# Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2015 Submissions

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**Name:** Maxine Campbell

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

While fees are not currently under review, I would like to see a reduced fee for holders of a Community Service Card.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

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**Name:** Miss Kate Russell

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

N/A

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**Name:** Mrs Wendy McIntosh

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

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my comments relate to the timing of the addition of new dog exercise areas in the parks. Obviously there is a need for these extensions so I am puzzled by the long time frame of some of the introductions. Is this due to costs of signage/fencing at these parks; if not why can they not all be opened up this year!!!
Also for many of these parks it is very difficult to tell the boundary between off lead area and on lead area. Will this be addressed as they are opened?

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**Name:** Mrs Alison Campbell

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I am commenting particularly about the sections of by-law & policy relating to dog exercise areas. I'm extremely grateful that Council staff have been able to take into account the concerns of responsible dog owners relating to the availability of off-lead exercise areas and that the bylaw & policy propose an increase in both size and number of these areas.

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**Park:**

**Comment(s):** I believe there will be a need for good signage and for education of both dog owners and the general public about the changes to dog exercise areas within city parks.

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**Name:** Mr Brian Wilcock

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Days' Park

**Comment(s):** It's OK for dogs to roam freely in the park-- but-- what about the residents who also use the park-- when walking one gets harassed by free running dogs. Dogs should be on leads at all times, so pedestrians can also us the park, after all we are the ones paying our rates to maintain the park.
Days Park is not the place to go for a quiet stroll any more.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Mr Luke Burr

**Organisation (if applicable):**

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Yes

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**Park:** Not applicable

**Comment(s):** I see both Donny park and Chartwell park are not mentioned anywhere. Chartwell park is somewhat understandable, it has a playground etc, but Donny park? Many people currently take their dogs to both of these parks.

I firmly believe Donny park should be added as an exercise area. It's very out of the way for most of the public, but for those of us that live nearby a great quiet place to take dogs for a run, away from roads and people. The dog population in this area is also quite high (which I'm sure you are aware of), i feel having a usable park in this area is very important for those that live in this area.

Chartwell park, if mapped correctly should be also. It is a little more problematic than Donny as it has a playground and soccer goals set up, also a road along one side. However in a nicer area, every dog owner I have encountered there has been very responsible, e.g if there's kids there playing, dog stays on lead.

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**Name:** Mrs Jodi Belbin

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

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I find the dog exercise area at the lake a little nerve racking as the road is very close on the hill and I worry dogs will get run over. Is there any hope of a fence or small barrier?

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**Park:** Temple View Reserve

**Comment(s):** I am very happy that we have this area. The sooner the better.

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**Name:** Mr Chris Sheldon

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

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**Park:** Melville Park

**Comment(s):** i think big dogs need to be on leashes.. to many are wondering.. and shit away from owners.. and their owners do not pick it up.

**Park:**

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**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Ms Cushla Nairn

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I feel that the Hamilton City Council for the most part have got it right, in general Socialisation for most dog is one key fact that is sadly lacking with most dogs owners. While some people might be amused and get their kicks from an aggressive dog bulling other dogs it is not funny I enjoy most parks in my area and the river walks once in a while. I would like to see more public awareness in not approaching other people dog and thinking it is their or their child's right to pat the puppy, I have a small dog and I have had children try to poke her eyes out while I am holding her, she is not a toy!! We have one area which was call 'dog shite alley' going down to the river and I see green doggy bags have now been provided by the council. The little things matter and for the first time walking through there it wasn't a mine field. Kudos. I take the time to introduce my dog to children and teach them how to keep still quiet and calm around dogs to hold their hand out so the dog can smell them before they pat. I have owned a German Shepard and know peoples approach to certain dogs is very different, Common sense needs to be applied in all situations . Maybe people could ask from a distance how friendly the dog is. If I see bigger dog in the park I either pick my dog up or leash her. I know most of the dogs by name in our area. One thing I would like to say is if a dog escapes and we can grab it tie it up so it is not a traffic nuisance can we just ring the council and let them contact the owners free of charge so they don't incur penalties and can quite simply pick the dog up from the yard without to much ado. I was given a courtesy car two door she shot the gap by the seat jumped out at while was I went to open my gate and within minutes this women is not interested in holding the dog but grabbed the registration tag . Personally I think if she hadn't of been registered she would have taken her she looked very disappointed when she realised it was my dog! Or maybe she wanted to be a policeman a reward who knows.

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**Name:** Ms Dani Edwards

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I support the proposed changes, especially with regards to mandatory neutering.
I would support further scope of mandatory neutering in future reviews.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):** I'm happy with the proposed changes.
My dogs currently use Porritt and Day's park, and I was surveyed in consultation for this document.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Miss Jess Samuels

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

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The maps would be awesome!

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**Name:** Miss Ellen Wilson

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

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**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

The amount of extended off leash exercise areas is a great addition.
As is the the requirement to neuter an uncontrolled dog. I support all the suggested changes to the Bylaw and Policy.

