reasonable. Owners of roaming dogs must prove to Council that they can/will provide secure fencing/gates before any dogs are returned. A dog can be returned after the owner has paid a hefty fine. No more warnings unless there is a genuine reason the dog was on the lose.	no	no	Our website indicates the rules for dogs at our parks and tracks. Council is working on better & larger signage, including a portable large sign reminding dog owners of their responsibilites, which can be moved by the Dog Control team to problem spots. There are currently on-lead signs at each official entrace to the Wetlands Walk as well as at the main entrances to Boyd Park. These signs do vary in size as some form part of larger site identification signs while others are standalone A3 or A2 signs installed at different times. There is currently no budget specifically for dog control signage.

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Annelies England			thankyou so much for allowing me to have a say, I have had my dog training business local in matamata for 10 years and been doing 6 week courses for the past 8 years, I also do private sessions and courses in te aroha and morrinsville but mainly based in matamata, my main point of the classes is to teach owners to have control of their dogs in all situations and I train down centennial drive most weeks during all hours and at least 4x a week. its fantastic as there are so many different distractions, cars, bikes. Kids, dogs ect its a very diverse walk where I find alot of different people use, its shaded, concreted and wide enough for everyone to share. In my 8 years of doing courses and hundreds of private sessions down centennial drive I can honestly say I have never once had an issue with an off lead dog, and every 3rd dog I see would be off lead. the owner will either put dog on a lead, turn around or move to the side if they see us coming with an on lead dog. Everyone is respectful, welcoming and in general comments how nice it is down there, I dont understand where this idea has come from ? Where are people meant to walk dogs off lead ? Furness reserve - yes if you drive there and it is a good spot. Central Matamata off rawhiti street ? - how is one meant to ssfetly let a dog off a lead when that small square is open to 4 direct streets/ roads at all angles ? there is no safe place at all. no area to run, throw a ball. It's a terrible area for off lead. Dog park down peria road ? - im a dog trainer and I would never take my dogs there nor would i safetly do training there, far to small and nothing for the dogs to do or get distracted with - its like putting 10 out of control, off lead dogs in a small space and tell them to behave. there are multiple fights and behavioral issues at that park. If you are proposing to take away centennial/ tom grant drive as an off lead area, then what are you replacing it with ? Where are people suppose to properly excercise their dogs ? 20min walk on a lead then back home to be left there all day is nothing - drives the dogs insane. 20min off lead, sniffing , ball throwing, playing." being a dog" is completely different. Barking dogs who are left at home bored are going to get worse, behavioral issues will get worse, escaping dogs will get worse - 90% of the trainings I do privately with people I tell them to increase excercise, they dont nearly do enough of it. but where are they meant to go ? Who are the people complaining about off lead dogs ? the residents ? who should have a fence around their property other users of the drive ?	The problem that needs to be addressed in our town is the dogs who arent contained at home, arent looked after and continuously wander, kill cats and rabbits. there should be a law that someone who gets a dog must be in a fully fenced , dog proof section. there are so many attacks and incidents thar occur with wandering dogs attacking on lead dogs walking past. these should be targeted, Waharoa should be targeted, not the people who are doing right by their dog and exercising it properly. I would use the drive at least 4x a week and at all different hours - not once seen or had an issue, so I find it interesting this has come up ? It would be an absolute disaster taking that privilege away from dog owners, considering there are thousands in town. waiere falls and most of the bush walks are also no dogs now - so where do people go ?! there should just be a certain time frame your allowed up waiere with dogs. I have recently heard so many upset people that this is even getting considered so thought I need to have my say as these are the people who are doing their best by there dogs to get full control.	yes		Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.

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Sabena Roberts		Option 1: Adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw	Barking dogs who are left at home bored are going to get worse, behavioral issues will get worse, escaping dogs will get worse - 90% of the trainings I do privately with people I tell them to increase excercise, they dont nearly do enough of it. but where are they meant to go ? Who are the people complaining about off lead dogs ? the residents ? who should have a fence around their property other users of the drive ? The problem that needs to be addressed in our town is the dogs who arent contained at home, arent looked after and continuously wander, kill cats and rabbits. there should be a law that someone who gets a dog must be in a fully fenced , dog proof section. there are so many attacks and incidents thar occur with wandering dogs attacking on lead dogs walking past. these should be targeted, Waharoa should be targeted, not the people who are doing right by their dog and exercising it properly. I would use the drive at least 4x a week and at all different hours - not once seen or had an issue, so I find it interesting this has come up ? It would be an absolute disaster taking that privilege away from dog owners, considering there are thousands in town. waiere falls and most of the bush walks are also no dogs now - so where do people go ?! there should just be a certain time frame your allowed up waiere with dogs. I have recently heard so many upset people that this is even getting considered so thought I need to have my say as these are the people who are doing their best by there dogs to get full control.				Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive function as shared spaces and are not physically separated from the road. The draft proposal includes on-leash controls in these areas due to safety considerations associated with shared use.
Jocelyn Cole					Yes	Appendix E	The draft bylaw proposes on-leash control in these areas to support safe and consistent use of high-use shared spaces. Concerns raised about vehicles, parking, littering, and other antisocial behaviour are outside the scope of the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw review and are addressed through other Council processes.
Dr Arnja Dale	RNZSPCA				No	Appendix F	The support for adoption of the draft Policy and Bylaw is noted. Support for the Policy on Dogs is also noted (clearer structure, objectives). The draft bylaw proposes on-leash control on Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive to support safe and consistent use of high-use shared spaces. It is propoed to retain the three existing dog exercises in Matamata being Furness Reserve, Matamata Founders Park and Peria Road Reserve (Portion excluding memorial plantings and pathway). This is provides alternative places for dogs to exercise in Matamata. Support for the limit on two dogs within the urban areas, is noted. The draft Policy on Dogs sets out guidelines for dog classifications, including meanacing dog classification (which includes consideration of the attack circumstances e.g where no physical contact was made/no injury vs where the victim was attacked, physical contact made /sereve injury occured. Clause 11 of the Policy discusses how Dogs may be classified based on reasons such as attacking a person or animal, rushing or behaving in a threatening manner, showing repeated uncontrolled or aggressive behaviour, or where the Owner has been convicted of an offence involving the dog. These classifications are behaviour-based and support public safety and responsible dog ownership.
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Appendix A

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SUBMISSION

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FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND

Submission on:	Land Transport Bylaw Matamata-Piako District Council
Date:	16 April 2026
Submission by:	**FEDERATED FARMERS** WAIKATO PROVINCE
Address for Service:	**ISAAC MCINTYRE** SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR Federated Farmers of New Zealand P 027 363 4350 E imcintyre@fedfarm.org.nz

Waikato Province of Federated Farmers welcomes this opportunity to submit on the Land Transport Bylaw, particularly sections 28 – 31 which deal with Stock Movements.

Federated Farmers acknowledge any submissions from individual members of our organisation.

Federated Farmers notes that the proposed Bylaw removes reference to standard conditions of permits that are in the current Bylaw.

- These conditions give certainty for permit holders. What does MPDC propose regarding implementing conditions on permits? Will there be a separate schedule?

- Section 31 Stock Underpass refers to limits Schedule 5 which refer to weight and load restrictions for Bridges and Culverts as opposed to The Stock Movement Graph

Submission:

1. Federated Farmers seeks clarity on standard conditions that will be imposed on future permit holders as they are no shown in the proposed Bylaw.
2. Federated Farmers seeks that a Stock Movement is included as a schedule.

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government Bylaws impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND

Appendix B

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Submission on Proposed Building Consent Fee Structure
Matamata-Piako District Council

From:
Kevin Stanley
Milestone Homes Matamata Ltd

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the building consent fee structure.

We support the Council maintaining a more commercial fee structure, provided this is accompanied by a corresponding improvement in service delivery, timeliness, and consistency.

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1. Alignment of Fees with Service Expectations

When the Council adopts a commercial pricing model, it is reasonable to expect that the level of service reflects a comparable commercial standard.

In the private sector, increased fees are typically associated with:

- Timely and proactive processing
- Clear, consistent communication
- Efficient handling of applications
- Reduced uncertainty for applicants

Any increase in consent fees should therefore be matched by measurable improvements in service performance—not simply compliance with minimum statutory requirements.

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2. Current Performance – Reliance on Maximum Timeframes

Our experience is that consent processing frequently operates to the maximum allowable statutory timeframes, rather than being completed as efficiently as possible.

While occasional use of the full statutory timeframe is understandable, it should not become standard practice. A commercial service environment would typically aim to complete work well within these limits, reserving full time allowances for complex or exceptional cases.

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3. Timing and Coordination of Requests for Information (RFIs)

It is important that RFIs are issued in a timely and coordinated manner.

We are increasingly seeing RFIs issued very late in the processing period (for example, around day 19), which creates unnecessary pressure and delays. However, issuing RFIs earlier does not in itself resolve the issue if they are not well coordinated.

We have also experienced situations where:

- RFIs are issued in multiple stages over several days
- Different departments or processors issue separate RFIs independently
- Information requests are duplicated or, in some cases, contradictory

This approach creates inefficiencies and makes it unnecessarily complex for applicants to respond, particularly where multiple processors are involved.

From a workflow management perspective, receiving fragmented or inconsistent RFIs is difficult to manage and can lead to further delays, rework, and increased costs.

A more effective approach would be:

- Consolidated RFIs issued as a single, coordinated request
- Early identification of key issues within the application
- Internal alignment between departments prior to issuing RFIs

This would improve efficiency for both Council and applicants and is consistent with a more commercial, service-oriented model.

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4. Use of Out-of-Town Processors

We note that the use of out-of-town or outsourced processing staff can contribute to delays and inefficiencies.

Where processors are not familiar with:

- The local District Plan
- Council-specific requirements
- Established local practices

This can result in:

- RFIs being raised unnecessarily
- Questions that should reasonably fall within the knowledge of a competent local processor
- Applicants being required to respond to matters that add time and cost without improving the consent outcome

This contributes to delays and undermines confidence in the consent process.

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5. Inspection Services

We would like to acknowledge that, in general, we are very satisfied with the service provided by local building control officers. Their professionalism and practical knowledge are a clear strength of the current system.

We also note that administration staff have, in the past, been very helpful in accommodating urgent inspection requests, which is appreciated and demonstrates a willingness to support practical construction needs.

However, waiting times for inspections (currently 11 days) can at times become problematic, particularly where weather conditions or sequencing of works affect readiness.

To improve flexibility and efficiency, we suggest Council consider introducing a system where a portion of inspection bookings (for example, 10%) are available within say 3 working days.

This would:

- Allow builders to better manage weather-related delays
- Accommodate the realities of construction sequencing
- Reduce downtime on site while waiting for inspections
- Protect the council from system abusers.

Such an approach would align with a more responsive, service-oriented model consistent with commercial pricing.

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6. Expectation of a Commercial Standard of Service

A more commercial fee structure should be supported by a shift in service approach, including:

- Earlier identification of issues within consent applications
- RFIs issued promptly and progressively, rather than at the end of the review period
- A focus on efficient turnaround, not simply meeting statutory deadlines
- Greater consistency in processing and decision-making

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7. Impact on the Construction Sector

Delays in the consent process have a direct impact on:

- Project timelines
- Construction costs
- Client confidence
- Builder and consultant efficiency

Improving consent processing performance would deliver tangible benefits across the local construction sector and the wider community.

Conclusion

We support the proposed fee structure in principle, on the basis that it is accompanied by:

- A commitment to improved service delivery
- Greater local knowledge and consistency in processing
- Mandated inspection flexibility
- A move away from reliance on maximum statutory timeframes as standard practice

A commercial fee model should be matched by a commercial level of service and any additional costs should be offset by efficiencies in the delivery of the project.

We would welcome ongoing engagement with Council on how these improvements can be implemented in practice.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Stanley
Milestone Homes Matamata Ltd

Creative Waikato Toi Waikato

Submission by: Creative Waikato

This submission is made in response to **Matamata-Piako DC's Draft Fees & Charges and Rates Remission and Postponement Policy**

1. Council's activities

- Creative Waikato would firstly like to thank Matamata-Piako District Council for the work in its district. We appreciate the balance council has to make between implementing fees and charges as an important contributor to council's finances, as well as ensuring any review is fair and represents the right portion of its total revenue.
- We also acknowledge the council's intent on providing a clear and aligned rates remission and postponement policy, which ensures that its rating system is fair and responds to the needs of its community.
- Creative Waikato values the existing relationship it has with Matamata-Piako District Council including staff, which we have had over some time - https://creativewaikato.co.nz/news/working-with-council-in-matamata-piako
- We look forward to further strengthening our strategic partnership to achieve our shared outcomes regarding wellbeing in the Matamata-Piako district.

2. Strategic initiatives

In our 6-month update presentation to the council earlier this year, Creative Waikato provided an overview of the key strategic initiatives we have led, which have contributed to long-term impact in the areas of arts, culture and creativity in Hamilton and the wider Waikato region.

- **Waikato Arts Navigator 2023** - A shared framework, including a vision and strategy, for supporting and strengthening our arts and culture in the region. It guides planning and decision making. https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Waikato-Arts-Navigator-Regional-Strategy_2023.pdf

- **Waikato Creative Infrastructure Plan 2024** - A high-level update on the Waikato Creative Infrastructure report originally prepared in 2014. https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Waikato-Creative-Infrastructure-Plan_2024-final.pdf

- **Wellbeing and Arts, Culture and Creativity in the Waikato 2022** - Social impact report that assesses the impact of arts, culture and creativity on the people of the Waikato region. https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/HS_Creative-Waikato_Wellbeing-and-Arts-Culture-and-Creativity-in-the-Waikato_FINAL.pdf

- **Creative Waikato Briefing to Councillors 2026** - provides localised insights and strategic advice, connecting the different areas within council which facilitate a more integrated approach to issues and problems. https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Creative-Waikato-Briefing-to-Councillors_Summary_Screen_Mar-26.pdf

Additional Strategic Outcomes: Maintaining relationships with Creative New Zealand, Ministry of Culture and Heritage, NZ Music Commission, Regional Arts Network Aotearoa, and Te Ora Auaha to support positive outcomes through funding and support for Waikato artists.

3. Specific comments on Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27

Creative Waikato provides the following comments on the *Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027.*

- Creative Waikato acknowledges the balance that council needs to make between reflecting the real cost of services and maintaining rates at an affordable level.
- We acknowledge the proposal for no increases to pools and libraries this year. Libraries are an essential service. They contain resources, and spaces which support community wellbeing. Creative Waikato supports the provision of continued and future access to libraries.

  'Libraries, museums, reserves and community amenities are all important services of council that enable the community to participate and celebrate. These are core facilities that enable opportunities for learning, play and communities coming together.' (Briefing to Councillors Summary 2026, p 7).
- We commend the council for seeking more consistent fees across venues, and the distinction between commercial and non-commercial use of facilities. We also acknowledge that for some community venues, the non-commercial rate is half the commercial rate, making it more affordable for communities.

- Creative Waikato supports the proposed changes to the Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27

4. Specific comments on Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy 2024-2034 (Amended 2026)

Creative Waikato provides the following comments on the *Revised Proposed Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy 2024-2034 (Amended 2026).*

- We acknowledge the inclusion of a **purpose** and **scope** which provides clarity on what the policy includes as well as the inclusion of specific categories of remission, situations such as financial hardship, community or not-for-profit use, unused or marginal lands, and circumstances where rating legislation allows or anticipates a remission.
- Further to this, under 'Part 2 - Remission of penalties on unpaid rates', we acknowledge the inclusion of clause g: [that] in circumstances where a ratepayer's situation does not strictly meet the criteria [outlined in the clause] the Rates Team Leader (or higher delegated officer) *may exercise discretion to remit a penalty where exceptional, compassionate, or otherwise compelling circumstances exist, and where remission is considered fair, reasonable, and consistent with the intent of this policy.*
- Given that employment in the arts and creative sectors is mostly cyclical and/or inconsistent, it can be challenging for people working in those

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sectors to maintain a regular wage, and if they do, it is lower than average. Taking such circumstances into account is important.

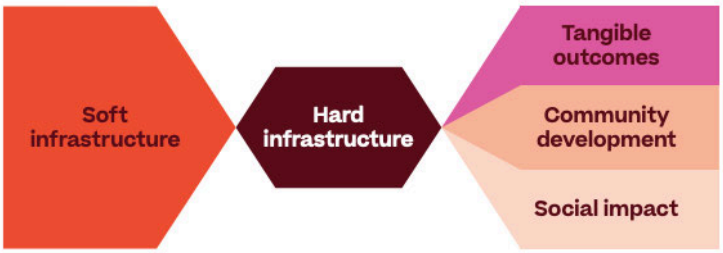
- A 'Profile of Creative Professionals 2022, provides a picture of remuneration in the arts sector and the sustainability of creative careers. Income growth is very low, and it continues to be a struggle for the majority of creative professionals to plan financially. Further information can be found here: https://creativenz.govt.nz/development-and-resources/research-and-reports/a-profile-of-creative-professionals-2022

- Creative Waikato supports the proposed changes to the Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

5. Importance of soft infrastructure - people and services

The Waikato Creative Infrastructure Plan 2024, provides an initial high-level scan of hard and soft infrastructure in the Waikato, building on an initial report that was developed in 2014.