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**Name:** Mrs Porcelina Spring

**Organisation (if applicable):**

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**Park:** Within 10 metres of all areas of children's playgrounds (Dog prohibited area)

**Comment(s):** If it is required that dogs are to be banned from near playgrounds, a lot of families walk their dog and also play at playgrounds. There seems to be a lot of places to tie up a dog (e.g. fence posts) but these are bordering the playgrounds. This makes it difficult to take your children dog walking and playing at the local park.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Mrs Jenny Rakasz

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

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I would like to see Innes common available to be a dog exercise area, without leads at certain times of the day when sports aren't played and the field is completely empty (during the day). Many dog owners already use the field in this way and I have only extremely rarely found droppings. They are responsible owners who already use the field. There is no reason why we shouldn't continue to use it without leads when empty of sports.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Innes Common

**Comment(s):** See above comment.

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**Name:** Ms Janet Taylor

**Organisation (if applicable):**

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**Comment(s):** Really keen to see the fenced areas implemented and not thrown out in a subsequent committee meeting like the last time they were proposed

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**Name:** Helen Cameron

**Organisation (if applicable):**

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See attachment.

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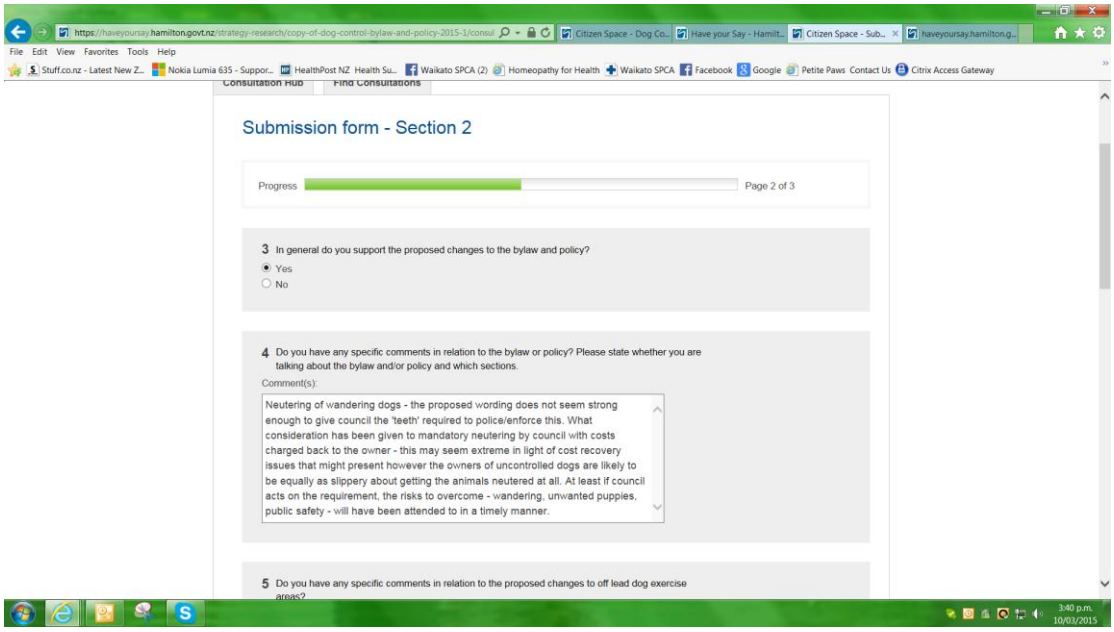

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**3** In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?

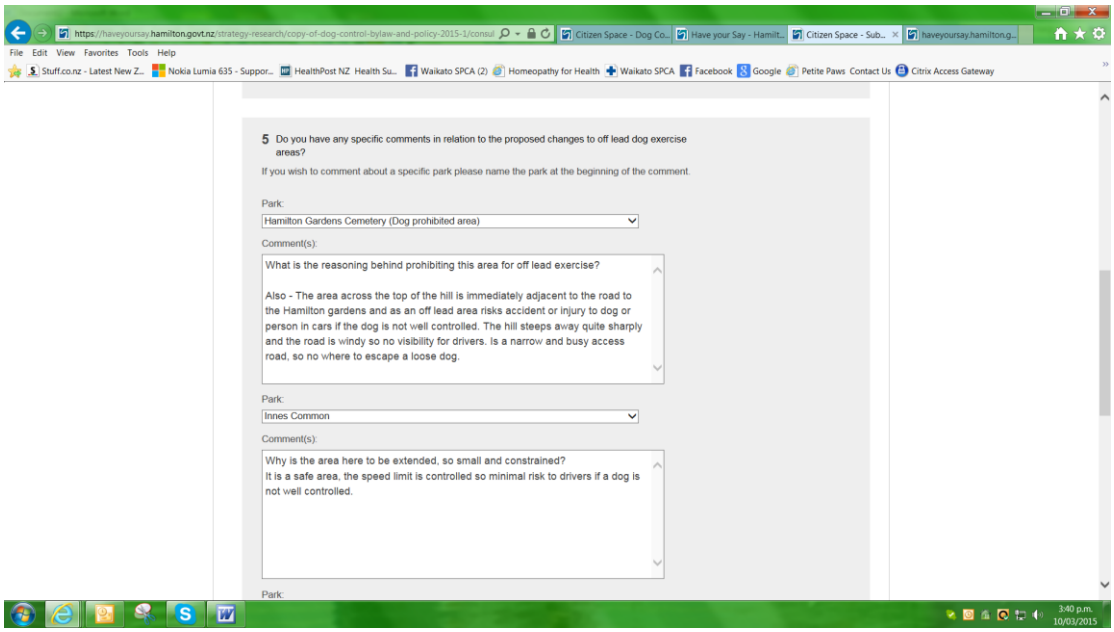
- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

**4** Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.

Comment(s):

Neutering of wandering dogs - the proposed wording does not seem strong enough to give council the 'teeth' required to police/enforce this. What consideration has been given to mandatory neutering by council with costs charged back to the owner - this may seem extreme in light of cost recovery issues that might present however the owners of uncontrolled dogs are likely to be equally as slippery about getting the animals neutered at all. At least if council acts on the requirement, the risks to overcome - wandering, unwanted puppies, public safety - will have been attended to in a timely manner.