- We acknowledge that while hard infrastructure (facilities, venues etc) is important, it is the people (soft infrastructure) that are most important. Supporting those people and services which provide programmes and facilitators in libraries, museums and other community resources contributes to thriving communities.
- We encourage the council to continue to support soft infrastructure that provides community service (this includes council provision of service through internal council staffing - including libraries, museums, and community hubs, and also external investment through grants).



Soft infrastructure	Hard infrastructure	Tangible outcomes
• Artists/Creatives • Volunteer groups • Community spaces • Creative career support • Production • Capability building for creative organisations • Sponsorship • In-kind contributions • Bylaws and policies • Investment • Business partnerships • Support for funding applications • Event permit applications • Regulations	• Venues • Galleries • Theatres • Workshops • Creative Spaces • Community hubs • Rehearsal rooms • Marae • Fale • Halls	• Presentations • Events • Exhibitions • Shows • Performances • Festivals **Community Development** • Increased neighbourhood activation • Connection to CBD • Placemaking in civic spaces **Social impacts** • Increased liveability • Social cohesion • Thriving communities • Community wellbeing • Economic development

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6. Investing in communities and arts, culture and creativity

Creative Waikato encourages council to continue to enable and support soft infrastructure, which provides tangible community outcomes such as community cohesion, connection to place, land and self.

We have provided a summary copy of our Briefing to Councillors 2026, to provide guidance on a cross organisational approach to integrating arts, culture and creativity within council departments.

We thank the council for the opportunity to make this submission.

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Submission on: Proposed Fees and Charges 2026-27
Matamata-Piako District Council

Date: 16 April 2026

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Waikato Province of Federated Farmers welcomes this opportunity to submit on the District Fees and Charges 2026/27 document for 2026-27, with inflation-adjusted fees and activities where the cost recovery paid by the people using the services is reduced on rate payers.

Federated Farmers acknowledge any submissions from individual members of our organisation.

Federated Farmers understand that Matamata-Piako District Council has several aims for the Draft Fees & Charges 2026/27:

- Set updated fees to ensure cost recovery for Council services
- Introduction of Waikato Waters Ltd and provide for the transition of water and wastewater services to the new entity
- Propose fee increases, beyond inflation for improved cost-recovery for other council services.

Submission:

1. Federated Farmers supports the Council using fees and charges as a method for cost-recovery for several services, when these are paid directly by those who are using these services.

Attachment B

INFLATION-ADJUSTED AND REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY FEES ADJUSTMENT

Federated Farmers accepts that inflation adjustment needs to occur with some fees and charges to reflect the increased inflation-driven costs of delivering these services. Councils are faced with rates caps therefore some fees and charges may increase beyond inflation to reduce the pressure on general rates where those rates funds were previously funding partially those 'user pays' services. This aligns with the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

The nation experienced 3.1% inflation experienced from December 2024 to December 2025. Federated Farmers acknowledges that fee increase beyond inflation of 3.1% should be representative of cost recovery moving away from rates partially funding 'user pays' services and resulting a shift that recognises 'user pays'.

Submission:

2. That adjustments intended to address inflation are not higher than actual inflation experienced. Furthermore, the increases beyond inflation to achieve a 'user pays' model need to be fair and reasonable for cost recovery.

BUILDING CONSENT FEES

Federated Farmers notes that building consent fees have increased on average by 6% due to a review of staff time exceeding the current fee where rates have been used to partially subsidise the costs.

The fee increase is 2.9% more than baseline inflation of 3.1% which is reasonable. Federated Farmers is neutral on this increase.

The Council Statement of Fees and Charges shows that when a building consent application significantly exceeds the standard processing time an additional fee will be charged by the Council.

- What defines 'significantly exceeds the standard processing time'?
- Is this additional fee based on an hourly rate? If so, what are the hourly rates?
- If a building consent application is processed within/under budget, will the Applicant receive a refund of the difference? If so, will it be based on an hourly rate and what are those rates?

RESOURCE CONSENTS

Federated Farmers notes that the resource consent Set-up Fee and Administration fee have both increased by $20 to slightly increase the proportion of costs recovered from users of the service compared to ratepayers in general.

- Does this imply that Rates are still partially funding resource consent 'set-up' and 'Administration'?

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- Does this imply that Rates are still partially funding resource consent processing?

Federated Farmers supports the surrender of consent deposit decrease from $1000 to $515.

- It is unclear if this a fixed fee or if this deposit will incur additional costs at an hourly rate. If it is an hourly rate, will be at the rates based on a who processes the surrender i.e, a Intermediate or Senior Planner.

ROADING

Applications for new/upgraded vehicle crossings not part of a subdivision or building consent have increased from $318 to $416 to align with two hours of consent Engineer time. This is a 24% increase which is significant for Farmers applying for new and upgraded vehicle crossings where large parcels of land have multiple crossings

- Was the previous fee of $318 using Rates to partially fund the Applications?
- Is $416 a fixed fee?

WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES

Annual fees collected for wastewater and water will continue to be collected by MPDC with those costs then passed on to the new water entity, (Waikato Waters Ltd). There is no information on the fee structure.

- Will the fees change as a result of the management of water and wastewater services being managed by Waikato Waters Ltd as there is no information within the Statement of Fees and Charges?

DOG FEES

Federated Farmers notes there is a $30 rebate fee for working dogs and urban dogs do be desexed. However, a working dog that is desexed does not receive another rebate for being a working dog. Rather a Desexed/working/Dogs New Zealand Breeder rebate collectively results in a $30 rebate.

Federated Farmers recognises there is a $35 rebate for no complaints and a $15 rebate for responsible owners.

If a farmer has one or more working dogs, they should be entitled to a rebate of $30 as a working dog in addition to a $30 rebate for it being desexed. How many Council callouts for dog control are largely attributed to Urban Dogs vs Working Dogs? It is not fair and reasonable for farmers who own multiple dogs to have to pay the same fee as an Urban Dog if it is desexed as well as a Working Dog.

Farmers value and manage their dogs well, and dog management is a self-regulating aspect of farming. Dogs are part of the family, and a valuable asset to the farm business. It is in a farmers' best interest to manage their dogs. Farmers spend many hours training their dogs, and bad behaviour like being aggressive to animals or people is dealt with quickly. Farm dogs are contained in their kennels or chained up at night, and because of the large size of farms, dogs are contained on the property, they do not roam the streets, and barking rarely annoys the neighbours. If a dog does stray, neighbours are quick to recognise the dog and call the owner.

– Federated Farmers seeks the Council to quantify how many call-outs are from rural locations compared to urban so we can get a better understanding of how much value farmers get from the dog control service.

Federated Farmers opposes the increase in dog registration of $10 and submits that a lower fee for working dogs is introduced, particularly in the case where Farmers have multiple dogs. i.e, if a Farmer has 3 or more dogs, there should be a reduced rate for every dog past three under the same owner.

The high cost for working dog teams will be a disincentive to register, we suggest that the Dog Control Act goal of at least 90% registration is more likely to be reached if the fee is lowered.

Submission:

3. Federated Famers opposes the working dog fee increasing an extra $10 from last year.
4. That working dog registration fees provide a discount for subsequent dogs, starting from the third dog.
5. That the Council provides information on how many call-outs are from rural locations compared to urban so Federated Farmers can get a better understanding of how much value their members get from the dog control service.

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Appendix C

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Public Consultation Submissions, 20 Apr 2026

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form (PODB)

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Submission regarding the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw 2010 (Amended 2026)

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a respected animal welfare charity committed to positive welfare for companion animals. As custodians of the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), we actively promote the importance of permanent identification and reunification through microchipping and registration. The New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) is NZ's leading microchip database for pets with more than 1.5 million total records and over 1000 Approved Users nationwide incl. vet clinics, SPCA and shelters. We connect companion animals with their guardian details to ensure swift repatriation in case of separation, and we offer a lost-and-found service through our platform, LostPet. Our mission is that all companion animals in New Zealand should enjoy a 'Good Life'.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Matamata-Piako District Council's proposed changes to the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw.

We support 'Option 3: Adopt the draft Policy on Dogs 2010 (Amended 2026) and draft Dog Control Bylaw 2010 (Amended 2026) with further amendments'. By presenting the amended drafts for public feedback, submitters are better positioned to comment meaningfully on the detail and direction of the Policy and Bylaw compared to early engagement.

Additionally, in view of the comprehensive review of the Dog Control Act 1996 recently announced by the Government, proceeding with Option 3 may prove particularly timely. The review was ordered in response to a number of serious dog attacks, with the Government acknowledging that the current Act is outdated and is preventing councils from doing their jobs

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effectively. The scope of the review is expected to include penalties and consequences for non-compliant dog owners, desexing obligations, stronger powers for council officers, and the removal of clauses that impose unnecessary barriers or resource pressure on councils - all of which are highly relevant to the direction of this Policy and Bylaw.

Draft Policy on Dogs:

We support the council's definition of responsible dog ownership:

- registering dogs annually;
- keeping dogs under control at all times;
- preventing nuisance or danger to people, animals or property;
- removing dog faeces from any location outside the Owner's property, including
- all Public Places;
- respecting Prohibited Areas and Leash control requirements;
- ensuring dogs receive appropriate care, including adequate food, water, shelter, exercise, and veterinary attention;
- meeting identification (e.g., microchipping) and Neutering requirements where applicable; and
- complying with any limits on the number of dogs permitted under the Council's Bylaw.

At Companion Animals NZ, we believe that responsible dog guardianship encompasses a commitment to the lifelong health, safety, and wellbeing of dogs. We encourage dog guardians to adopt the following practices, and councils to support them:

- Microchipping and Registration: Microchipping and registering dogs on the National Dog Database (NDD) as well as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) - this is one of the most important steps guardians can take. Lost dogs are three times more likely to be reunited with their families when microchipped and registered.
- Early socialisation: The window between 3 and 14 weeks of age is a critical period in a puppy's development. Positive, safe exposure to a wide variety of people, animals, environments, and experiences during this time lays the foundation for a confident, well-adjusted adult dog. Ensuring that safe, suitable spaces exist in the Council region for this to happen is an essential part of supporting dogs and their guardians to get it right.

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- Ongoing care: Responsible guardianship means providing for your dog's physical and emotional needs throughout their life - including proper nutrition, regular veterinary care, enrichment, mental stimulation, exercise, and a safe, loving home environment.
- Keeping dogs under control: Dogs should be kept under appropriate control at all times, both for their own safety and the safety of others. This includes complying with local bylaws around on-leash requirements and ensuring dogs do not roam or pose a risk to the public, the environment or other animals.
- Desexing: A blanket approach to desexing is not appropriate for all dogs, as the right timing can vary depending on breed, size, and individual circumstances. We encourage all guardians to have an open, informed conversation with their veterinarian about when desexing is the right step for their dog.

With the above in mind, we **support the clearer layout of the Draft Policy on Dogs, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership** within this. This amended Policy on dogs is clearer, better structured and more culturally considerate.

We **agree** with the **updated Policy objectives**. We would like Council to consider however, whether it might be beneficial to also recognise and reward responsible dog guardians for demonstrated *positive ownership behaviours*, rather than focusing solely on the absence of negative ones. This would support a more proactive and inclusive approach - for example, acknowledging actions such as completing an approved dog behaviour course, attending a responsible owner workshop, proactively registering dogs each year, notifying Council of any changes in ownership or address, and engaging in early socialisation opportunities such as puppy classes or structured socialisation training programmes.

Where education is mentioned as a step in achieving compliance (e.g., Objective 1 and Policy subclause 17.4), we encourage Council to ensure that education and information materials are available in accessible formats across the full diversity of the community, and where possible, in languages other than English. An inclusive approach to education will help ensure that the community members who most need support around responsible ownership are able to access and benefit from it.

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Companion Animals NZ offers a variety of educational online resources designed specifically to support dog guardians on their responsible guardianship journey. Our online library at www.companionanimals.nz features evidence-based articles, and we regularly host free webinars and videos covering topics such as dog behaviour, modification training, and the use of ethical training aids including longlines, which are available as recordings on our Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@companionanimalsnewzealand341. We encourage you to make use of these resources to help educate your community.

Where educational presentations or behavioural assessments of dogs are required, we recommend that Matamata-Piako District Council prioritise engaging qualified, accredited dog behaviour professionals who follow ethical and humane standards. In particular, we encourage the use of professionals accredited through the CANZ Accreditation scheme, who are required to meet rigorous standards and adhere to the CANZ Code of Ethical Conduct. These professionals apply humane, science-based methods grounded in a sound, modern understanding of animal behaviour and learning. For more info, go to:
https://www.companionanimals.nz/canzaccreditation

Note on Menacing Classification:

We acknowledge that councils are required to operate within the Dog Control Act 1996 in relation to the classification of menacing dogs, including those breeds and types of dogs listed in Schedule 4. However, we have concerns regarding the reliance on visual identification of breed or type as a basis for classification. Evidence shows that visual assessment of mixed-breed dogs is unreliable (Olson *et al*, 2015). Breed or type-based approaches are subjective and do not necessarily reduce the risk of dog bites, while placing additional regulatory burden on responsible dog guardians. We therefore encourage councils to exercise caution when applying classification criteria that rely on perceived breed characteristics. We recommend a clear review or appeal pathway for dogs classified as menacing due to behaviour, allowing owners to demonstrate responsible and proactive guardianship and, where appropriate, evidence that risk can be effectively managed. This approach supports fair and proportionate outcomes.

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Draft Dog Control Bylaw:

We note that the revised Bylaw appears to take a more permissive approach to dog access in some areas, including the CBD areas. While we are not positioned to comment on the suitability of specific local changes, we broadly support approaches that enable responsible dog guardians to participate in community life with their dogs, provided appropriate control requirements remain in place. We defer to local community feedback on these matters. We support the exemptions outlined in subclauses 24.1 and 24.2 regarding the settings in which Disability Assist dogs and Working Dogs may operate, or for dogs who attend a veterinary clinic located in a prohibited area.

We do, however, wish to draw Council's attention to the importance of adequate off-leash exercise provision, particularly where access restrictions are introduced or extended in some areas. Promoting exercise through providing dogs (and their humans) with safe, appropriate spaces to walk contributes to better overall health and behaviour, and prevents obesity in dogs (Hurley *et al*, 2011). New Zealand's Code of Welfare for Dogs emphasises the importance of exercise for canine physical and mental well-being, warning that insufficient activity, or space for exercise can lead to behavioural and health issues, that may be problematic for humans, other animals and the community. We also note that some dog owners may be reluctant to exercise their dogs if they have limited flexibility about where they can do so. Ensuring that off-leash exercise areas are available, well-maintained, well signposted, and accessible across the Council is therefore likely to improve overall compliance, as owners are better able to meet their animals' needs within the framework Council provides.

Lead pulling can be a significant welfare issue, with negative effects on a dog's health and behaviour (Townsend *et al*, 2022). A 2021 study found that popular on-leash activities often overlook the individual walking pace needed for dogs' physical, physiological, and cognitive well-being (Foltin, 2021). The research also highlighted that providing dogs with off-lead freedom, while maintaining effective control, and using longer leashes (such as longlines) can help address behavioural concerns by allowing dogs to release energy, explore, and engage with their environment. This supports natural behaviours like sniffing, roaming, and interacting, which in turn enhances a dog's sense of safety and overall satisfaction. For the reasons outlined above,

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we recommend that Matamata-Piako District Council implement measures as required to protect wildlife, natural habitats and minimise risks to people, while balancing this with the welfare and exercise needs of dogs.

We **support retaining the current limit of two dogs over three months of age in urban areas before a permit is required, with no limit in rural areas.** We also support the exemptions mentioned under subclause 24.3, that Clause 17 shall not apply to any lawfully established boarding kennel, dog day care facility, veterinary clinic or animal hospital, provided the activity is permitted on the site under the Matamata-Piako District Council District Plan or authorised by resource consent.

In regards to the Minimum Standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for, we **do not support keeping the current minimum standards**, and instead recommend that they be strengthened with additional clear requirements to support better health and welfare outcomes for dogs. In particular, we suggest inclusion of expectations to maintain appropriate dog body condition and ensure dogs receive adequate nutrition, clean and accessible water, and feeding regimes that meet their physiological needs across life stages. We also recommend strengthening housing and containment standards to ensure dogs are not confined in ways that cause injury or distress, and that all dogs are provided with sufficient space, enrichment, and daily opportunities for exercise. Further clarity is also needed around temperature regulation, ventilation, lighting, and hygiene to reduce disease risk and support overall welfare. For more information, we encourage Council to review the SPCA Draft Code of Welfare (Dogs) 2023 which is available online here:
https://www.spca.nz/Images/Assets/1013078/1/draft%20Dog%20CoW%202023.pdf

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Thanks for considering our feedback. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require clarification.

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Appendix D

APPENDIX D

Outdoor Access Commission
Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa

Connecting people
Connecting places

Submission on Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026) to Matamata-Piako District Council

28 April 2026

Tēnā koe Josy

Introduction

1. Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission, is the Crown agent responsible for providing leadership on outdoor access issues. We welcome the opportunity to submit on the amendments to the Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026).