**5** Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas?



**5** Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas?

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Park:

Hamilton Gardens Cemetery (Dog prohibited area)

Comment(s):

What is the reasoning behind prohibiting this area for off lead exercise?

Also - The area across the top of the hill is immediately adjacent to the road to the Hamilton gardens and as an off lead area risks accident or injury to dog or person in cars if the dog is not well controlled. The hill steeps away quite sharply and the road is windy so no visibility for drivers. Is a narrow and busy access road, so no where to escape a loose dog.

Park:

Innes Common

Comment(s):

Why is the area here to be extended, so small and constrained?
It is a safe area, the speed limit is controlled so minimal risk to drivers if a dog is not well controlled.

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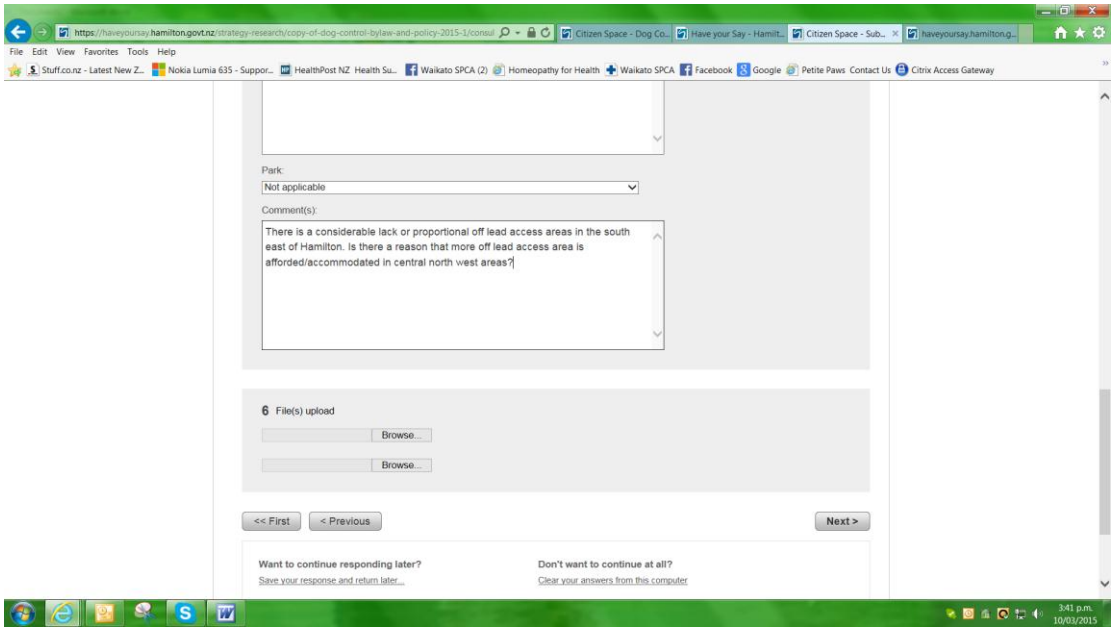
Park:
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Comment(s):
There is a considerable lack or proportional off lead access areas in the south east of Hamilton. Is there a reason that more off lead access area is afforded/accommodated in central north west areas?
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**Name:** Mr Noel Sandford

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Thank you very much for the communication regarding proposed extensions to the existing dog exercise areas. They all look very good to me. I wonder though: Is it possible to have one from Hamilton Yacht Club around to the Killarney Rd entrance to Innis Common?

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Not applicable

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**Name:** Mr Noel Nicholls

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Just as we have rules for people to follow for various reasons and we have idiots that do as they please in the way they break glass bottles on footpaths in our streets and our river walks, we have idiots that drive their cars as if they are the only ones on the road and try to burn out their tyres - I do not know how you plan to police more rules and regulations when the people act without respect for others - how will they control their dogs better.
we walk our dog 2- 3 times a day locally through the park and down the river. On the street she is usually on the lead, but in the park and by the river she runs free but under control, when we approach other people with dogs we hesitate to ensure they under control by lead or by the owner. we deliberately avoid going to places where there are a lot of dogs and not under good control.
I honestly do not think the planned changes will cause me any problem good or bad.

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## SUBMISSION FORM
## PROPOSED HAMILTON DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2015 AND DOG CONTROL POLICY

**SECTION 1** Please print your details clearly

Name: Mr / (Mrs) / Miss / Ms MARY SLUTER

Organisation: _____

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*Please note all submissions are treated as public documents and will be loaded on to the Council's website with the names and contact details of submitters included.*

**Important**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Council hearing?

Yes ☐ No ☑ If you **do not** tick a box we will assume that you **do not wish to speak at a hearing.**

- Hearings are anticipated to be held in April 2015. Please note if you indicated that you wish to be heard, we will contact you once hearing dates have been finalised.

**SECTION 2** Please print clearly

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?** (Please tick one option only)

☑ Yes

☐ No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s):

(1) 10 Metre exclusion zone around play areas. Very difficult to judge exactly 10 metres and never enforced. Frequently see parents with children on play areas accompanied by dogs. Why not fence off play areas – sign on gate – "no dogs". Very easy to see & enforce.

(2) Bins. I always clean up behind my dogs but many people do not. There is a shortage of bins on parks in Hamilton.

Comment(s):

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There have always been an inadequate number of bins & the council have now removed some more. Many of the bins left – e.g. Discovery Park & Flagstaff Park, are on the childrens play

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

Park: Cont:-

Comment(s): areas – so you either break the 10 metre exclusion zone rule or don't use the bin! I hate to see dog muck left on the parks where children play, but even worse is when people use doggie bags, then because

Park: there are too few bins, just throw

Comment(s): the bag down. It does not then degrade.

The parks are brilliant, but please help keep them that way by providing many

Park: more bins – and possibly even a

Comment(s): supply of bags as some councils do – to encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

**Submissions can be:**

- submitted online : www.hamilton.co.nz/haveyoursay
- posted: Freepost 172189, Strategy & Research Unit, Hamilton City Council, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240
- delivered to the main reception, ground floor of Council Building, Garden Place

**Important Reminder: Submissions must reach Council by 4.00pm 7 April 2015. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

**Thank you for your submission**

# Proposal for Dog Exercise Area in Hamilton City

During a recent holiday break we visited Whangarei and discovered the Dog Exercise Park they have developed at Pohe Island within walking distance of the city.

The area had been fenced and had access through a double gate. Development consisted of park benches and tables, metal paths and tree planting. The rest of the area was grassed.
The area had been developed with help from local business into an "agility" area for dogs to go over ramps and A Frame and through concrete tunnels. There were also "poles" set into the ground for weaving. The agility area covered one side of the park and the balance was open for dogs to interact with each other or for owners to throw balls or play with their dogs. There was a large trough so dogs could "swim" and water bowls and plastic bags provided.
The advantage of this area was that dog owners who maybe elderly or disabled in some way could let their dogs off to interact with other dogs or to get some exercise in a large enclosed area. The piece of mind for these owners that they would be able to have control to retrieve their dogs when leaving.

As a dog owner we regularly use Days Park however I do know of owners who would love to be able to take their dogs out but are unable for various reasons to be able to let them off in large areas. This dog area could be part of a park like Days Park so owners have a choice on where to exercise their dogs.

I have attached various photos of aspects of the area and information on the park. I am happy to be contacted for further discussion.

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4 Martin Street
Hamilton

Phone 07 8549453

I look forward to hearing back from you.


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Pohe Island
Dog exercise area
Please close the gates.
Dogs must be kept under effective control.
Thank you for cleaning up after your dog.
Leave only paw prints!
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# Canine achiever honoured in park

Last updated 05:00 20/12/2011

A four-legged friend who inspired Whangarei's first leash-free dog park is being remembered with a memorial.

Richard Field says his dog Skoota was a driving force in the four years he spent lobbying the Whangarei District Council to open the park on Pohe Island.

Richard and Skoota spent some time in Christchurch where Skoota enjoyed going to the city's leash-free dog parks to socialise with other dogs and get some exercise.

They returned to Whangarei in 2004 where Richard started his long venture convincing the council on the merits of a dog park.

"Skoota was very instrumental in the role that he played in the whole issue – he was my driving force and he featured in promotion of the park so people came to connect the park issue with him," he says.

The Whangarei Leader ran a story of Richard and Skoota in January 2005 to help get the leash-free idea under way.

Richard made submissions to the draft William Fraser/Pohe Island Management Plan 2005, encouraging the dog park to be included.

He kept pushing the issue because he could see it had a number of benefits for owners and to help dogs be less aggressive.

"I must admit that there were times that I just wanted to give up, but this is where Skoota comes into it," he says.

Richard joined the council's animal management committee and met Keith Thompson, manager of Environmental Northland which handles dog control.

Keith also supported the idea of a dog park.

The concept was given the green light in late 2007, on the proviso that Richard personally got sponsorship for things like seating and exercise equipment.

It opened in November 2008 and has been enjoyed by canines ever since.

"I could never, never, thank the sponsors enough nor Keith and I also thank the council for going ahead with the idea and providing the land and area," Richard says.

Skoota had a number of years enjoying the park before dying in August at the age of 11.

Keith pushed for a memorial to be installed in the park, to honour Richard's tenacity getting it opened and to remember Skoota, his "best mate and long-term companion".

The memorial features a photo of Skoota and information about the history of the leash-free dog park.

"Thank you Skoota for making it happen. You will always be remembered," it reads.

Keith says the dog park is well used even when it's raining and word about it is spreading.

"I wasn't that convinced to start with but it's amazing how often it's used."

Richard now looks forward to seeing more improvements to the park.

**- Whangarei Leader**

**Name:** Mrs Susan O'Neill

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Yes I am commenting on the clarification of mutliple dog permits. Your policy is flawed the heading clarification of multiple dog permit clauses to prevent confusion. Not sure where you got the idea there was any confusion here after speaking to many people over this issue many are of the same mind as myself.
1. Why do owners have to get neighbours permission every single year - this is irritating to the neighbours and dog owner alike.
2. Why does the neighbour have more rights over your property than you
3. Why does this permit have to be renewed annually at one time permit went for dogs entire lifespan.
4. Surely this should be just between council and owner and neighbours should only enter into it if a complaint is made.
5. Council is missing out on thousands of dollars of fees with many dog owners opting out of registering and subsequent dogs.

Can council explain who came up with the idea that begging your neighbours for their permission for you to have a third dog because it is wrong. Neighbours concerns should only be a factor if there is a problem.