2. Our governing piece of legislation is the Walking Access Act 2008. The primary purpose of the Walking Access Act 2008 is 'to provide the New Zealand public with free, certain, enduring, and practical walking access to the outdoors'.

3. We administer a national strategy on outdoor access, including tracks and trails. We play a role in negotiating, establishing and improving outdoor access for New Zealanders. This includes increasing awareness of public access and ensuring it endures over time.

4. Our mandate includes all forms of public access, including by foot, bike, horse and vehicle – and for a variety of uses, including hunting and fishing. We map outdoor access, provide information to the public, oversee a code of responsible conduct in the outdoors, help to resolve access issues and negotiate new access. The commission has a team in Wellington and a network of regional advisors. An independent board governs our work.

5. The commission supports the inclusion of specific reference to Unformed Legal Roads in the updated Land Transport Bylaw 2008 (Amended 2026).

Clause 7

6. The commission recommends strengthening the definition of a Road in Clause 7 to clarify that "Road" includes Unformed Legal Roads, by adding a paragraph to the end of the definition:

> "For the avoidance of doubt, *Road* includes paper roads and unformed legal roads that are legally vested in, or under the care, control, or management of the Council, whether or not they are formed or maintained."

Explanatory Notes

7. Sometimes confusion exists over the legal status of unformed legal roads. However, the law relating to the use of roads does not differentiate between formed and unformed roads.

8. The commission recommends the bylaw Explanatory Notes refer to Guidelines for the Management of Unformed Legal Roads (available on Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission website — https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/types-of-access/unformed-legal-roads.

8.1 Council's Powers

9. The commission requests consideration of how these clauses might impact unformed legal roads. Given that unformed legal roads are legal roads, we expect them to be included in the Bylaw definition of a Road.

8.1 Clause 11, 12, 13

10. The commission notes the following clauses are specifically relevant to unformed legal roads:

    a. 11 – Objects and Hazards on the road— 11.1.

    b. 12 – Vegetation and Encroachment — 12.1, 12.2, 12.3

    c. 13 — Activities that Damage Roads — 13.1

11. Blocked access using locked gates and construction of buildings over unformed legal roads are an infringement that the public often seeks advice and support to resolve from the commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Bylaw.

We do not wish to speak to this submission.

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Kaitohutohu a-Rohe | Regional Field Advisor

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Appendix E

APPENDIX E

Greetings Laura and other Council members

I am writing to express my frustration at your proposed change of bylaw concerning dogs off leash in Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive. I am hoping that many people have also opposed this change and have given many and varied valid reasons why dogs need to be off leash (but controlled) and why Centennial Drive, though not necessarily the best place to do this (at least two busy roads to cross), is frequented by so many dogs and their owners.

Instead I wish to talk about fair and sensible rules and regulations. I have lived here for many years (though I am not a 'local') and have walked through (and thoroughly enjoyed) Centennial Drive in particular almost daily both without a dog but latterly with my dog. The birdsong, the trees displaying the changing of the seasons, the stopping to chat or pass the time of day with others is to be treasured. And long may it continue. However the Centennial Drive I admired in my early days here is not what I see and experience now. And this is mostly to do with vehicles and their casual access to what should be seen as one of the greatest assets in our town.

I have long been an advocate for a vehicle-free Centennial Drive and with each year that passes, I am more appalled by the damage done to and the careless use (or rather misuse) of the Drive. The Centennial Drive Committee do a wonderful job in trying to keep it flourishing but unfortunately there is a growing sector in our community who have little regard for this treasured green belt and its future.

I will cite some examples:

- it is a common place to park up and use or exchange/sell drugs and other substances. During the summer months in my early morning walks it was a regular feature to find the large nitrous oxide cannisters (and accompanying balloons) littered across the various parking areas. Perhaps this has been cleared up by the police as I have not encountered it for several months now.
- the detritus of KFC, McDonalds and other take-aways casually disposed of out of the window or door after the occupants of the vehicle have finished (or not finished) their meal. Most mornings I am picking up and binning this mainly because my dog will eat (or attempt to eat) ANYTHING and I wish to remove temptation for other dogs.
- the disposal of bags of household rubbish by residents of this town beside or most often SQUASHED into the bins in the Drive. This is almost a daily occurrence and I am sure your Kaimai Valley Services team are aware of this. I find one of the frustrating annoyances of this is that much of this 'rubbish' is actually recyclable. But instead it will become landfill! It appears that much of this is done in the evening or VERY early morning and, again it will be someone in a vehicle..
- I understand that theft of and in some cases destruction of plants is quite common. It is also my understanding that one of the members of the Centennial Drive Committee was assaulted after confronting someone in said act. Again, I cannot imagine it was by someone using the Drive for legitimate purposes.
- the 'boy racers' who like to display their prowess by tearing up the grassed sections. This is not just cosmetic damage; the earth becomes more compacted which leads to grasses failing to thrive and weeds gaining the upper hand. It also leaves the ground very uneven which means walking on the grass becomes a fraught business especially for those of us in our older years.
- and lastly those who use the Tainui to Rata Street section (the fountain end) as a carpark for events at Bedford Park. These vehicles line both sides of the roadway which leaves little room for those walking/cycling/ enjoying a family walk (there is barely enough room for a vehicle to travel between these two rows of parked cars such is the size of many vehicles these days). There is also little concern for the shrubbery as finding a park takes precedence over nature. This section of the Drive in particular experiences lots of large muddy puddles after a bout of rain; the rainwater cannot drain away because of the compacted earth.

And yet, despite all these examples of anti-social and in some cases illegal behaviour, the Drive remains open to vehicles. But, a dog perhaps runs toward someone and bingo, the powers that be decide that DOGS MUST BE LEASED. This is so unfair, so unjust and so short-sighted and I am hoping that enough responsible dog owners have given voice to their four (sometimes 3) legged buddies and said, "No! This is NOT OK."

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole (and Ted)

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PS I am unsure if I wish to speak to this at a Council meeting.

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Submission by the

Royal New Zealand Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.

on

Matamata-Piako District Council Dog Policy and Bylaw

17 April 2026

Executive Summary

- SPCA broadly supports Option 3, adopting the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw with targeted amendments to strengthen outcomes for animals and communities.
- SPCA supports the clearer structure of the Policy and its stronger emphasis on responsible dog ownership, including the updated objectives.
- SPCA supports allowing dogs on-leash in CBD areas, as this facilitates socialisation and reduces risk of development of behavioural issues.
- SPCA is concerned about the removal of existing off-leash areas and emphasises that any restrictions should be balanced by creating suitable alternative exercise spaces. Off-leash exercise is essential for meeting dogs' physical, behavioural, and welfare needs, and cannot be fully replaced by on-leash activity.
- SPCA considers the two-dog limit in town areas before requiring a permit to be a reasonable and proportionate approach.
- SPCA supports inclusion of minimum standards for dog housing and care within the bylaw and notes new national regulations addressing inappropriate tethering.
- SPCA supports requiring desexing of dogs repeatedly found roaming, as this reduces unwanted litters, roaming behaviour, and associated community impacts.
- SPCA encourages councils to provide a pathway for review of "menacing by behaviour" classifications where owners take steps to demonstrate responsible dog ownership over a set time period.
- SPCA recommends that decisions about dog risk and classification are based on consistent, evidence-based behavioural assessment tools rather than subjective judgement.

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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 150 years with a supporter base representing more than 100,000 New Zealanders across the nation.

The organisation includes 27 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the consultation for Matamata-Piako District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

Submission

SPCA broadly supports the option 3: Adopt the draft policy and bylaw with further amendments (specified below).

SPCA advocates for responsible dog ownership. In this submission we first address the specific questions on proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw set out in the feedback form. We also provide additional suggestions for the Council to consider that promote responsible dog ownership and background information and research in support of our submission.

Policy

SPCA agrees with the clearer layout of the Policy and stronger focus on responsible dog ownership. SPCA also agrees with the updated Policy objectives.

Bylaw

SPCA supports the proposal to allow dogs in the CBD areas at all times (on leash).

SPCA supports dog-friendly communities. New Zealanders overwhelmingly consider their companion animals part of their whānau (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020).

Creating dog-friendly communities, for example through allowing dogs on leash in the CBD, facilitates socialisation of puppies and dogs. Dogs which have been adequately and appropriately socialised are less likely to show undesirable behaviours, such as barking and aggression (Dietz et al., 2018).

SPCA is concerned by the proposal to add Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a dog prohibited area.

SPCA supports allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata as long as they are on a leash and under control.

SPCA is concerned by the proposal to remove off leash access status for Tom Graant Drive and Centennial Drive.

Removal or restriction of dog access areas must be balanced with creation of new dog access areas to ensure dog owners are able to meet their legal obligation.

There is a legitimate need for safe, appropriate designated off-leash areas to provide alternatives to those areas where the presence of off-leash dogs is potentially detrimental to wildlife, farmed animals and other users of public lands.

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. 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. Provision of alternative designated dog exercise areas to compensate for those removed, is likely to improve compliance with the introduced restrictions and allow dog owners to meet their physical, health and behavioural needs.

On-leash exercise is not a substitute for off-leash exercise. Dogs walk faster than people and providing off-leash time allows them to work off excess energy. Research suggests that off-leash dog exercise areas can benefit owners' and dogs' physical and social health, as well as community connectedness (Cutt et al., 2007; Eldering & Martin, 2017; Toohey et al., 2013). Canine obesity is now considered to be the number one health concern in companion dogs worldwide (Kipperman & German, 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 not provided an appropriate outlet for their energy can develop problem behaviours such as nuisance barking and destructive behaviours or depression (Instone & Sweeney, 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 obligations to prevent or abate nuisances.

SPCA encourages Councils to take on board feedback from local residents regarding adequate provision of appropriate dog exercise areas to ensure a reasonable balance between removal of off-leash access areas and creation of new, alternative off-leash areas.

SPCA considers the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit), a reasonable compromise.

A limit of two dogs recognises that many households can meet the physical, health and behavioural needs of more than one dog, without being unnecessarily restrictive. Beyond this threshold, a permit requirement is appropriate, as the risks to animal welfare, neighbourhood

amenity, and public safety can increase with higher dog numbers. Without appropriate oversight, this can lead to unintentional neglect or compromised welfare outcomes.

SPCA supports inclusion in bylaws of minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for.

SPCA would like to make Council aware of new dog tethering regulations introduced in September last year under the Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations.[1] These are designed to address situations where dogs are being harmed as a result of being chained or tied up for long periods and to protect vulnerable dogs such as puppies and mothers.

Additional feedback on the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

Below SPCA suggests some additional feedback on the draft dog control policy and bylaw for consideration.

Desexing

SPCA supports the requirement the requirement to desex dogs repeatedly found roaming (i.e. found at large on more than one occasion).

Desexing is a well-established approach for reducing the number of unwanted litters, decreasing roaming behaviours, and contributing to improved behaviour outcomes.

Roaming dogs impact the community in several ways including fouling, community using, risk of dog attacks and unintended breeding. Desexing reduces the motivation to roam and prevents unintended litters. Many councils have introduced targeted desexing requirements for dogs that are repeatedly found roaming, such as Auckland and Rotorua Lakes Councils.

SPCA supports the introduction of adoption fees for puppy rehoming and encourages Council to consider desexing of unclaimed dogs deemed suitable for rehoming prior to transferring

[1] https://www.spca.nz/news-and-events/news-article/dog-tethering-regulations-faqs

ownership. Several Councils, including Auckland, Hamilton and New Plymouth, already include desexing – along with microchipping and registration – as part of their rehoming fees.

Menacing classification

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, dogs may be classified as menacing due to behaviour (section 33A) or due to appearance (section 33C).

SPCA encourages Councils providing a pathway for owners of dogs with a menacing by behaviour classification to request a review of their dog's classification, provided they take specific steps to demonstrate responsible dog ownership.

This approach has been successfully adopted by other Territorial Authorities (for example, see Auckland Council Dog Bylaw), which provide an opportunity to apply for review after 12 months of holding this classification. This incentivises human behaviour change and adoption of responsible dog ownership practices.

SPCA recommends councils assess risk based on the behaviour of the individual dog, using standardised methods to assess severity of injury and risk of reoffending.

The Dog Control Act 1996 currently lacks clear, consistent guidance for Councils on how to classify dogs as 'menacing' or 'dangerous' based on their behaviour. This absence of national standards can result in inconsistent decisions across Territorial Authorities, which may undermine both public safety and animal welfare.

SPCA recommends councils assess risk based on the behaviour of the individual dog, using standardised methods to assess severity of injury and risk of reoffending rather than subjective or inconsistent interpretations of incidents. Well established tools, such as the Ian Dunbar Dog Bite Scale, support objective, evidence-based assessments.[2] The Ian Dunbar Bite Scale offers

[2] Ian Dunbar Bite Scale (2017) https://apdt.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ian-dunbar-dog-bite-scale.pdf

advantages as it provides insights into the prognosis for a training intervention and objective assessment of future risk. A consistent, evidence-based, behaviour-focused approach would:

- Promote fairness by ensuring that similar incidents are treated with equivalent seriousness
- Improve public safety through more accurate identification of genuinely high-risk dogs and identifying opportunities for early intervention
- Support animal welfare by reducing arbitrary or disproportionate penalties for dogs who pose little or no threat

SPCA encourages councils to consider impacts of menacing classification, and the high rates of error in visual identification of cross breeds, when determining their criteria for classifying dogs as 'menacing' based solely on appearance.

SPCA understands that councils are required to comply with the Dog Control Act 1996, which currently requires classification of dogs listed in Schedule 4 (as assessed based on visual assessment of the dog's physical characteristics) as "menacing". SPCA strongly opposes breed specific legislation, such as New Zealand's Dog Control Act 1996, as evidence shows that targeting specific dog breeds or types is subjective, does not reduce the risk of dog bites, and places additional obligations on responsible owners.

The Act does not contain a definition of what constitutes an "American Pit Bull Terrier type" and thus it is left up to each Territorial Authority to determine how they establish reasonable grounds for believing a dog is wholly or predominantly one of the impacted dog breeds or types. SPCA cautions that research has clearly shown that visual assessment of mixed breed dogs is highly inaccurate, even when conducted by experts such as shelter workers, veterinarians and dog control officers (Hoffman et al., 2014; Olson et al., 2015; Voith et al., 2013). Classification as menacing has serious consequences for a dog's welfare and can impact responsible dog owners.

Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Matamata-Piako District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw consultation. Our organisation is happy to discuss this matter if further information is required.

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Appendix G

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Chief Executive Officer

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Petition on proposed changes to Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw.

Delivered by hand to Matamata council office May 4th, 2026.

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May 4, 2026

Chief Executive Officer
Matamata-Piako District Council

Re: Petition on proposed changes to Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw

Please find attached **five** petition forms totalling **71** signatures that have been gathered from a large number of our citizens in the Matamata community that regularly use both Tom Grant and Centennial Drives in Matamata.

As people became aware of the potential changes to off lead locations in Matamata we found there were a number of people who wanted their voices heard as they were extremely concerned at losing the ability to exercise their dogs off lead. However, they were unsure and lacked computer skills and were unable to submit through the submission process that closed on April 19th. For this reason, this petition has been organised to allow and record these people's viewpoint as a public record on the proposed changes, in the hope that councillors will take this into consideration when deciding on this proposal at the Council meeting on May 12th or 13th.

I trust that the attached petition has been completed in accordance with Councils policy and thank you for your time to receive and process this petition.