Why did council decide that this had to be renewed annually with a fee attached what does one get for this permit fee please.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Pukete Farm Park

**Comment(s):** Why did council not consider a share with care for this park, many dog owners just use the whole park anyway and most dog owners let their dogs off as soon as entering the park no matter what gateway you enter by. The rest of the parks are fine and is there any reason why some of them wont be in effect until 2018 thats 3 years away why should this take such a long time.

Just a general note on all the dog leash parks, has council ever considered putting up dog shaped signs with the words DOG EXERCISE AREA on them so that non dog owners are well aware that they are entering an off leash area, this is common overseas and seems to me to be a good idea, then you are left in no doubt what the park is used for.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Miss Nadia Laubscher

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Chelmsford

**Comment(s):**

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Strategy & Research



## SUBMISSION FORM
## PROPOSED HAMILTON DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2015 AND DOG CONTROL POLICY

**SECTION 1** Please print your details clearly

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Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Council hearing?

Yes ☐ No ☑ If you **do not** tick a box we will assume that you **do not wish to speak at a hearing.**

- Hearings are anticipated to be held in April 2015. Please note if you indicated that you wish to be heard, we will contact you once hearing dates have been finalised.

**SECTION 2** Please print clearly

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?** (Please tick one option only)

☑ Yes

☐ No

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**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s): DOG AREA EXERCISE PLAN

PURPOSE AND SCOPE: CLAUSES 2-4-5 mention the need to avoid inherent danger and also meet the recreational and Exercise requirements of the dog owner.

There is one area on the plan that has been neglected for use as a recreational area

Comment(s): Include suggestion into by-law

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

Park: SANDFORD PARK.

Comment(s): When the plan was first proposed dog owners were notified and required to make suggestions. Sandford park was put up as a proposal but no feed back was received. The park is part of a Gully with ~~intrance~~ entrances off Fitzroy Ave, Bader St, Peacockes Road and Lewis St. It is used widely by dog owners

Park: Walking their dogs along the newly formed walkway

Comment(s): System. The majority of dogs are off lead. There is minimal foot traffic through this park and an ideal place for a dog to have a run and in a confined area. No play areas or concentration of the public

Park: makes it more ideal than the restricted areas of

Comment(s): Porritt Stadium - Rostrevor is too far as is also Melville Park, which has a large area used by the Public. The Obedience School has no doubt a say here

Please reconsider Sandford park.

**Submissions can be:**

- submitted online : www.hamilton.co.nz/haveyoursay
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**Thank you for your submission**

**Name:** Mrs Carol Davies

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

All suggestions/proposals are good. Non dog owners should also be made aware of the rules and regs.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

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**Name:** Mr Kevin Collins

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

For dogs that are repeatedly caught roaming, neutering is not enough of a solution. Create a provision that 1) fines the owner $150 if the dog has roamed more than once, 2) requires the dog to be neutered after three roaming instances and 3) requires the dog to be surrendered to HCC after five instances.

What you are trying to manage here is dog owners, not dogs. Owners who don't care enough to keep their dogs from roaming need an incentive; and that incentive needs to get more powerful if they continue to ignore the requirement. Some combination of the three methods above is needed.

The sad reality is that many surrendered dogs will end up being euthanized. However that is a reasonable outcome if other methods have failed.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hamilton Gardens

**Comment(s):** great to have this area. Seems to work fine.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Mr Malcolm Williams

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

the proposed bylaw opening up more parks for dogs off the leash.

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**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** I am not happy with dogs being off the lead in Hammond park and have noticed when I am out walking that a lot of dog owners have there dogs off the lead on the Hammond park boardwalk and this has increased since council have proposed this park.(even though boardwalk is not included) the owners cannot see what their dogs are doing when they have run up ahead out of there sight. I don't like unknown dogs running up to me. Dog owners just laugh it off when confronted and say their dogs been naughty. This is not good enough. Why should the public be put at risk?
Living next to the park I now have dogs coming on to my property. I don't want this . Let the dog owners take there dogs to parks such as Claudlands park where no houses boarder the park if they want them off the lead.
Not against dogs in the park but Keep the dogs ON a leash in Hammond Park
There is also an issue of some dog owners that do not pick up there dogs poo and some owners who leave bags thrown into the bush. When the dogs are off the leash the owners generally do not pick up.Yeah responsible dog owners.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

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Raewyn Napier

**From:** Frances and Brian <brifran@actrix.co.nz>
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2015 12:46
**To:** Have Your Say
**Subject:** dogs

Dogs in Hamilton—we wish to object to dogs having a free run in the whole of "Days Park". Being a local resident and frequent user of this park we find – the days of casual walking in the park and sitting by the river side enjoying a few solitary moments are over. Free running dogs in their frenzy, run up and give one a sniff and take a look at you, to sit down by the river to enjoy a moment or two, the same thing happens. Dogs are a real nuisance and destroy the pleasures that we have enjoyed for some 52 years. Why does the council not fence off the southern corner of the park for free running dogs and leave the northern part which includes the beach and picnic area for the people to enjoy. We overlook the park, and of recent years several groups have been taking their lunch and setting up a picnic site in the shade of the trees, some times 10-15 people in a group--- lovely, now with free running dogs around no longer does this happen. This park was given to Hamilton for people to enjoy. Currently it is dog alley. Yes cater for dogs – but fence off part of the park and be fair to us residents.
In general, yes, Brian and Frances support the poposed changes to the bylaw and policy.
Do not wish to speak at the council hearings.