Yours sincerely

S. Callis

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MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL PETITION FORM

To: The Chief Executive, Matamata-Piako District Council
From (Principal Petitioner): Suzanne Callis
Address: [redacted] Tawari Street, Matamata
Contact Number: [redacted]

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The Request :
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Reason for Request:
Opposes the proposal changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas

SIGNATURES
*You must gather at least **20 signatures** for the petition to be valid.*

No.	Full Name	Physical Address	Signature
1	Taewyn Robinson	[redacted] Findlater St Matamata	
2	Fiona Wills	[redacted]	
3	Rosemary Locke	[redacted] Findlater St. Matamata	
4	Joan Locke.	[redacted] Findlater St Matamata.	
5	Shirley Frew	[redacted] Tamihana St Matamata.	
6	Katie Lancaste	[redacted]	
7.	Aaron Lancaster	[redacted]	

7 Barbara King [redacted] Findlater St Matamata

8 Chantelle McQueen [redacted] Wrigley Place, Matamata,

9 Thomas McQueen [redacted] wrigley place, matamata

10 Maggie Kelly [redacted] KARAKA ST MATAMATA

11 Faith McKillop [redacted] Grant Place

12 Guy Troughton [redacted] Hampton Terrace

13 Geoff - Sue Dalziel [redacted] Karaka St Matamata.

14 JEFF NOBES. Peria Rd

15 Kelsey Fruger [redacted] Findlater Street

16 Nick Leigh [redacted] Findlater St.

17 Kay Tappin [redacted] Tauori St

18 Shane Howard, [redacted] Findlater St
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19 Jenny & Graeme Burches [redacted] Peakedale Dr. Matata

20 Lea Stanley [redacted] Hohaia Street

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3	Rosemary Casey	[redacted] Grant Pl.	
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5	Wilma Zeedijk	[redacted] Richardson Rd	
6	Yoli Petting	[redacted] Lakewood Ct	

7	Louise Naver	[redacted] Silk Rd, Mamaku.
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9	Craig le Vaillant	[redacted] Cedar Crescent
10	Colin Kenplen	[redacted] Birchwood Rd, [redacted]
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12	Karen Southan	[redacted] Peria Rd [redacted]
13	Meg Downs	Springs Rd. Mtm [redacted]
14	Des. Hammond	[redacted] Magnolia Drive.
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5	Dave Wright	Peria Rise	
6	HEATHER KIRK	[redacted] FINDLATER ST	

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"We, the undersigned residents and ratepayers of the Matamata-Piako District, request that the Council do not approve the proposal changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas. We have recently become aware of this proposal and while not able to submit to this process we would like council to be aware of our strong opposition to this proposal. We do not see the need for this change as the present designated use is working well and the change would see a significant reduction in the areas available in Matamata for dogs to exercise off leash. We would also find it difficult to use the remaining areas as they are further away from our places of residence and the current locations work well for us and are in walking distance for access:

Reason for Request:
Opposes the proposal changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas

SIGNATURES
*You must gather at least **20 signatures** for the petition to be valid.*

No.	Full Name	Physical Address	Signature
1	John. R. Wright	Wairere Rd,	J.R. Wright.
2	Ruth Taylor	Tawari St	
3	Gillian Hampton	[redacted]	S.D Hampton
4	ALBERT NEILSON	[redacted] BUCHANAN ST	
5	Jue Nilson	"	
6	Colleen Martin	Tawari St	

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Hearing Schedule of Policy, Bylaw and draft Fees and Charges Review

13 May 2026

Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha and/or Remotely

Version 1(draft): 05 May 2026

Final schedule to be tabled on the day

Hearing start time: 0910hrs

Name	Topic(s)
Priscilla Tarrant	Dogs
Jason Tidmarsh	Dogs
Fiona Scott	Land Transport
Karen Huitema	Dogs
Lynette Allen	Easter Trading
Sebo Bruins	Dogs
Linda Newton	Fees and Charges

Isaac McIntyre (Federated Farmers)	Land Transport; Fees and Charges
Lynnda McLachlan	Fees and Charges; Dogs
Graham and Sue Callis	Dogs
Margueritte Wilson	Dogs
Kay Tappin	Dogs
Jocelyn Cole	Dogs
Wilma van Orsouw	Fees and Charges
Anneliese England	Dogs

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Ross and Janet Miller
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD-001

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
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Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
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Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

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Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

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17 April 2026

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Submission regarding the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw 2010 (Amended 2026)

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a respected animal welfare charity committed to positive welfare for companion animals. As custodians of the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR), we actively promote the importance of permanent identification and reunification through microchipping and registration. The New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) is NZ's leading microchip database for pets with more than 1.5 million total records and over 1000 Approved Users nationwide incl. vet clinics, SPCA and shelters. We connect companion animals with their guardian details to ensure swift repatriation in case of separation, and we offer a lost-and-found service through our platform, LostPet. Our mission is that all companion animals in New Zealand should enjoy a 'Good Life'.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Matamata-Piako District Council's proposed changes to the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw.

We support 'Option 3: Adopt the draft Policy on Dogs 2010 (Amended 2026) and draft Dog Control Bylaw 2010 (Amended 2026) with further amendments'. By presenting the amended drafts for public feedback, submitters are better positioned to comment meaningfully on the detail and direction of the Policy and Bylaw compared to early engagement.

Additionally, in view of the comprehensive review of the Dog Control Act 1996 recently announced by the Government, proceeding with Option 3 may prove particularly timely. The review was ordered in response to a number of serious dog attacks, with the Government acknowledging that the current Act is outdated and is preventing councils from doing their jobs

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effectively. The scope of the review is expected to include penalties and consequences for non-compliant dog owners, desexing obligations, stronger powers for council officers, and the removal of clauses that impose unnecessary barriers or resource pressure on councils - all of which are highly relevant to the direction of this Policy and Bylaw.

Draft Policy on Dogs:

We support the council's definition of responsible dog ownership:

- registering dogs annually;
- keeping dogs under control at all times;
- preventing nuisance or danger to people, animals or property;
- removing dog faeces from any location outside the Owner's property, including
- all Public Places;
- respecting Prohibited Areas and Leash control requirements;
- ensuring dogs receive appropriate care, including adequate food, water, shelter, exercise, and veterinary attention;
- meeting identification (e.g., microchipping) and Neutering requirements where applicable; and
- complying with any limits on the number of dogs permitted under the Council's Bylaw.

At Companion Animals NZ, we believe that responsible dog guardianship encompasses a commitment to the lifelong health, safety, and wellbeing of dogs. We encourage dog guardians to adopt the following practices, and councils to support them:

- Microchipping and Registration: Microchipping and registering dogs on the National Dog Database (NDD) as well as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) - this is one of the most important steps guardians can take. Lost dogs are three times more likely to be reunited with their families when microchipped and registered.
- Early socialisation: The window between 3 and 14 weeks of age is a critical period in a puppy's development. Positive, safe exposure to a wide variety of people, animals, environments, and experiences during this time lays the foundation for a confident, well-adjusted adult dog. Ensuring that safe, suitable spaces exist in the Council region for this to happen is an essential part of supporting dogs and their guardians to get it right.

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- Ongoing care: Responsible guardianship means providing for your dog's physical and emotional needs throughout their life - including proper nutrition, regular veterinary care, enrichment, mental stimulation, exercise, and a safe, loving home environment.
- Keeping dogs under control: Dogs should be kept under appropriate control at all times, both for their own safety and the safety of others. This includes complying with local bylaws around on-leash requirements and ensuring dogs do not roam or pose a risk to the public, the environment or other animals.
- Desexing: A blanket approach to desexing is not appropriate for all dogs, as the right timing can vary depending on breed, size, and individual circumstances. We encourage all guardians to have an open, informed conversation with their veterinarian about when desexing is the right step for their dog.

With the above in mind, we **support the clearer layout of the Draft Policy on Dogs, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership** within this**.** This amended Policy on dogs is clearer, better structured and more culturally considerate.

We **agree** with the **updated Policy objectives**. We would like Council to consider however, whether it might be beneficial to also recognise and reward responsible dog guardians for demonstrated *positive ownership behaviours*, rather than focusing solely on the absence of negative ones. This would support a more proactive and inclusive approach - for example, acknowledging actions such as completing an approved dog behaviour course, attending a responsible owner workshop, proactively registering dogs each year, notifying Council of any changes in ownership or address, and engaging in early socialisation opportunities such as puppy classes or structured socialisation training programmes.

Where education is mentioned as a step in achieving compliance (e.g., Objective 1 and Policy subclause 17.4), we encourage Council to ensure that education and information materials are available in accessible formats across the full diversity of the community, and where possible, in languages other than English. An inclusive approach to education will help ensure that the community members who most need support around responsible ownership are able to access and benefit from it.

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Companion Animals NZ offers a variety of educational online resources designed specifically to support dog guardians on their responsible guardianship journey. Our online library at www.companionanimals.nz features evidence-based articles, and we regularly host free webinars and videos covering topics such as dog behaviour, modification training, and the use of ethical training aids including longlines, which are available as recordings on our Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@companionanimalsnewzealand341. We encourage you to make use of these resources to help educate your community.

Where educational presentations or behavioural assessments of dogs are required, we recommend that Matamata-Piako District Council prioritise engaging qualified, accredited dog behaviour professionals who follow ethical and humane standards. In particular, we encourage the use of professionals accredited through the CANZ Accreditation scheme, who are required to meet rigorous standards and adhere to the CANZ Code of Ethical Conduct. These professionals apply humane, science-based methods grounded in a sound, modern understanding of animal behaviour and learning. For more info, go to:
https://www.companionanimals.nz/canzaccreditation

Note on Menacing Classification:

We acknowledge that councils are required to operate within the Dog Control Act 1996 in relation to the classification of menacing dogs, including those breeds and types of dogs listed in Schedule 4. However, we have concerns regarding the reliance on visual identification of breed or type as a basis for classification. Evidence shows that visual assessment of mixed-breed dogs is unreliable (Olson *et al*, 2015). Breed or type-based approaches are subjective and do not necessarily reduce the risk of dog bites, while placing additional regulatory burden on responsible dog guardians. We therefore encourage councils to exercise caution when applying classification criteria that rely on perceived breed characteristics. We recommend a clear review or appeal pathway for dogs classified as menacing due to behaviour, allowing owners to demonstrate responsible and proactive guardianship and, where appropriate, evidence that risk can be effectively managed. This approach supports fair and proportionate outcomes.

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Draft Dog Control Bylaw:

We note that the revised Bylaw appears to take a more permissive approach to dog access in some areas, including the CBD areas. While we are not positioned to comment on the suitability of specific local changes, we broadly support approaches that enable responsible dog guardians to participate in community life with their dogs, provided appropriate control requirements remain in place. We defer to local community feedback on these matters. We support the exemptions outlined in subclauses 24.1 and 24.2 regarding the settings in which Disability Assist dogs and Working Dogs may operate, or for dogs who attend a veterinary clinic located in a prohibited area.

We do, however, wish to draw Council's attention to the importance of adequate off-leash exercise provision, particularly where access restrictions are introduced or extended in some areas. Promoting exercise through providing dogs (and their humans) with safe, appropriate spaces to walk contributes to better overall health and behaviour, and prevents obesity in dogs (Hurley *et al*, 2011). New Zealand's Code of Welfare for Dogs emphasises the importance of exercise for canine physical and mental well-being, warning that insufficient activity, or space for exercise can lead to behavioural and health issues, that may be problematic for humans, other animals and the community. We also note that some dog owners may be reluctant to exercise their dogs if they have limited flexibility about where they can do so. Ensuring that off-leash exercise areas are available, well-maintained, well signposted, and accessible across the Council is therefore likely to improve overall compliance, as owners are better able to meet their animals' needs within the framework Council provides.

Lead pulling can be a significant welfare issue, with negative effects on a dog's health and behaviour (Townsend *et al*, 2022). A 2021 study found that popular on-leash activities often overlook the individual walking pace needed for dogs' physical, physiological, and cognitive well-being (Foltin, 2021). The research also highlighted that providing dogs with off-lead freedom, while maintaining effective control, and using longer leashes (such as longlines) can help address behavioural concerns by allowing dogs to release energy, explore, and engage with their environment. This supports natural behaviours like sniffing, roaming, and interacting, which in turn enhances a dog's sense of safety and overall satisfaction. For the reasons outlined above,

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we recommend that Matamata-Piako District Council implement measures as required to protect wildlife, natural habitats and minimise risks to people, while balancing this with the welfare and exercise needs of dogs.

We **support retaining the current limit of two dogs over three months of age in urban areas before a permit is required, with no limit in rural areas.** We also support the exemptions mentioned under subclause 24.3, that Clause 17 shall not apply to any lawfully established boarding kennel, dog day care facility, veterinary clinic or animal hospital, provided the activity is permitted on the site under the Matamata-Piako District Council District Plan or authorised by resource consent.

In regards to the Minimum Standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for, we **do not support keeping the current minimum standards**, and instead recommend that they be strengthened with additional clear requirements to support better health and welfare outcomes for dogs. In particular, we suggest inclusion of expectations to maintain appropriate dog body condition and ensure dogs receive adequate nutrition, clean and accessible water, and feeding regimes that meet their physiological needs across life stages. We also recommend strengthening housing and containment standards to ensure dogs are not confined in ways that cause injury or distress, and that all dogs are provided with sufficient space, enrichment, and daily opportunities for exercise. Further clarity is also needed around temperature regulation, ventilation, lighting, and hygiene to reduce disease risk and support overall welfare. For more information, we encourage Council to review the SPCA Draft Code of Welfare (Dogs) 2023 which is available online here:
https://www.spca.nz/Images/Assets/1013078/1/draft%20Dog%20CoW%202023.pdf

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Thanks for considering our feedback. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require clarification.

Ngā mihi,

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Greetings Laura and other Council members

I am writing to express my frustration at your proposed change of bylaw concerning dogs off leash in Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive. I am hoping that many people have also opposed this change and have given many and varied valid reasons why dogs need to be off leash (but controlled) and why Centennial Drive, though not necessarily the best place to do this (at least two busy roads to cross), is frequented by so many dogs and their owners.

Instead I wish to talk about fair and sensible rules and regulations. I have lived here for many years (though I am not a 'local') and have walked through (and thoroughly enjoyed) Centennial Drive in particular almost daily both without a dog but latterly with my dog. The birdsong, the trees displaying the changing of the seasons, the stopping to chat or pass the time of day with others is to be treasured. And long may it continue. However the Centennial Drive I admired in my early days here is not what I see and experience now. And this is mostly to do with vehicles and their casual access to what should be seen as one of the greatest assets in our town.

I have long been an advocate for a vehicle-free Centennial Drive and with each year that passes, I am more appalled by the damage done to and the careless use (or rather misuse) of the Drive. The Centennial Drive Committee do a wonderful job in trying to keep it flourishing but unfortunately there is a growing sector in our community who have little regard for this treasured green belt and its future.

I will cite some examples:

- it is a common place to park up and use or exchange/sell drugs and other substances. During the summer months in my early morning walks it was a regular feature to find the large nitrous oxide cannisters (and accompanying balloons) littered across the various parking areas. Perhaps this has been cleared up by the police as I have not encountered it for several months now.
- the detritus of KFC, McDonalds and other take-aways casually disposed of out of the window or door after the occupants of the vehicle have finished (or not finished) their meal. Most mornings I am picking up and binning this mainly because my dog will eat (or attempt to eat) ANYTHING and I wish to remove temptation for other dogs.
- the disposal of bags of household rubbish by residents of this town beside or most often SQUASHED into the bins in the Drive. This is almost a daily occurrence and I am sure your Kaimai Valley Services team are aware of this. I find one of the frustrating annoyances of this is that much of this 'rubbish' is actually recyclable. But instead it will become landfill! It appears that much of this is done in the evening or VERY early morning and, again it will be someone in a vehicle..
- I understand that theft of and in some cases destruction of plants is quite common. It is also my understanding that one of the members of the Centennial Drive Committee was assaulted after confronting someone in said act. Again, I cannot imagine it was by someone using the Drive for legitimate purposes.
- the 'boy racers' who like to display their prowess by tearing up the grassed sections. This is not just cosmetic damage; the earth becomes more compacted which leads to grasses failing to thrive and weeds gaining the upper hand. It also leaves the ground very uneven which means walking on the grass becomes a fraught business especially for those of us in our older years.
- and lastly those who use the Tainui to Rata Street section (the fountain end) as a carpark for events at Bedford Park. These vehicles line both sides of the roadway which leaves little room for those walking/cycling/ enjoying a family walk (there is barely enough room for a vehicle to travel between these two rows of parked cars such is the size of many vehicles these days). There is also little concern for the shrubbery as finding a park takes precedence over nature. This section of the Drive in particular experiences lots of large muddy puddles after a bout of rain; the rainwater cannot drain away because of the compacted earth.

And yet, despite all these examples of anti-social and in some cases illegal behaviour, the Drive remains open to vehicles. But, a dog perhaps runs toward someone and bingo, the powers that be decide that DOGS MUST BE LEASED. This is so unfair, so unjust and so short-sighted and I am hoping that enough responsible dog owners have given voice to their four (sometimes 3) legged buddies and said, "No! This is NOT OK."

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22 APR 2026
BY:

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole (and Ted)

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PS I am unsure if I wish to speak to this at a Council meeting.

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - lynn needham
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 002

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
most of the adoptions don't concern me apart from dogs in towns dogs in cafe's Why would you want to take your dog to town. I was having a nice lunch in a morrinsville Cafe where these 2 dogs started to have set to. which resulted in a customer being hurled into the lap of a couple have tea and cake which just got spewed to the ground. luckily no one was hurt, and I managed to grab the lead of the offending animal. now these were small dogs. so would it be ok for my daughter and myself to take the Rottweilers to town. no I wouldn't anyway because it's these small irritating yapping dust mops that course the most upsets. all dogs should be on a leash. have you seen the "Fenton" dog on utube it's funny but could have been dangerous

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Marie Wright
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 003

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do agree with everything, including a stronger focus on responsible dog ownership. However, it appears that the council has a different understanding of what responsible dog ownership means. A responsible dog owner knows when it is appropriate to put their dog on leash, and when it is safe to allow their dog to walk off leash. A responsible dog owner knows to pick up their dogs droppings. A responsible dog owner knows their dog, how their dog behaves when meeting other dogs and people, and acts accordingly to not put their dog or others at risk. A "stronger focus on responsible dog ownership" to me means enabling that behaviour, not restricting it by cutting down off leash dog exercise areas. You should reword the proposed changes to "stronger focus on controlling dog owners and their dogs". As a responsible dog owner myself I do not feel empowered by this proposal but restricted.

Cutting down off-leash dog exercise areas does not focus on responsible dog ownership, but on people who do not own dogs.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do not agree that Centennial Drive should be on-leash only. There are fences all along the drive, so dogs can't just run off or into people's backyards. They are contained, which is ideal for an off-leash area. Exercising your dog is more than throwing a ball and them running after it. The dog park on Peria Road has no bushes and trees to sniff, no walking trails for the dog owners. It's just a boring paddock... Centennial Drive however is interesting for both dog and owner to wander through and explore. My dog enjoys exploring through the bushes and trees along the Drive, which will not be possible anymore if she has to be by my side on-leash.

Everyone I meet on my daily walks down Centennial Drive is aware of other walkers and puts their dogs on leash if meeting another dog on leash. It's just general courtesy and I have not once met

an unruly dog there. Losing off-leash privileges would be an absolute shame and real loss for every dog and dog owner in town.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Chaining dogs for life, or even hours on end, must be prohibited. Access to shelter, food and water is not enough.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Please do not make Centennial Drive on-leash only. It would be a great disservice to the dog loving and responsible community of Matamata.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Kay Tappin
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 004

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Off leash area in East side of town is Pohlen Park- not fenced though.
I also and many others that use Tom Grant are older folk, don't want or NEED the extra expense of driving across town to the dog park. Please do not change the status on Tom Grant. We cant in many instances WALK to Peria Road either.

Rules proposed to remain the same

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dog owners should all have great respect and standards for their dogs. So many dog not!

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

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Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 005

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Warren Coulson
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 006

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This may stop animals being left in hot cars. Some retailer like Mitre 10 do not mind animals in their premises.

Possibly a late night curfew may have to exercised to prevent animals coming into contact with diners and late night revellers. Some tourist spots around the world have this policy .

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Most people using this trail would have little to no objection to a leashed dog. Because of the cycle traffic it probably means that it is best to leash animals unless there is clear open run. Unfortunately in places the trail is close to road traffic.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is a large area and as long as animals are under control it is a great area to exercise high run animals. There is little to no vehicle traffic and foot traffic of people is sporadic.

Some dogs don't get sufficient exercise by being on a leash. Most people who exercise their dogs tend to be responsible owners:

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Simpson Alexia
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 007

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I use both those off leash areas for my little dog and have never noticed any problems.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - D Clark
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 008

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Missi Bonnar
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 009

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Syntyche
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 010

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
For smaller dogs centennial drive and Tom Grant are safe places for off leash. We've had bad experiences with bigger dogs at the other off leash exercise areas. We don't feel safe there.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Joelene Prier
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 011

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Absolutely!

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Carmen
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 012

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
No trial have a decision

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Christopher Bozzo
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 013

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Sounds like people seem to have an issue with dogs in these areas. I consistently walk my dogs in centennial especially during summer because of the shade it provides. Never had any problems, more education for people around what a "controlled" off leash dog is would help. I would also like to think we are dealing with a loud minority in this situation as this area is used by many dog walkers.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Aleicia Harley
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 014

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Small dogs need to be leashed

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jacqueline Steyn
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 015

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
A lot of dog owners do not understand dog mentality. Socialising dogs does not mean just letting them run up to any dog. Not all dogs are friendly with other dogs but if the owner is keeping it on a leash and under control they deserve to be able to go out in public and not get accosted by all the 'friendly' off leash dogs that are out of owners control and may run up and cause a dog fight with

the responsible owner's dog that is on a leash. These off leash dogs that are not under the owners control cause a lot of dog fights and anxiety for the owners that spend time properly training their dogs. We want dogs to socialise under a controlled situation. In most cases people are just lazy and want the dogs to run wild and exercise themselves. I think there should still be areas that dogs can run off leash but everyone needs to know where this is so they can be avoided if you want to.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lorraine Hutchison
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 016

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
One of the pleasures of our seniors and myself is walking their furbabes up Centenial Drive. All the dogs I have met are a pleasure for us. noted people will secure their dogs if they are willful! My boy loves the freedom of sniffing and running around with other friendly 4 legged family pets.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Megan Clark
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 017

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There are very few off leash areas, and safe from traffic. For example founders park is ridiculous as off leash, being small and surrounded by busy roads. We have walked the drives for years and never experienced any issues.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Dylan Leuthard
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 018

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I will be carrying on walking my dog of leash in this area

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Cherie Perrett
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 019

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Suzanne OConnor
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 020

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I am just concerned about the amount of dog attacks on innocent people particularly the elderly and young children. I'm not familiar with the new changes but trust the right decision to be made. I wonder if people are not registering dogs due to cost? I do think there are some breeds eg pit bulls etc that can be lethal so that could have a higher penalty? Also my concern is that gangs often have dogs for protection etc but maybe too intimidating to monitor.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I visit there often and some owners who let there dogs iff scare me when I'm walking on my own.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Denise Anderson
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 021

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I believe clear and enforceable rules must be made to further protect kuri. My questions around this further below in the form.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This depends on the width of the track. A broad trail should be fine to mix riders with leashed dogs, but a narrow track with no ability to pull the dog to one side won't work
I also think irresponsible dog owners will cause problems on the trails

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Vital . I'm not convinced it will work well. As much as I like the idea.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Most dogs I've encountered off leash have been fine.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
But I believe this stop terrible abuse of some animals. I'm not sure though how stricter policing if

animal welfare can be enforced.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
I would like to know what the bullet point 'Recognition of kuri- strengthened and in partnership.....' etc, actually means. Does this give greater protection to the animal, or to the whanau who own them? How is this enacted and policed in the real world outside of a cultural construct?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - David Irwin
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 022

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We have been walking our dog on lead (by choice) twice a day in Centennial Drive for 9 years and have never seen a dog attack another. I am on the committee for the Centennial Drive Development society who support putting dogs on leash but unlike most of the members, I am a dog owner and as an individual I do not support their decision. I do not know the details of the purported minority attacks that have occurred, but I do know timid dogs often have timid owners and attract attention. Timid/small dogs on leads can feel threatened as they are unable to adequately defend themselves which makes them more defensive around unleased dogs. As the majority of dogs are walked in the mornings and early evening a fairer system would be to allow off lease between 4pm and 9am and on leash between 9am and 4pm as is done in other countries. That gives everyone a choice as to when and how they walk their dog and avoid the inevitable altercations which will occur if your proposal goes ahead. It will not be the dogs that you have to worry about. In my experience Centennial drive has been a successful off leash area. A dog must be walked. Not by car which has a dangerous element and owners that are less likely to pick up.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Murray Reid
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 023

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Firstly I would comment that the dog issue in MPDC is relatively minor compared to some districts. I have been a responsible dog owner for nearly 30 years and have concluded that my registration fees in the main go toward creating a Council team whose focus is on control of dogs owned by people less responsible. "The goodies pay for the baddies".
We seem hell bent on desexing, again at my expense.
I think we should take a much harder line. All dogs should be chipped and registered. Any found unsupervised should be impounded and if after a week no owner has claimed it it should be put down, by the cheapest means. If an owner does claim the dog then a very healthy fine should be applied, big enough to suggest to the errant owner that the best option is to have the dog put down. Their choice!

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The off lease area in Peria Rd is sufficient.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Roy Brimblecombe
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 024

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
All dogs to be on leads at all times, excluding designated exercise areas. Dogs on leads permitted in main shopping area.
Dog control officers to be given more power to ensure animal and public safety and to detain any and all wandering dogs. Dog control officers to carry out random property checks to expose the massive number of us registered and improperly cared for dogs. The onus has to be on the dog owner, not the public, to be safe.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As bive

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Eleanor Thompson
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 025

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This will open up more opportunities to go out with the dog. We often do not go for a coffee or to town as we cannot take the dog with us.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Greg Aspinall
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 026

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Hi there, Thanks for allowing me to make a suggestion restricting access . What about having time-bound access for off-leash and on-leash for Tom Grant and Centennial Drive, much like a beach provides? As a dog owner and walker, I notice limited people except for joggers and dog walkers in the early morning. ie 5.30 am-7.30 am Mon, Friday, and 5.30am-8.00am Sat/Sunday. Anyway go well. really appreciate the consultation

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Laurel Amon
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 027

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Unless in exercise/dog areas all dogs should be on a leash. Owners all think they can control their dogs but many do not respond to command instantly. Not every one likes having dogs rushing up to them, jumping up on them etc etc.

Don't like dogs in outdoor eating areas....means those who do not like or fear dogs do not have the option to dine out in fresh air. .
Have some in our area who take their dogs for walks..with at least one off leash and allow it to tear off and pee on neighbours letterbox, garden etc..
Would like to see Dog Ranger patrolling more often.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
In Hamilton when my brother went to change ownership registration into his name on his wife's death he had to sit a test regarding responsible ownership and dog laws.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Not familiar with area.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Not my town

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Fiona Scott
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 028

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dog walking on leash on rail trail is excellent idea.
Dogs in CBD should Not be allowed unless they are a guide dog. Shoppers dont want to see or smell dog poo or urine!

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Signage on footpath with no dogs off leash, etc to make bylaws clear to everyone especially those from out of town.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
See above.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Nobody wants to smell dog poop or urine when out shopping or sitting outside a cafe. Nobody wants to feel threatened by unsafe dogs in the main shopping area!

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I dont think its necessary to have a trial.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Rogenvald Staffenmeir
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 029

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I am always astounded at the binary either or approach. How about the both and approach?
In Central Park NY you may walk your dog off lead until 9am and then on lead is enforced on lead from 9am to 9pm. I suggest that the same compromise be adopted here.
Most people who are timid of dogs do not walk before 9am and most dog owners have walked their pooches well and truly before this time apart from a few stragglers.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Personally I believe if you decide on the heavy handed approach you will only encourage bloody mindedness most dog owners I have seen especially in the drive are very responsible.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Dianne Burnadette Squires
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 030

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 4

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
There is nothing in the changes for those dogs whose owners let them roam and do not register them.
The ones who are paying for the privilege of owning a dog are paying for the Animal Control to deal with them.

The Lack of Registration and roaming dogs should be shown front and fore most not just in small print.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Christine smith
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details :DD - 031

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Can we have more rubbish bins at parks for dog poos

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Eve Kinane
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 032

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Section A Control Requirements, point 9 Confinement and General Control, in the explanatory notes add another bullet to include "runners" and "cats", in other words, a dog is not considered under control if it runs after runners or after cats.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Where is the policing on the less populated parts of the rail trail for dogs that are found wandering off leash? How will that be policed? What can people using the rail trail do to help bring to the attention of Animal Control a dog that is being allowed to breach the rules in that area eg photographs, video footage?

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Chantelle McQueen
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 033

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 4

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have lived backing onto Tom Grant Drive for 30+ years and have specifically chosen to stay in this area due to the fact we can walk our dogs off-leash along the Drive. I walk the Drive daily and have never seen any situation that would require changing to on-leash. Personally I always leash my dog/s when I think it's necessary (young family approaching etc) / passing the playground. We do not let our dogs run up to people, they know they need to stay close to us. I have seen very scary situations with dogs being aggressive when visiting the Peria Road and Cambridge dog parks, but never in the Drive. I think there should be more poo bag stations at each end of the Drive, and that owners should be more responsible and carry their own rolls. I realise people without dogs enjoy walking along the Drive, but so do people with their dogs. Others have the chance to walk anywhere they like, we don't. One of our dogs loves to play fetch with her ball, how are we supposed to do that while she is on a leash? Where else do we do that? Founders Park is not suitable as a dog park, the fence is non-existent, and it's surrounded by roads.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Phil Beetham
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 034

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have no problem with any bylaws regarding dog control and other owner's responsibilities. We have a medium size dog who is totally bonded to us; avoids other dogs and people unless we take her there, and because of our age and condition exercise her by running her slowly beside the car. She loves this and we are completely happy to keep her fit and healthy this way. Because of this, as we have NEVER had any problem with her behavior or from other dogs, PLEASE DO NOT MAKE CENTENIAL DRIVE A LEASH ONLY AREA. It is the most handy and suitable area for us, and keeping our 10 year old girl fit and healthy without any problem. Thanks for this opportunity, and thanks for listening.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
See note/comments I wrote above.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Trish Tribble
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 035

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dog registration charges are already too high with rates.

We cannot keep up!

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Why charge the responsible people to pay for unresponsive dog owners?
We pay to house/feed/ etc unregistered dogs, yet they ate fined as well.
Why do we need to Pau for it.
Pounds need to look at running at a loss if that's the case.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Rising the cost $10 per dog is too much! I'd be happier paying $10 PER household.
Wd cannot survive with the huge rates increases as it is. It's very very very hard to survive at moment. Give us a break!!

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
do not use any dog parks. I do not use public streets to walk my dogs

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
The $10 per dog increase is outrageous!
Al9ng with extra hike in rates yet 150 is not enough PER DOG!!!
Make it $10 per household but not per dog.syop making us the responsible ones pay for the irresponsible ones!
If pound is running at that big of a loss then you need better staff and model for it.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Linda & Peter Lintern
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 036

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As we each day walk our Teacup Chihuahua along CBD, we very much appreciate that.
We find it very safe and at all times Remy is on a leash & any dropping Immediately attended to.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
All dogs on leashes and under control at all times.
Including dropping to be picked up immediately.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
At all times on leashes.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There again leashes at all times.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As for Remy our Chihuahua he has his own bed, sheet & baby blanket, in our bedroom.
Treated like a baby not a dog.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Illegal to walk dog unleashed in CBD and all built up area's in Matamata.
Also dropping to be picked up at all times.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Edward Dean
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 037

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do not know if this applies to Swap Park. As dog owners we are responsible and always take away dog poo, etc. I know there are many people in Matamata, like myself and my wife, who love exercising their dogs at Swap Park, there are hardly any alternative areas of a decent size in Matamata at present; it is necessary, fitness wise, for the dogs to get proper exercise which they can't get, to that degree, on-leash, and also it is good exercise for the owners to walk or run with their dogs over the park! I feel that this is a necessary occupation for all concerned, dogs and people. So I hope that Swap Park will continue to be an available venue for exercising dogs off-leash, and I know there are many people that think the same. Hopefully the regulations stated in your plan does not impinge on the facility of Swap Park, but in case it does, this is why we feel we have to make a statement. Thank you. Eddie and Kerry Dean.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
In principle I agree with the regulations put forward as long as it does not result in a blanket regulation for all recreational areas.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I feel it would have been better to keep the regulations as they were before.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As we live in Matamata we can't really say if this is beneficial or not for Te Aroha, that is up to the people living there I would feel.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is a difficult one, I know there are towns where this is allowed. I think as long as the owners are responsible, it is Ok.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I would prefer keeping the status quo

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Please see above for my/our general feedback

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Barry Patchett
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 038

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As responsible dog owners, we like to be able to walk our dog off leash through sections of Centennial Drive. This she enjoys, opposed to dog parks, because she does not run around with other dogs, and prefers the company of humans more. It would be a shame to loose the option of off lead walks through this beautiful section of town. We have never experienced any problems with other dogs, or people when we take this enjoyable option. We did used to walk her off lead on the outskirts of town until we got to the busier roads, then put her on the lead. Someone objected, and reported us to animal control. We have owned dogs at our address on and off for thirty odd years, and never before been reported for any issues.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Stu Koch
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 039

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Donna gardiner
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 040

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jess Smart
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 041

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
People are lazy. They don't pick up poo even when you provide bags. No one wants dogs going toilet outside a Cafe as they eat breakfast.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Only worth having this awesome if it's followed. And the section size is appropriate. Out old next door neughbours had 3 adult dogs and then a litter of pups on the same small section. All you could smell was excrement

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Nicole
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Other - Waharoa

Submission details : DD - 042

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Submission on Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw
?To the Matamata-Piako District Council,
?
As a resident of Waharoa and a responsible, law-abiding dog owner, I am providing feedback on

the proposed updates. To be blunt, the majority of the proposed changes - such as CBD access and Hauraki Rail Trail rules - feel like minor administrative distractions compared to the significant, unaddressed issue of wandering dogs in our community.
?My feedback is as follows:
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Prioritize Safety over Perks: While the Council is focused on "increasing access" in town centers, residents in Waharoa are dealing with the daily safety risk of roaming, unsecured dogs. It is frustrating to see resources spent on debating leash rules for the CBD when basic street safety in our township is being ignored.
?
Enforcement is the Real Issue: Changing the wording of a bylaw doesn't matter if there aren't enough boots on the ground to enforce it. I want to know why the Council is prioritizing "repurposing policy statements" over actual, proactive Animal Control patrols in areas like Waharoa where wandering is a known problem.
?
The Burden on Responsible Owners: As someone who keeps my dog secured and follows the rules, I am the one most impacted by the Council’s failure to control roaming dogs. The "public confidence" the Council claims to seek cannot exist while we cannot walk down our own streets safely.
?
Conclusion:
I urge the Council to stop focusing on low-priority "amenity" changes and instead provide a clear, funded plan for how they intend to solve current issues like the wandering dog crisis in Waharoa. I would like to see more accountability and more frequent patrols rather than more rules that only impact the people already following them.