Brian & Frances Wilcock
River road
Hamilton

**Name:** Miss Elizabeth Fecser

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I have specific comments on bylaw, multiple dog ownership.

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I am responsible dog owner and have been for many years. I decided to get a third dog several years ago and realised I had to apply for third dog ownership, this was not a problem first year, knowing an Officer had to inspect property and knowing there would be a fee for that.

However I am opposing having to apply for a permit every year, my points on this are such:

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2) I have to pay a fee for which I feel I have just done the work of HCC/Control Officer, and then they also have to come back round to inspect my property.

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I believe I am being penalised as a result.

4) I know if my neighbours had a problem with my dogs they would feel comfortable enough to approach me or call Animal Education and Control Unit, because I have actually discussed this with them.

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**Park:**
See attachment.

**Comment(s):**

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**Name:** Ms Linda Gilbertson

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I support having extra areas where dogs may be exercised off the leash. I think some areas are not suited to this and the section of Hammond Park adjacent to Geoffrey Place is one of them

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** While the area by the river is suitable for unleashed dogs the area next to Geoffrey Place is not. It is used frequently for children's parties and games. It is a very small area to exercise a dog, much less suitable for unleashed dogs than the rest of Hammond Park.
I walk the Hammond park walkway most days and I support allowing unleashed dogs on this. However, it would be seldom that there is not faecal matter on the pathway. I would suggest that a small area of park frequented by children is best left unpolluted by unleashed dogs

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Anna Kingsbury

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

My comments relate to the new dog exercise area policy generally, and relate particularly to Hammond Park.
My concern is that this is not a balanced regulatory approach. I support the provision of park facilities for dogs, but the policy seems to involve a very large increase in provision for dogs at the expense of other users.
Parks are for people as well as dogs, and a very high proportion of park users do not have dogs.
Off-leash dogs are not compatible worth many other park uses . Children and the elderly are particularly likely to be put-off by dogs running freely, but so are walkers and runners.
Many dogs are not well-controlled, and there are significant numbers of owners who do not accept responsibility for the actions of their dogs. Dogs may be friendly, but other users do not necessarily know that when being approached or jumped on by a roaming dog, and some dogs do bite. I am a runner, and I have learnt from experience to be very cautious of dogs.
Education of dog owners will help, but it is not a complete solution. That is why all of the cities of the world regulate - and they generally do not allow off-leash dogs in parks outside of areas with strict boundaries.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** Hammond Park is heavily used by walkers and runners of all ages - it is a very popular river walk. The river area is very popular with kayakers and with children and teenagers who swim in the river. Significant numbers of off-leash dogs will create real problems for these other users.
Hammond Park is also an environmentally important area which the Council itself has put significant resource into maintaining and preserving. There is important plant and bird life present, and it is a site of much university-based environmental research. While the proposed policy rightly excludes the bush and boardwalk area from the dog exercise area, it is highly foreseeable that dogs will not all remain in the designated area and will tend to roam into the bush areas doing damage to bird and plant life.
There is no need to allow off-leash dogs in Hammond Park. Under the proposed policy, Hamilton Gardens will offer extensive areas for off-leash dogs to exercise, and these offer more space and access to the river, all within walking distance of Hammond Park.
I request that the Council reconsider the inclusion of Hammond Park in the dog exercise areas.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Norman Kingsbury

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

The general approach of the policy is to suggest that all parks should be open to free-roaming dogs unless there is compelling reason otherwise.

I am opposing the proposals on the basis that:
1. bird life will be under serious threat;
2. spontaneous ball games will be significantly inhibited; and
3. walking in parks, both for pleasure and fitness, will be greatly reduced.

Considerably fewer parks should be made available for dogs off-leash than in the current proposals. In particular, Hammond Park should be available to dogs only when they are on a leash.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** The Council has done well in the development of Hammond Park both at the lower and upper levels of the park. There has been significant development of New Zealand plant life, the protection of glow worms and native bats, and especially the encouragement of native birds. Free-ranging unleashed dogs will seriously threaten all of these. Walking and running will also be greatly reduced particularly for the elderly and for children. Children's ball games will be impossible with dogs running around.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Mr Darcy & Brigitte Watson

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Dog Control Bylaw 2015
Section 8
It's all very well limiting the number of dogs owners can have on a property but any laws need to be enforced. We have one neighbour with 3 large dogs. We gave written permission about 3-4 years ago for the 3rd dog that was a young pup at the time, but have had no correspondence since, even though we understood this was an annual request and that was under the condition we signed it on. This dog in particular has been an ongoing problem but Animal Control and SPCA don't want to know. All 3 dogs are locked up 24/7 in separate rooms in the house when the owners are out and if the dogs are lucky, they are allowed a supervised toilet stop when the owners are home from work. Recently one dog managed to jump their deck gate and maul their rabbit that happened to be loose on the back lawn.
We don't believe 3 dogs are needed in town and council need to carefully look at each situation. We informed Animal Control of the nuisance barking and situation which in a lot of respects has become worse, but thankfully no longer at the ungodly hours of 4 – 6am. We don't believe council looked at the situation seriously and they definitely did not follow up with us.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):** It's great to have more off-lead dog areas as there are dogs that are well behaved and need to be able to have freedom to run around without requiring a lead. Roaming cats are more of a problem with messing on property and fighting all hours, often in the early hours of the morning. There should be a limit on cats and they should be microchipped.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

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**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Mr John Duncan