Thank you

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Caroline Melville
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 043

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Dog parks should have a 4 metre high boundary fence allowing the dog to exercise in safety. This will help dog owners to use them. They should also be marked as dog exercise areas.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Marguerite Wilson
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 044

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 4

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If you can control your dog I dont seen the problem

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have a puppy that is 17 years old have been walking my puppy at the reg for that long if u d I look after my baby it is other that dont I'm a possiable ower and do everything by law

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Brett Johnstone
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 045

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Ban all dogs in the business area of Morrinsville.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Ban them from CBDs.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Ban them.. no exceptions

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
All dogs to be chipped and registered in towns

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Make having a dog should be a priviledge not a rite.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name Wildflower Animal Care - Belinda Duncan
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 046

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I feel in town 1 dog per person is fair.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
It would be great if off lead dog play areas are properly fenced.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lynnda McLachlan
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 047

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Why do you need recognize a dog for cultural reasons? No other local council stipulate this. A dog for the majority of the responsible dog owners is an integral part of our family unit. We care for our dogs and fully socialize our dogs. By contrast the minority (part maori) are inevitably the irresponsible dog owners, who chain and mistreat them.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This area is fenced on both sides and I've never witnessed poor control of dogs. It's a lovely spot for dogs to explore off leash.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Also need to ban dogs being on chains permantly. How is council going to monitor compliance to new standards? The dog owners need to be educated on being a responsible dog owners. Vicious

and aggressive dogs are generally due to how the owners treat their dogs.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - MarnieSutherland
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD-48

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Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I use those areas regularly over 4 years snd I never see any issues and the dogs love it, there are always respectful owners

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Róisín Mc Quillan
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD-049

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Some of the proposals over over leash areas are a little strict

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Many people like to take their dogs with them to grab a coffee or buy something small in town and having the option to take one's dog would be great

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Once dogs are under control on a leash and the owner picks up faeces it should not be a problem

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
For people with dogs that are very well controlled and have good recall the option to let off leash should still be allowed as dogs love sniffing and investigating and the area is wide enough for people or other dogs to have a wide berth

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If their is suspicion that minimum standards aren't being met then it should be easy for animal control officers to investigate without risk of abuse

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Suzy Monds
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Waikato

Submission details : DD-050

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Don't know these areas

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Bev and Jim Paton
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 051

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We suggest there should only be 1 dog per property

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jennifer Deacon and Cristopher Walker
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 052

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Steve Greene
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 053

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If the community want change, then make the change. Trial periods just drag out the consultation and democratic process.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Strongly support the feedback already received regarding the need for more and larger off-leash dog exercise areas in the district, particularly in Morrinsville where options are very limited and

compact. Rules and signage need to be more clearly displayed so they can be understood and followed accordingly.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Graham & Sue Callis
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 054

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The 2010 Policy on Dogs ammendment has been clarified and the language simplified to be more inclusive of owners requirements and easily undersatood. We believe some of the proposed changes, as detailed in our submisson, require changing to maintain the intent of this update to be clear and meaningful to dog owners and residents across the district.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As we do not live in the Te Aroha area it would not be appropriate to be with or against this proposal

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is a great change that refelects practical activity for dog owners wanting to walk with their dogs in local CBD's and visit businesses - well overdue for change. This is also a plus for a number of cafes who have dog bowls out for customers with dogs, and welcome them frequenting their businesses

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If the decision is made to adopt changes to the CBD and Hauraki trail areas this should be implemented without a trial. This avoids trying to appease all parties and incurring costs and resurces having to be used to implement and evaluate a trial. This change should either be accepted or declined.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This proposed change does not make sense for dog owners or residents in the Matamata ward. Currently Matamata has five designated areas for dogs to exercise off-leash - Furness Reserve, Founders Park, Peria Road Reserve, Tom Grant Drive and Centenial Drive. The total land area of these five areas (derived from the Passive Reserve Management Plan 2009) totals 12.1394 hectares. Removing Tom Grant Drive and Centenial Drive would take away 8.5156 hectares or 70% of the current available exercise area for dogs off a leash. The remaining three sites available (3.6238 hectares) are small and not easily accessable for all dog owners within the Matamata

district. In particular Founders Park is a small area with heavy pedestrian use, bordered by four carriage ways and any increase in use woud be detrimental to all users. Additionally the proposal does not provide any background information as to why this change has been proposed - is there data supporting this proposal that relates to incidents or complaints about owners and their dogs in these two areas? We note that of all the submissions made during the September/October 2025 consultation process on unsuitable dog spots in Matamata, a total of 90 submissions were received which only represents 0.24% of the district population - meaning this would appear insufficient data on which to base any proposal for change.

If the two areas proposed are to be removed as off-leash exercise areas, there must be alternate areas allocated within the district to maintain equitable access for off-leash dog exercise areas within the Matamata district. Matamata has the largest resident poupulation (14,883 residents - compared to Morrinsville of 13,782 and Te Aroha of 8,430) of the three wards comprising the Matamata Piako district, yet this proposal would see the Matamata ward with the smallest area available for off-leash exercise, something that is out of sync and disproportinate compared to the remaing wards. Additionally as the population of Matamata continues to grow, particulary with residential lifestyle villages, the remaining facilites would not be able to easily meet any growth in demand of dog owners. Large numbers of residents use the two drives for exercising their dogs responsibly and within the current regulations. Many of these users are elderly and can walk to these areas from their places of residence. Any proposed change should also consider the impact on residents having to use private transport to access the remaining off-leash exercise areas and the impact this would have on existing parking at these remaining facilities. Additionally the use of the two drives by dog owners adds to the social and community intergration that is highly benefical to the vibrant and supportive community spirit that currently exists within the ward.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes
We would welcome the opportunity to present our submission on line, on either of the proposed dates at a mutually agreeable time.

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Rebecca Brophy
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 055

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is an amazing walking area that dogs should be free to explore as long as they are well behaved and return when called. Putting your dog in the car to drive to a dog area is costly and time consuming. I have been walking my dog through centennial and Tom grant for over a yr and never seen any problems or issues

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Peter Bosson
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 056

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Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Yes, but who is going to enforce the option. People won't adhere to the rules on the trails.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Wendy Morgan
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 057

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
1/. I disagree with the "cutural" section. It doesn't matter whether you're black, white, brindled, pakeha or Maori, the same rules should apply to everyone without having to put a cultural section in. This by-law is about DOGS, not people or their race.
2/. Nowhere undsr the menacing dogs is it mentioned the dogs will be euthanised. A warning and prosecution is not enough for a dog attack. If it is a serious attack that dog should be taken and destroyed immediately. Too much time and money is spent on keeping dangerous dogs alive because the owner wants to take the issue to court. If a dog does serious damage it must go.
3/. You speak of neutering but any dog that is entire and continuously roams or gets picked up should be neutered before being returned to the owner. No cultural rubbish in there either. There's too many unlooked after dogs as there is. Roaming dogs breed, simple.
And finally people mentioned Founders Park quite a bit but you are leaving it as a leash free area. Rawhiti Road is way too close and busy for this to be a leash free area with trucks going down it all the time. You are taking away the other leash free areas but I don't see one new area included where dogs can go leash free. From what I see you're just removing the options?

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
N/A

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As a dog owner who uses Tom Grant regularly I totally agree because there are a lot of owners who just let their dogs off when they have no control over them, they're in the playground and people's sections and half the owners don't bother to pick up after them. Alot of owners are responsible and take dog bags with them and I see you have put a bag dispenser on the eastern end of Tom Grant, it would be good to also have one on the Western end, preferably up near the Tawari Street entry so anyone who may have forgotten a bag can take one with them.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lea Stanley
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 058

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I don't live in Te Aroha

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
My property backs on to Centennial Drive and I walk both Centennial and Tom Grant drives almost daily - I am not a dog owner.
I find the proposal to make these particular areas on leash only, totally unnecessary and a huge restriction for responsible dog owners in this town as they have so few alternatives. I understand there may be an issue with the small playground in Tom Grant Drive but this could be so easily remedied with a fence around the playground that would stop any dogs and children meeting by accident.
The alternatives for dog owners are not very user friendly - Founders Park is bordered by 4 roads, one of which is very busy. The Peria Road Reserve is also beside a busy road. The actual dog park is very small and not ok when you get small and large dogs together. That only leaves Furness Reserve which is not ok for all the dogs and owners that live on the other side of the railway line.
People that are not ok with dogs off leash have plenty more spaces that they can walk where dogs do have to be leashed, than the other way around. This proposal puts dog owners at a huge disadvantage and I certainly don't agree with it.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Evelyn Ryan
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 059

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It would be good if Council would also try to get the trail administrator to remove the prohibition on dogs on the Rail Trail section from Stirling Street to the MPDC/HDC border.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Trials cost money, just be brave and implement the changes.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Cathy O'Callaghan
Age 18 - 24
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 060

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I agree with the current prohibitions for town centres in Schedule 1. I don't agree that dogs should be permitted in the CBD during trading hours.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
But it remains my first preference to not have dogs in the CBD during trading hours

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This proposed change disappoints me. We live near Centennial Dr and walk two dogs off lead there every day. In eight years we've not had a single issue with people, children, cyclists, vehicles or other dogs. It's so sad this will be changed.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Phoebe
Age 18 - 24
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 061

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Margaret Troughton
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 062

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As a dog owner and I walk this area everyday I propose -Centennial Drive & Tom Grant Drive are a community relaxation area and dogs should be on a lead from 8am -5pm - The only problem is dogs that are roaming free and this causes problems for other dog owners and the public. We love this walk and appreciate an area to walk our dogs on a lead and well supervised.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dogs should be on a lead at all times- we have a local dog park for roaming & exercise.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Rosemary locke
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 063

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have a guide dog and walk the centennial drive and Tom Grant drive every day , problems are Dogs not on a lead .

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name Companion Animals NZ - Nicola McDonald
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Other - Wellington

Submission details : DD - 064

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Please see the attached document 'Matamata Submission 2026'

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Angela
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 065

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The responsible owner rebate should be for attending an approved dog training school and if there any issues of threatening behavior or actual harm such as with an attack the owner should not only deal with the charges but also be made compulsory to attend dog training.
The number of reports made on mm noticeboardof threatening begaviour or actual attacks is quite worrying for many people out walking with dogs and children and themselves
Dogs or properties around Matamata of which it is said there are many that are permanently chained and never let off their leash or out of their cage should be checked at least once each year for maltreatment. My neighbous have a dog they told me is a Rottweiler which ive heard barking but never ever seen it. One of my lawnmower ladies said it killed her cat years ago. So its obviously never let off its chain

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Should be checked as well.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Ruth Taylor
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 066

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There are not enough off leash areas in Matamata

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Michele Lee
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 067

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Display - Colleen Smith
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 068

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I'm not choosing
My rules are no dogs in retail area. Definitely not in cafes or outside. More control on wandering dogs.
Dogs on leash in suburban streets.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Two dogs and no more

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name nil - Leith and Cheryl Shearman
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 069

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We do not see a problem with keeping things as they are, why change something that has worked for years? We walk our dog daily through Tom Grant Drive, seeing/meeting many owners/dogs and have never had a problem with our dog or any others. Being off leash allows them to explore and is much more enjoyable for them. If dogs are going to be unnecessarily restrained then we would suggest that 1. speeding cars through both Tom Grant Drive and Centennial Drive should be stopped as they are dangerous for walkers, runners, children cycling and dogs; 2. cars must stay on the tarseal and not go onto the grassy areas; 3. people in those cars need to take their rubbish with them or put it in rubbish bins provided instead of littering

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Please see comments above in Question 1.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Mark Enevoldsen
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 070

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Definitely NO

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Michael Terence Clancey
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 071

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Catherine Tidmarsh
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 072

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Living in Matamata, this is the only walk that allows you to take your dog on a long-distance walk without having to put them in a vehicle and leave town to walk them off-leash. I believe that if your dog has good recall, you are able to control them, and you are picking up after them, it would be a shame to revoke this opportunity to take them off lead. I am happy to discuss this further in person if required.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Karen Loveday
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 073

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Diana Bird
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 074

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Roaming dogs are clearly a problem. Will reports be promptly acted upon? That appears to be an issue at the moment.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Education is obviously a key part of your process. I applaud this, and would like to know who will be doing it and how? Is it the first course of action once a problem is identified or do you have the time and people for preventative education? If not, please utilise your community. I'd be happy to

help and I'm certain other local trainers would too.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It's very hard to get areas for dog walking and it's easy to lose them if there are one or two incidents.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have had no issues in this area. I always leash my dogs when others approach and others have done the same. This is a really nice spot for dogs to wander loose, provided owners consider the rights of others. Maybe try education first?

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If an owner has caused no issues and their dogs are well cared for and adequately trained and exercised, I doubt they need a limit on dog numbers.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I think it's important to remember it's a bare minimum, not optimum. Plenty of dogs lead quiet, tragic lives confined to sections. I would like the animal's wellbeing to be taken more seriously, not just whether it's a social danger or nuisance. Care and attention means social contact, play, the ability to explore and do what the breed was designed to do.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
I think it's clearer and simpler, which is good. Education and enforcement will be the things that give it real value.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Mark Walton
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 075

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It works well as a dog exercise area as it is, we walk our dog there daily and have never had any issues. Owners are very responsible and keep dogs on leash if they are not social, most dogs are well socialised and no bother. Our dog is never on a lead, is always under control. is social with people, kids and dogs, doesn't chase birds or cats and has good recall. This is one of the few remaining exercise areas in Matamata that we can walk to (the dog park is too far out of town).

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Don't change what isn't broken!

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Christopher Randal
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 076

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Support the new policy, however do not support making Centennial/Tom Grant Drives being on leash only.
Dogs benefit from mental, visual and location stimulation and the dog park on Peria Road does not offer that.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
See above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We currently have two dogs and would like to have the option of having another one if necessary. Responsible

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Although not part of this proposal do not agree to the increase in dog fees without a commensurate increase in dog control measures. In Waharoa we are unable to walk our dogs due to the number of roaming dogs

There seems to be an unfortunate increase in councils restricting the movement of dogs within their areas of control. Examples in our area are Tauranga and Rotorua. I would hate MPDC going down the same path. I think that people who are, at best, ambivalent about dogs are writing these restrictive rules without considering the ramifications for dog lovers.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes
No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lisa
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 077

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I would like to see this happen but its also hard for dog owners as people ideas of what a dog is or should be ie size, looks and colour or even what dog owners look like can make it hard when you want to walk your dog through towns. Also our foot paths are small so contact between dog and people are unavoidable.
In Morrinsville you do see business who are dog friendly who have dog water bowls out the front of their shops.
Its almost like you need a walk way like bikes have on roads for dog owners but this will limit car parking if we widen foot paths.
Also I dont think dog owners know there is time restrictions as i dont think ive seen signage in town or ive completely missed seeing them?If this is safe to do so, I think a trial or pilot program would have been good to test this ie different dog types, sizes and possibly behaviors meaning well behaved, hypo dogs with lots of energy etc
Also council may want to consider that families take their dogs for walks and often stop at play grounds for children to have a play and some play grounds are not all fenced, those that are, especially if only one parent with children can't enter with dog according to policy could it be looked at that can enter if on lead and possible tie up post? Just a suggestion.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If this is safe to do so, I think a trial or pilot program would have been good to test this ie different dog types, sizes and possibly behaviors meaning well behaved, hypo dogs with lots of energy to see if the can co exist but also signs up with poo bins available for dog owners. I have seen these types of bins in Cambridge. Ive also seen them with bags available if owners run short. All this cost but great incentive for more areas to have the bins rather than filling normal bins with animal faeces.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Definitely but how would you monitor this as people maybe set against this trial and will just sabotage it so it doesn't get given a fair opportunity to see if it works.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Don't know if area

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Why should those in town be treated any differently to those on farms as we all are rate payers whether we own or rent.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
When you as a responsible dog owner/s who takes responsibility of the actions their dogs when they commit an offense as i was first informed that my dogs were detained as DNA had to be taken and sent away to confirm they had a right dog even though a witness said it was the dogs so when another person started dealing with me directly i was given mixed messages over this. Dog owners shouldn't be pressured to put down their dog (cause council are looking at time frames at having to hold a dog not the fact the dog has been part of your family for years) especially when you know the nature of your own dog and the fact they safely interact with people and other dogs but just dont like cats especially when they are not brought up together, it was stressful as we worked full time and trying to find money and solutions to get your section fit to have dogs returned was hard, when you did something to make improvements you were told thats not enough or thats not good enough or each improvement you made and you sent evidence in to show what you had done there was no acknowledgement to say yes that will or will not work was also frustrating and also one minute your dealing with one person and then not advised that someone else is now handling to followed up of what your decisions are etc. Better transparency around this needs to be improved. Also information your are handing out needs to be accurate around getting your dog desexed as I was told I could get a voucher and it wasn't until I was getting the other dog returned that I was told that this doesn't happen for dogs anymore.
When you make the decision to allow your pet to be put down you as the owner should have the option to do it at your home and provide a vets death certificate that you have complied or you should be allowed to be with your dog when vet does it and you should have the option to have your dog given back to you after it is put down. I was prepared to pay for this service through Truly Treasured Pet's loss & Cremation services in Horsham Downs whom i did use to cremate my dog. My family went through this traumatic experience recently with council, we had not seen our dogs since they were impounded and when I made the decision to put one of the dogs down (as i told council i can't guarantee my dog wont get out as it takes one person to make a mistake and not shut a gate properly, so that is why i surrendered him) we weren't given the option to see our dog before it happened and I had to ask to have my dog back cause if council cremated we dont get ashes back and though I surrender him he was still part of our family whom we wanted to cremate and keep. Picking up my dog from vets after he passed was the worse experience as this was how my family remembered seeing him one last time. I dont want any other family to experience this.