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I am a dog lover, but this new policy seems to overly favour the dogs. I am very pro dog exercise areas, but the park use needs to be balanced,
Dogs running free may well frighten elderly, families with young children and runners from using the parks.
I run through the Hamilton Gardens and Hammond Park on a regular basis, and dogs running free are often badly behaved.
I think that policy overly favours dog exercise areas and there needs to be more balance.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** Hammond Park, a park close to my house, is often used by young children, kids n bikes, kids with frisbees, and a lot of elderly walking.
I see no point in having this area with dogs running free, as just over the hill are 2x huge areas in the Hamilton Gardens; see below for my comments on this

**Park:** Hamilton Gardens

**Comment(s):** Hamilton Gardens

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Mrs Simone Paradine

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

My objection is specifically in relation to the proposed off-leash dog exercise area at the portion of Hammond Park that borders Geoffrey Place. Please see objection below.

I disagree with HCC increasing the number of leash-free parks as I think there are enough already. I oppose leash-free dog areas in general because they are inherently unsafe for the dogs and humans who use them. Our vet tells us that vets loathe leash-free parks because injured dogs frequently present to them having been injured in such off-leash venues. I have a dog who I would never take to such a park as I value her safety and well-being. We have enough leash-free parks already (and just one park is too many in my opinion).

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** I object to the Hammond Park portion that borders Geoffrey Place being made an off-leash dog exercise area. My reasons are as follows:
-I share my west boundary with the park and my property is currently unfenced. I am certain that dogs would constantly come onto my property if the bylaw passed.
-I own a dog who I do not want threatened by the constant presence of visiting dogs.
-I own three cats whose egress in and out of our home for ten years has been via our ranch slider next to the unfenced west boundary. I do not want them harrassed or harmed by unleashed dogs.
-There are several neighbouring dogs who already bark madly when the odd dog visits the park. Such barking would increase dramatically with the introduction of the bylaw, and I foresee that dog-barking would elevate to noise pollution levesl here in our neighbourhood.
-I would be constantly afraid to come and go from my front door knowing that unleashed dogs have access to my property.
-It is not appropriate for dogs to be leash-free in a highly residential zone such as this as it poses risk to residents, particularly children.
-Children and teenagers use the park to play which enhances our sense of community here.
-Hamilton Gardens already has a leash-free area so I don't believe we need one here since we're so nearby.
-There is a walkway already frequented by regular passers-by. I think they ought to feel safe and unthreatened and not approached by leash-free dogs as they use this pathway to and from the river.
-This bylaw frightens me and and makes me feel unsafe if Ishould garden or go outside on my property.
-This bylaw potentially devalues my property.

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Mr Brett Paradine

**Organisation (if applicable):** NA

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

There are some good elements to the policy. I am however fundamentally opposed to the extensive expansion of leash free areas in the policy, which will be at the expense of amenity for other park users. By that I mean that it is certain that park users who don't have dogs will be annoyed, harassed or injured by dogs that the council has allowed to be off their leashes. I say this as owner of a dog that we exercise every day. Our vet has commented previously that a significant portion of their unwanted business is the result of injuries sustained by dogs in leash free parks.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** I do not agree generally with leash free parks and I believe that extension to Hammond Park in general, and the portion of Hammond Park bordering Geoffrey Place in particular, is unwarranted and inappropriate. I walk my dog on a leash frequently in Hammond Park. Even now we are frequently accosted by dogs that are contravening the existing ordinance and approach us aggressively off the leash. These dogs have barked at us and on one occasion bitten our fox terrier. As a result my son will no longer walk her in Hammond Park and I do so with some trepidation. This can only get worse if the park is made a leash free exercise area. Compounding that general concern, the portion of Hammond park adjoining Geoffrey Place is a very communal area, often played in by young children from adjoining houses. It would be irresponsible to allow dogs of all sizes and temperaments free rein there, at the expense of either the amenity or safety of the park for those children.

**Park:**

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**Name:** Mr Richard Howard

**Organisation (if applicable):** Geoffrey Place resident

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

It is inappropriate for smaller community parks which are almost totally enclosed by residential properties to accommodate off leash dogs

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** There are two disctinct and very different sections that comprise Hammond Park. There is the small section accessed from Geoffrey Place and which is probably 95% surrounded by residential properties (all except the Geoffrey Place street frontage). This section also features lovely large and very old oak trees and provides a wonderful, secure and safe area for local children to play freely - and in sight of their parents. Then there is the very large section of Hammond Park which is accessed from the bottom pf Malcolm Street and which adjoins the Waikato River. This section is also able to be accessed by a stairway down from the Geoffrey Place section of Hammond Park.

Our family has lived in Geoffrey Place since 1988 and we regard Hammond Park has a very special and unique asset for our small local community – it is our hidden gem! Our children grew up playing freely, and enjoying lots of fun and family times in the park and we know there are many other children and families who have shared, and who contnue to share, the same experiences and enjoyment.

We would like to see the Geoffrey Place part of Hammond Park preserved as it is and not become a designated off-leash dog exercise area.

Our reasons for wishing to maintain the status quo are:

The safety of young children and their ability to play freely and uninhibited in the park

The park and surrounds have a range of birdlife (currently a large family of quail) and ducks often frequent the park especially in duck shooting season. This birdlife should also be able to enjoy the sanctuary of the park without being chased or killed by freely roaming dogs

The park is almost completely surrounded by residential properties, many of whom have a boundary, some unfenced, on the park that would be easily accessible by unleashed dogs

There is a much larger and significantly more suitable, and open, area of Hammond Park below Geoffrey Place and adjacent to the Waikato River which is ideally suited to unleashed dogs and only a small walk down the adjoining steps.