I know council have rules and regulations and I abide by them but believe some areas of interaction between owners and council could be reviewed.
I dont have a problem with cats but why is it that council dont have a policy about registering cats as they are considered as pets, they can roam freely in and out of properties that isn't there own, like dogs can cause accidents on roads but also who is responsible for collecting a cat if killed on the road and no one claims it? Who pays for cost of disposal if council collects it?
I am a pet owner and always respect laws and policies as it showed i co operated with all that was asked of me by council when dealing with this and all that I ask is a review on how to handle this better especially when you as an owner have taken responsibility even before test results came back.
I don't mind this being discussed but I dont wish to speak in a public forum and be at risk at being publicly verbally abused because I saw how people reacted on social media reacted when my dogs were said they have killed a cat (though I wasnt publicly outed as owner and I never commented on post) some reactions were not nice. I know there are probably others out there who may have gone through this but probably never had any follow up after this happened.
I want to make it clear I am not in any way opposing council follow policies, I just feel some areas just to be reviewed.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Shanan
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 078

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
great space for dogs to run around as long as they have good recall

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Caroline Thompson
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 079

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This would impact me directly and be very disappointing, as it is the only place in Matamata that I consider suitable for off lead dog walking (I do not consider the dog park on Peria Rd a suitable design). The overwhelming majority of dogs that I see off lead in this area are well-behaved and under control, and those that are not well trained or socialised are usually kept on lead (unlike at the Peria Rd dog park). Losing this area would be a significant blow to the dog-owning community, and as an alternative I would suggest imposing time restrictions as to when dogs can be off lead, or only making certain areas/sections on lead.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Andrew Gore
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 080

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Danny Boeglin
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 081

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Little is suggested about real deterrents to keep dogs on leashes in any public place. Too many people are blaze about keeping their dogs on a leash. Excuses are: 'my dog is friendly, my dog does not bite, it is inconvenient to my dog and myself to keep the dog leashed'. The excuses are endless. As a country we are failing people when it comes to being safe around dogs. Far too many maulings and killings of stock and even people. (Please check with ACC) Councils have for years tried to educate people about being responsible dog owners. Yes many are however not enough is being done about the careless, sloppy dog owners. I suggest instant heavy fines for owners who do not keep their dogs on a leash in any public place. No warnings anymore. Confiscate their dogs and hand them back after the heavy fine has been paid. Present laws do not address peoples' and dogs' state of mind after having endured a horrific attack. Many people have given up taking their dogs for walks because of the constant 'triggers' when coming across an unleashed dog. A good example is of a person who's calf muscle has been ripped off clean off his/her bone. This person possibly will be scared for live to venture out. I would like Council to consider this. All up I have no qualms about the present laws. My concern is that real deterrents are not in place. I am a dog owner. The dog is always leashed in public places and I clean up after him. Too many people simply leave their dog's excrement where it landed. This is why I would not want dogs in any City center. I would like to see bigger signage at the start of any public walk way

and signage along the way highlighting fines if the dog is unleashed. Present signage is far too small. I have given up walking around the Wetlands as on most walks I come across unleashed dogs. My wife, dog and I have been molested by un leashed dogs on several occasions. Prior to returning a roaming dog Council should be satisfied that any fencing and gates are adequate. Unless an owner can provide secure fencing any dogs found roaming should not be returned to its owner. Thank you.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Again, very little is written about deterrents/fines.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We as a society have for far too long tried to educate people about keeping dogs responsibly. Allowing dogs in City Centers brings back memories of overseas where dogs are allowed in CBDs. What a mess. I guess people get used to anything. Please maintain shopping to be a pleasant experience by keeping dogs out of the CBD. People will enter shops and as they do what are they going to do with their dogs? Tie them up outside and let them pine for their owners? Or at a later date allow people to take their dogs inside shops? Being a dog friendly Council is fine but please keep matters reasonable.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I come across dog excrements on verges along streets and public walk ways. Please keep dogs out of our CBD.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Two dogs per property are enough in town. People can go and live rural if they want more dogs.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Owners of roaming dogs must prove to Council that they can/will provide secure fencing/gates before any dogs are returned. A dog can be returned after the owner has paid a hefty fine. No more warnings unless there is a genuine reason the dog was on the lose.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name Matamata Historical Society - Royce WILES
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 082

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
In the October 2025 MHS committee meeting we asked all MHS committee members their views on allowing dogs into the Firth Tower Museum grounds, we also canvassed our member volunteers on site on the Wednesday morning working bees. The following points were raised in the discussion, you will see that our choice is NOT to make any changes in current rules.

Some of our museum buildings are left open for the public during opening hours (some permanently and sometimes for individual events) and we would do not think it appropriate for dogs to go through our displays or indeed the heritage buildings—also the risk of someone (eventually) walking in something left behind by a dog, and then walking it through the heritage buildings was not considered worth the risk);
Although dog owners are mostly considerate there are a few who may not be (we have all seen dog ‘do’ left behind around Matamata) and we prefer not to have even an elevated risk of this anywhere on site (partly for aesthetic reasons but also because we have a vegetable garden on site that supplies the Matamata food bank)—we have had no problems of this kind whatsoever in recent years and so we think the current by-law/regulation is working well and does not need any changes;
The MPDC listing of Wai Tapu at https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/wmmp/96-district-plan/district-plan-

part-b/347-schedule-1-heritage-waahi-tapu includes the Tamihana monument in the museum grounds, this is not in anyway fenced off and we definitely prefer not to have this site at risk, or any disrespect possible for this Ngati Haua significant site.

There were other discussions, notably that MPDC staff on site MAY have to take on clean up duties after dogs and this was best avoided.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The idea of appropriate enforcement seems to be necessary to improve behaviour of a minority of owners.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Try before you buy seems like a good option.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Seems more respectful for all users to feel safe and have a clean reserve area to use.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
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There were other discussions, notably that MPDC staff on site MAY have to take on clean up duties after dogs and this was best avoided.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Freya Turner-Wright
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 083

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Karen Sanders
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 084

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Richard Neal
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 085

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Compliance and enforcement is essential

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Only working dogs on a leash

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Richard Neal
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 086

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Compliance and enforcement is essential

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Only working dogs on a leash

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Glenys udy
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 087

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Using the public pool for dogs only event is not good idea. They should have special pool for dogs of they want it. Spoke to some friends about it and very much against it. This pool is for people not animals. I refuse to go to the pools knowing animals have been using it. I rather go to Te Aroha .

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There are few cafes on the street unless they wre guide dogs.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It's the safety of people who rides the bikes . I personally feel uncomfortable with dogs around bikes as you don't know what they may do.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Natasha walsh
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Other - Waharoa

Submission details : DD - 088

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 4

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
i Also think its wrong i have a fully fenced section my dogs have never caused trouble and i have to pay $160 each year when we have wild dogs roaming the neighbourhood and nothing is done about this

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Nicola Slade
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 089

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
After a very frightening experience concerning a dog recently, I suggest that dog wardens are obliged to visit the complainant, not just drive round the area. If this had occurred in my case my neighbours and I could have pointed out where the dog came from, etc. As she didn't bother to contact me nothing happened. I was furious.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As long as the person with them clears up any mess.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Derek Bown
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 090

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

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Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Laura Daniels
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 091

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Would prefer up to 3 dogs in urban areas as long as you are a responsible owner and have no complaints against you regarding owning dogs. Also that your property is large enough to support 3 dogs.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Billie Naessens
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 092

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I strongly disagree with centennial drive and Tom grant drive being changed to on leash areas. There are really limited off leash areas in Matamata and this will massively effect the quality of life for my dog.

My dog is trained to heal and recall. He does not need to be on a lead at all, these areas are my every day walk routes.

I don’t understand who it effects that he has some freedom here

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I strongly disagree with centennial drive and Tom grant drive being changed to on leash areas. There are really limited off leash areas in Matamata and this will massively effect the quality of life for my dog.

My dog is trained to heal and recall. He does not need to be on a lead at all, these areas are my every day walk routes.

I don’t understand who it effects that he has some freedom here

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Priscilla Tarrant
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 093

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Regarding Dog limits: Up to two dogs may be kept in urban areas without a permit .....This is ridiculous..... All dogs should have a permit.
Unlimited dogs in rural areas .....this short sighted and pandering to people whose dogs just keep having pups. Farmers who can prove they have working dogs is a different kettle of fish. .....they should have special reduced prices for their Dog licences.

There is a DOG problem in NZ especially in the country areas. Up to 32,000 dog attacks per year in NZ plus people are getting killed yealry by dogs.
The cultural aspect of Dog control is also ridiculous and biased towards a certain sector of Dog owners who use them for fighting dogs and allow them to run freely (They will love the Free for All country allowance. This is a cop out by councils who have no back bone or courage to protect the MAJORITY of New Zealanders and the 32,000 people (and the number that is growing) who have been attacked (and killed) by dogs, myself included.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dogs should not be defaecating and urinating in areas where children play. Nobody can have picnics anymore because of DOG faeces/ urine everywhere plus unleased dogs keeping people away from walking freely because of their liabiity to attack. ("everyone says Oh my dog doesnt bite")
It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people plus the defaece and urinate every where.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people plus defeceate and urinate everyhere.
We need leaders who have courage and justice thinking, and not those who pander to outlaw groups of wild dog owners because they are afraid of being threatened.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I dont think dogs should be in the Central Business Districts at all. It is naive to thing that those who always disregard the rules are going abide by that.
Those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people on bikes plus the defaece and urinate every w

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. Dogs on leashes can lash out at people on bikes plus the defaece and urinate every where.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
All dogs should have a Permit.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
It is always the case that those that dont care about rules will spoil it for others. The law has to be VERY STRONG because those that dont care (because they are being pandered to) will always keep breaking the law and NOTHING will improve. (For example) I have often seen the same man with 3 dogs down at the Morrinsville Rec Ground, walk through there to the bush area at the end and entering the bush from there. This way he doesnt enter by way of the proper track that has a sign saying 'no unleased dogs), so then he has an excuse if he is ever pulled up about it. The rules with dogs are being broken left right and center and I believe the Dog Control Officers have their own rules and are not protecting our freedom to walk anywhere in town. Also I thing Councillors are not responsible if they do not clamp down hard on Dog Control. 32,000 people attacked by dogs - does anyone really care ??????????????????

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes
Available most times - except mornings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Claire Edgar
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 094

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jason Tidmarsh
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 095

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive to remain off lead areas. I walk my dog through both Centennial Drive and Tom Grant every day of the week and have never had nor ever seen any issues with other users with or without dogs. Making these areas car free would be much beneficial to the community.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Unaware of the dog issues in Te Aroha

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There is nowhere else in Matamata where you can walk your dog for any reasonable distance other than the drives. The whole Drive loop is approximately 4km with a bit of on lead time when outside of the drives.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Keith Ferguson
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 096

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Yvonne Mortensen
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 097

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Would not be happy to see any dogs on leash in the main shopping areas. What about entering shops with the dog? If that is not ok, then why allow them into the CBD at all. Older persons are more likely to have a fall or be discouraged to go into these areas.

I am not anti dog but I am anti bad owners and feel there will be no control over the CBD if this is allowed.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Andrea Ritmeester
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 098

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is one of the few places in Matamata (other than the dog park on Peria Rd) where dogs can be walked off leash, and the only area that you can easily walk to from anywhere in Matamata. We walk our dog here every day and it is very rare to come across a dog being walked off leash that is not social with people and other dogs and under control. I feel strongly that as long as the dog is under control at all times this area should be preserved as an off-leash area to exercise dogs. The vehicle traffic currently through these areas pose a much greater danger to pedestrians and children that the dogs being being walked there and, in my opinion, these areas should be turned into proper green spaces by closing them off to motorised vehicles.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Please don't punish the many people who have well educated and socialised dogs by removing the off-lead walking areas in Matamata.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Sharon Neal
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 099

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Unless leashed working dogs

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There is no place for off-leash dogs in a public area

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Chris Gifford
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Other - Waitoa

Submission details : DD - 100

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
No Dogs on the Waihou recreation reserve which is now mainly Equestrian focussed and no signage posted. Needs tobe a sign
All the Dog areas you have mentioned, not once is Waihou Recreation Reserve mention as being allowed Dogs and just a query , the 4 user groups of the grounds Rugby Club, RDA, Te Aroha Hack and Hunters and Morrinsville Te Aroha dressage Group , which i understand all have a lease agreement so why is it open for public access, dogs off leashes, mini bikes racing round and people practicing golf?

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
No Dogs on Waihou Recreational Reserve

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes
Before 10.30am

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - G T Sarah
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 101

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I am not familiar with this area.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
so long as they are both leashed.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
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Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Excessive barking has not been addressed and should be part of the dog control by law as well as

under noise control.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Bridget Gill
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 102

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
in Matamata you take away the only two areas were mothers with prams can take their dogs off leash. You are not adding any new ones. Logically fence founders park anyone who does not want to be with dogs off leash can easily walk around it. Have certain areas of the drive fenced. Back on Leash when out of these areas.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Definitely agree about control of your dog and picking up waste.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I agree with some but not all don't take away the Drive off leash sensible owners know their dogs dont blame them for bad ownership,,families need to take the dog out with prams, bikes and scooters, mobility scooters they need the two Drive areas in Matamata.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Not great idea, prams, mobility scooters busy feet even on lead they would be a hazard

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
These are the only areas families, with prams,i kids scooter and bikes and mobility scooters can take their dogs off leash it is discriminating against families and those with disabiliy. Tom grant is the only one in this area as Founders park is not fenced and dangerous !!

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Andrea Hogg
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 103

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Becky
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 104

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Morrinsville needs more dog exercise areas and areas where dogs are allowed to walk on-leash, including in the nearby countryside / local walks.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Yes, but there also needs to be an emphasis on more dog exercise areas, and countryside walks / areas dogs are allowed to walk on-leash in Morrinsville.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Absolutely support this and would encourage the Council to consider further walks / areas where dogs are allowed on-leash.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Yash Murti
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 105

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is a recipe for disaster with so many irresponsible dog owners in Morrinsville. Ownership responsibility needs to be far greater before this change is implemented.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Karen Huitema
Age Under 18
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 106

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+

Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
I have just read your rules on dogs..leash areas...every where which is ridiculous.
Matamata dog owners..the ones just I know are devoted to their dogs.They are well trained and we trust them...we can walk them leash free in the drives and Swap park where we know and trust them to run around and play together..otherwise we wouldn't be there.
It's the dogs that aren't walked that are not controlled.
There is no way my dog is going to go 'walkies' every day leashed!
He loves to meet his doggie friends and they zoom around together..
If there is any hostility its at the Peria road dog park where I've broken up a couple of confrotations'!
My Cooper is 6 and adored by all the dogs and humans..lots of kids want to come pat him.
I disagree with your rules..I think you need to leave the decisions up to the owners..we know our dogs better than anyone.
Thankyou for your time and please consider what I'm saying
Karen and Cooper Huitema.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Bev Jackson
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 107

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I agree with all dogs on lead in town with safety for both dogs and people.
The saddest thing would be for dogs not allowed to be off leash in centennial drive - all dogs I have meet there have been under control and REALLY enjoying a small piece of matamata off leash allowing times to sniff. Yes I know there is the dog park but good grief what can a dog do there for a very short run and usually being attacked by another dog - which is why I don't go there.
One of the main reasons for shifting to Matamata was the ability to have a place where myself and my puppy can walk through a beautiful place together

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
not all

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
absolutley

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
as above - wished you had an absolutely not box

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name Te Aroha and District Riding for the Disabled - Linnea McDonald onald
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 108

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We want people to stop using the area for dogs off lead. This can spoke our horses. I love dogs but not around our horses.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Craig Le Vaillant
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 109

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Tom Grant drive is a valuable dog exercise area that is readily accessible to many living in the area. This should stay as an off leash option.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Brendon John Fiebig
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live?

Submission details : DD - 110

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I like the option to allow dogs in CBD if leashed and responsible, and cleaned up after.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I don’t like the increased dog rego costs.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - WANDA WHITTON-ESTEVE
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 111

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Shanthy Krishnan
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 112

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Stuart Davey
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 113

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dogs should not be allowed in hospitality areas.
Dogs should be on a leash when in public areas

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Nicola Simpson
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 114

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Colin Simpson
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 115

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I believe all the options are useless, and will not address the dog problem. All unregistered roaming dogs are dangerous. This is an unfortunate reality. I am a dog owner myself, and have been for 60 years. As unpalatable as it seems, these dogs need to be killed. There is no shortage of dogs, just a shortage of good owners. Allowing these dogs to live, even desexed, is wrong. These dogs, in fact all dogs, are always looking for a pack to belong to. If they can't belong in a human pack, they will make there own. Sometimes we just have to harden up and do the hard yards. Doing the hard Mahi is what councils are voted in to do. If any councilors find this repugnant then they should probably stand down.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above.

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above.

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above. ?

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As written above.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I don't believe it is working now and I don't think it will work in the future without tougher consequences.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Kerrin Boyd
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 116

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I sit there holding the dogs while my grandkids play.

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Some dogs are well controlled so as long as they go on the leash when other people including those biking are around, it is okay to let them sniff the area.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Hopefully it stays.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Why only two dogs,it depends on size and breed.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Stephen Cope
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 117

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Yes, changes to the use of some of these areas mean we need to change how dogs are treated in these spaces.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Another companion animal that would benefit from similar bylaws are our cats. Please apply these same rules to cats.

Many other councils have done similar with great results.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Nikki White
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 118

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Miru Hotene
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 119

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I am not familiar with this area

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If they are used for personal care and support ONLY, these dogs are trained to behave accordingly in public places. Other dogs, not used for these purposes can cause unnecessary trauma to some that have had bad interactions with dogs in the past. I am one who was bitten by a dog when attending a whanau call out. It came quietly from behind and ripped into my leg. I complained to Council after getting medical attention.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Again, I am unsure of this area

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
If the locals and regulars agree.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
don't know this area

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Any dog should require a permit

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Should be a higher standard especially in rural communities such as Rukumoana Road! My neighbours have dogs that run rampant all the time. I do not believe any are registered except my neighbour next door, whose dog only stays in his yard.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
not at this time.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jill Gibbs
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 120

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
No I prefer to not allow dogs on the main shopping streets. The footpath are not wide enough and most dog owners don't keep their dogs on a short lead.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I don't enjoy seeing dogs running along side cyclists, I feel its too hard on the dogs .

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
More than one dog should require a permit.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There should be a maximum period of how long a dog is allowed to be tied up. Fencing should be compulsory.
More than 2 visits from dog control should amount to removal of dog until issue sorted.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Isobel Worley
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 121

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dogs need to be well under control, on leads. Young children can be really frightened by dogs sniffing around them, as can many adults.
Higher focus on dogs needing to be on leads on tracks in the bush, particularly the track to the Whakapipi Lookout.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
As long as any faecesis cleared up.

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Heather McIntosh
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 122

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I'm not so keen for Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive to be on leash areas. I am a high user of these areas, dog off leash - & have not had a serious issue in the 15+ yrs. Compromise? On leash from 8am-3.30pm, off leash outside of this times? Gives school kids freedom, and a big time slot for nervous dog uses

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
A above comment.
I'd rather it stay off leash.
Or a compromise?

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Chris applebee
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 123

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Number of dogs allowed per home should be 3 as long as the owners have a clean history of good dog ownership and can safely confine the dogs on the section. Neighbours should not be able to veto said number as this relies on good neighbour relationships and any negativity may not be the fault of the dog owners but just vexatious neighbours.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Number of dogs allowed per home should be 3 as long as the owners have a clean history of good dog ownership and can safely confine the dogs on the section. Neighbours should not be able to veto said number as this relies on good neighbour relationships and any negativity may not be the fault of the dog owners but just vexatious neighbours.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Deirdre Bretherton
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 124

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Absolutely support these changing to on-leash areas. A community safety issue that's long overdue for implementing.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Amy Barker
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 125

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
somewhat

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
this is so disappointing. as usual it’s the good dog owners being penalised. i compete in three different sports with my dogs, they never roam despite being entire males and we’ve never had any complaints. go and PROPERLY target the shitty dog owners who don’t desex, let their dogs roam and create more puppies - there’s several of these houses within 200m of me meaning i have to drive to a different suburb of Morrinsville to feel safe enough to walk my dogs. those people are the multi-dog owners causing issues not people like me. there’s also the issue of renters, how is someone meant to get a permit when there’s a never ending cycle of new tenants?!? also not sure why i should have to pay an additional fee to the council each year for the permit? what on earth would that be covering in terms of costs?

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lyn Shaw
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 126

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Most of the proposal I agree with, but I am concerned about the closure of centennial drive in Matamata as a no leash area.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

+
Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I think this is a good idea. It would give us time to gauge how many dogs will be entering the CBD under this policy. As much as I'd love being able to walk my dog through town, it would not be acceptable if too many dogs are there at once.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I frequently walk my small dog through Centennial Drive as it is near my home and easily accessible to me. I have a small section and need to walk her 2 or 3 times per day to maintain her health. All the other off leash areas are too far away to walk to and I would have to drive there, which is becoming more prohibitive as petrol costs increase. If Centennial Drive is closed to off leash dogs, I feel an alternative area is needed that is within walking distance, especially with the housing developments happening on this side of town and the potential for increasing dog numbers. I know that Swap Park has been suggested previously and maybe it is time to revisit this as an alternative.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Paige Tanner
Age 25 - 34
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 127

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jessye Marshall
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 128

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The policy seems great but I think taking away the off leash on centennial drive and Tom grant is a bit harsh as I notice it's alot of older people that want a safe space for their dog to be able to freely walk without being pulled all over the place, but isnt as restricting as being locked in a dog park

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I think they should remain off leash

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Talia Thornley
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 129

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
Dog rego do not need to go up. Good dog owners should not be paying for bad owners.
Dog rego should be cheaper and bad dog owners pay more consequences.
As a responsible dog owner, I'm in favor of a law that all dogs must be micro chipped and desexed unless the owner has a breading license.

And all dog should be on leash in public places, including beaches and parks.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Rhonda Fawcett
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 130

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do not like you taking away the option of dogs off the lead in Centennial drive. It is my favourite place to walk my dog off the lead. He gets to meet many other dogs. Every one is so friendly. I have never once had problems with other dogs in this area but I have at the dog park so I don't use that now.
It's nice that you purpose to allow dogs in the CBD and I think adding extra spaces is great for dog owners but taking away off lead spaces is definitely a bad thing. Also Centennial drive provides a shaded walkway for both owners and dogs. Where else do we find that?

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
See my previous comments.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Emma Miles
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 131

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I agree with the new amendments proposed in the letter. Hopefully, that is option 1.
The options above are not easy to follow, and I would not be surprised if you receive inaccurate results because of this.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I do not live there and have no opinion either way.

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have two well-behaved 'oodles' and need to visit establishments from time to time. Many are dog-friendly. Prohibiting dogs from the CBD will have an impact on shopping and dining.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Absolutely. I walk my dogs on-lead there most days, including for puppy training purposes, and often we are approached quickly by unleashed dogs.
Unleashed dogs also foul anywhere, and the owners may not see it (or pretend not to). It is ironic that I stepped in dog faeces as I was crossing the grass to put a poo bag in the bin.
It would be nice to be able to walk on the grass and not need to walk on the road (in the way of cars).

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I assume so, if it has their best care and welfare in mind.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Rose
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 131

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Being a dog owner myself I think dogs should be allowed every where except for children's playgrounds and schools. More dog exercise areas should be around, look at doing something like Waikato canine adventure park great revenue maker for the council and great area for dogs also

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Any dogs that are not cared for properly, escape continually and are not registered should be removed from the house and rehomed to responsible people

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Milly Keys
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 132

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have absolutely no problem with dogs being allowed onlesh in the CBD, however I do have concerns with the potential of dog poop and urine not being attended to. I would assume that dog bag, and specific disposal bins will be installed. Dog poop is not all the same "consistency" so would be concerned that less easier poop pickups would cause unsightly and odorous residue on our footpaths. Very happy to hear onlesh for Tom Grant drive. Our home backs on to Tom Grant Drive, and have witnessed a couple of altercations between dogs that have been off lesh, thankfully without any serious incident.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have absolutely no problem with dogs being allowed onlesh in the CBD, however I do have concerns with the potential of dog poop and urine not being attended to. I would assume that dog bag, and specific disposal bins will be installed. Dog poop is not all the same "consistency" so would be concerned that less easier poop pickups would cause unsightly and odorous residue on our footpaths.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Our home backs on to Tom Grant Drive, and have witnessed a couple of altercations between dogs that have been off lesh, thankfully without any serious incident.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Caron Stewart
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 133

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I agree Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive should be on-leash areas. A number of people use both for regular walks with or without dogs and for many, an off leash dog can be intimidating regardless of its size. I think dogs in the CBD should remain during restricted hours

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Responsible dog ownership includes picking up after their pet. I have witnessed several incidents where people are not doing o

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Many children and elderly are intimidated regardless of whether dogs are on a leash

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Linda Newton
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 134

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I am unfamiliar with this area so can't comment

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
A trial is good in theory but it depends on who decides, and on what basis, whether the change remains after that time.

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Unfamiliar with this area so can't comment.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
It would be more reasonable to allow up to 3 dogs in town areas. There are some people who chose to have 3 dogs and there may be circumstances under which people need to have 3 dogs for a certain time - eg if a home can't be found for a puppy. Resticting to 2 dogs is too much of an overreach.

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Current policy allows dogs to be tied up all day and even 24/7. That is cruel and no dog should be forced to live chained up like that. There should at the very least be a requirement that dogs should have freedom to move about on their section unrestrained as every house is required to have fencing. I would like to see a requirement that no dog is permitted to be tied up without exercise. Council needs to take more responsibility for the welfare of dogs which are cruelly treated in this way.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
no Please note, I want my name and contact details to remain confidential.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Kevin Whaley
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 135

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Most of the options contain far too many words, which ultimately lead to a situation where policy becomes vague. The policy should be short, sharp and to the point.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
The problem is that responsible dog owners do not require any more focus, the issue is the other unwashed idiots in the community

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Refer later

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This will encourage more people to walk in these areas

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
There is a great need to be bold. This applies to Central Government also. Dogs are NOT more important than humans and the recent spate of dig attacks around the country highlight a much stronger approach must be taken. I do not dislike dogs, I should make that clear, but unless more significant steps are taken to force dog owners to be responsible then nothing will change. Just more words and more lengthy policies.
One simple way to have an immediate effect is, ALL un-registered dogs, whether they be out loose or on a property, are immediately destroyed. NO discussion. If an owner cannot afford to register a dog then how do they feed it properly. Some would say this is cruel, but no, if owners care then they will do the right thing an register them.
Second simple way, owner of any registered dog caught loose, have 48 hours to reclaim their dog or it is destroyed. This will give time for the Dog Control officer to contact the owner. A register to be maintained of roaming/loose dogs and if a dog is caught loose twice, then it is destroyed.
Many will say this is a very harsh approach, but if we wish to be serious about what has become a significant issue within communities then a bold approach must be taken. Widely publicise the changes so that everyone is quite clear, provide a lead in time of 3 months and then implement.
Thank you for your time, I await with interest.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Chris Bennett
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 136

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
More enforcement of dogs off lease particularly when using on lease areas.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Lynette Beer
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 137

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Submitters may have genuine concerns/suggestions that could be considered prior to the Policy being ratified.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
1) Visit all residences in area to determine unregistered dogs and have owners comply - there are more than one in our small village

2) Prohibit the use of vehicles to exercise dogs i.e. use of vehicle driving at speed with dogs following loose on open road - make this an offence
3) Limit number of dogs held on property to maximum of 2 - in builtup areas the noise of barking/howling is unacceptable

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Don't live in that area

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

DisplayName - Sebo Bruins
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 138

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 5

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I dont understand these laws or changes well enough to have an opinion

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
They are extraordinarily poorly written
for example ; Dog exercise area approach (??) - removing the previous policy statement that exclusive dog exercise areas would not be provided

This is a very complicated way of saying " we'll provide dog exercise areas"
I'm assuming for a lot of dog owners in town this will be a main point especially if other areas are now only for leashed dogs. So please just be clear
Most of the wording of the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw is cluttered with pointless over statement that requires repetitive reading to understand
Recognition of Kuri- strengthened and expanded in partnership with Te Manawhenua Forum
Why?
Why is a council needing to make that statement ? We all are aware of the Kuri already, it doesnt require laws or exercise or treatment so why are we making a policy for something that doesn't exist ?
Operational updates- clearer neutering rules for menancing dogs and rules around what might happen in serious situations

No
Clear rules for dangerous dogs and what will happen in serious situations- is a clearer more accurate way of communicating without the fluff

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? Yes

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Carol Bennett
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 139

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Cars don't always drive at 25kmh and electric vehicles are so quiet it sometimes hard to know a car is behind me. So many dogs off leash with little regard for on leash dogs.
On leash would negate any excuses for not picking up after dog. I quote Founders Park as classic example of off leash area where owners simply don't pick up afterwards (my kitchen overlooks the Park - so sad when so many have picnics in the park). I have a miniature poodle on 10m Longline lead and so many larger dogs in the Drives terrify him or bowl him over and owners just say "it's OK, my dog is friendly". Mine is a rescue and still reactive to larger dogs.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Sad still so many dogs loose and wandering on public roads,

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Rebecca Brophy
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 140

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is an area where I feel my dog can safely learn to go off his lead away from traffic and driveways

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Jodi Hilliar
Age 65 - 74
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 141

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Have to have dogs on a short/very short leash. Not a long lease like the ones where you can release or wind in the leash. So dog has to be beside the legs of the owner at all times. Especially applies when in the CBD, or in places where there are a lot of people gathering, eg; market place or farmers market or concerts. It's important the dog gets out of the way of people, not the other way round.

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Kate Watkins
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 142

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Donna Bjerring
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Other - Waihou

Submission details : DD - 143

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Even on a leash dogs are not always under control in these areas

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
There are no dog waste or council bins in the Waihou area, most people exercise their dogs on the 'paddock' by the Waihou Rugby Club so is it possible to get a bin at this location to dispose of dog waste as there are issues daily with people picking up after their dogs in this area and its used by

many sports / people including children as well as dog owners.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Natalie Feek
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 144

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
This is the perfect place for dogs to explore, socialise, and walk freely in an open environment. It provides a wonderful space where dogs can exercise, interact with other dogs, and simply enjoy being outdoors. For many dog owners, it is also a valuable community space, a place to connect with others, and watch their dogs play happily. Restricting vehicle access would help preserve the space as a safe and enjoyable area for everyone who uses it.

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - ashlie
Age 35 - 44
What area of the district do you live? Morrinsville

Submission details : DD - 145

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
I have epilepsy type disorder.
So with the current by-laws, cannot phsically get my dog to the vet.
Appreciate the proposed change to dogs being allowed in town, so long as on leash and they're, 'tideid up after'.

Thank you.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Do not live in Te Aroha

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
General public should be consulted

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Do not live in Matamata

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Depends on size of dog

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Find it quite aweful - would you treat a child (your child), the way you treat you dog.
I.e., put on a leash while at home, being kept in a cage (aka a kennel where you do not have the space to turn around, let alone not-being able to 'toilet' while in cage.

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Christine Coley
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 146

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 3

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
There needs to be very clear, larger colourful (red/yellow) signage where dogs need to be leashed. I see dogs off leash most days I walk the T?? Domain track.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Yes although I am concerned dog owners will flout rules on Hauraki Rail trail & have dogs unleashed.

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Other

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?
More & larger signage for on leash walks on Mt Te Aroha, particularly the T?? Domain Track. Need signs facing both ways at the Water Treatment Station, Hamilton Street, the start of the T?? track by the Domain etc. plus a social media campaign to educated for people with dogs who don't read policy.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Peter Hayes
Age 75+
What area of the district do you live? Te Aroha

Submission details : DD - 147

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 2

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Existing policy is fit for purpose. What is not fit, is resourcing to ensure the policy is implemented. A small increase in monitoring capability, increased penalties where infringement occurs. A very small percentage of our dog owners are responsible for the majority of incidents or bad behaviour.

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
We have enough rules. More rules or even greater education will not change the habits of irresponsible owners

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
No risk or cost benefit . Dogs on leads do not usually cause incidents

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

Do you support dogs being allowed in the Central Business Districts (CBDs) at any time, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Just delaying what is a practical approach

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above
Dogs & owners need space.Other users should be aware and act accordingly

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No

Policy on Dogs and Bylaw feedback form

Submitter details

Name - Katrina Mcintyrw
Age 45 - 64
What area of the district do you live? Matamata

Submission details : DD - 148

Section 1: Overall position

Which of these options do you support?
Option 1

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 2: Draft Policy on Dogs

Do you agree with the clearer layout of the policy, and the stronger focus on responsible dog ownership?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you agree with the updated policy objectives?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 3: Draft Dog Control Bylaw

Proposed changes - prohibited areas

Do you support adding Farmer Street Reserve (Te Aroha) as a prohibited area?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

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Proposed changes - leash control areas

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Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support allowing dogs on the Hauraki Rail Trail area in Te Aroha and through to Matamata, as long as they are on a leash and under control?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

If the community agrees, the above changes to the CBD and Hauraki Rail Trail areas could run as a six-month trial. Do you support trying them out first?
No

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support changing Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive in Matamata from off-leash areas to on-leash areas?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Rules proposed to remain the same

Do you support the rule of having up to two dogs in town areas (before needing a permit) stay the same?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Do you support keeping the current minimum standards for how dogs must be housed and cared for?
Yes

Additional comments to support the option chosen above

Section 4: General feedback

Do you have any other feedback about this policy and bylaw?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing? No