**Name:** Ms Brenda Sayers

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Fully support all the proposed recommended options for addressing the 6 issues outlined.
The documents do not specifically mention the Riverbank within city boundary where lots of owners exercise their dogs off lead and believe it is ok to do so.
The walkways along both sides of the riverbank (except Days Park etc) require notices stating "Dogs Must Be On Lead". These signs could be attached to the existing poles that have Share with Care for pedestrians and cyclists. See letter to Animal
Control 6 January 2015 (email attached). This is a safety issue as well as ensuring the river walk can be enjoyed by everyone.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

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**Name:** Mr Shane Booker

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I object to Hammond Park becoming an off leash dog exercise area.

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**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** Hammond Park
My property backs onto the top half of Hammond Park which is by Geoffrey Place. My child and his friends, and many other children in the surrounding area use the park on a regular basis to play in. I wouldn't feel safe for them if there are dogs running free, as well as the normal mess dogs leave behind if owners are not cleaning up after them.
There are properties off the top half of Hammond Park that are not fenced - would the council fence these properties off to prevent dogs roaming on private land?
I would also be worried about the environment and the native and other birdlife in the area, and how roaming dogs could affect them.
I suggest the lower and larger area of Hammond park by the river would be a more suitable location to allow dogs to be off-leash.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Mr Howard Johnston

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I think it is very important to have areas available for dogs to be able to run freely but under control. This would only apply to dogs that are friendly to people and other dogs. I think it is also very important that these areas where dogs can run free are clearly and well sign posted so that people who are uncomfortable with seeing dogs off leash can avoid these areas.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** There are a lot of dogs in Riverlea and a local off lead dog exercise area would be very welcome.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Mrs Stef Holmes

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Not Answered

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I believe HCC has really put a lot of effort into reviewing the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw this time around with the extensive consultancy process and it would be so lovely to see it all be put to good use rather than just remain on paper in the rather colourful " Pooches and Parks" booklet of proposals.

It is always good to see education feature first in the Policy, there is such a need for it out in the community.....
The increase in the number of dog exercise areas listed is very encouraging too and so required in the ever expanding city.
The neutering of roaming dogs is so needed too, gosh bring back the good old days of fenced sections....

In the Bylaw, the permit for more than 2 dogs has always been a very unpopular bone of contention especially being an annual requirement as it can be such a personal problem between neighbours etc. I personally believe two dogs in most town households is enough but there are others who don't ...

I am concerned about hitching posts encouraging dogs to be tied up outside places health and safety wise.

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hamilton Gardens

**Comment(s):** The present dog exercise area is already very close to the road into the popular tourist car park . I am concerned that including the proposed new strip down to the beach may be another safety issue especially at busy times when the field is used as an extension car park too.

**Park:** Minogue Park

**Comment(s):** Minogue Park

**Park:** Resthills Park

**Comment(s):** Resthills Park

**Name:** Miss Raewyn Scatchard

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

I submit the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2015 needs to be reconsidered in regard to the Off Lead Dog Exercise Areas Register so that it excludes Hammond Park. (Dog Control Bylaw 2015, Section 5 Dog Exercise Areas and Part 1 - Areas within Hamilton City designated as Off-Lead Dog Exercise Areas)

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hammond Park

**Comment(s):** I would like to see the status quo remain with Hammond Park NOT becoming a designated off-leash dog exercise area.

My preference is not to permit dogs in Hammond Park however, if the status quo of dogs on leashes permitted is to be changed, I state as follows:

- Hammond Park is used by families who play in the park and in the summer months swim in the nearby Waikato River. Uncontrolled and off leash dogs are not a good mix with young families who should be able to play freely and uninhibited in the park. I note any dogs would be permitted regardless of the fact that certain breeds of dogs have been involved in attacks on people with serious consequences.

- Hammond Park and surrounds are home to a range of animal life including bats and birdlife (quail, tui, kereru, fantail, kingfisher, duck, morepork and others). A lot of work has gone into attracting native birds back into particular areas of the city, Hammond Park being one of those areas. The park should be maintained as a sanctuary for this birdlife and not a place where dogs can roam.

- Hammond Park is almost completely surrounded by residential properties, many of which could be accessible by unleashed dogs. No regard has been had to the rights of property owners who do not want dogs on their properties.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Name:** Ms Hannah Banks

**Organisation (if applicable):** Interactionz

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?**

Yes

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

**Park:** Hamilton Gardens

**Comment(s):** I'm pleased to see that it is proposed to extend the off lead dog exercise area at Hamilton Gardens.

I would like to see the area at Hamilton Gardens better sign posted. I am at this park every day and I don't think people are aware that it is a dog park (before I had a dog I wasn't aware of this). People often have picnics in the area reserved for dogs and it makes it quite difficult. I have been yelled and screamed at on a number of occasions for having my dog off a leash and my dog was kicked once by someone. There are so many places at the gardens for people to picnic in, and if there was better signage, then they may choose to go to another part of the gardens.

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

**Park:**

**Comment(s):**

Raewyn Napier

**From:**
**Sent:** Sunday, 8 March 2015 12:58
**To:** Strategy
**Subject:** ReRE JESMOND PARK AREA FOR CBD DOG OWNERS: Proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2015

dear sir
I suggest that we make better use of Jesmond park for dog owners,it is rarely used land close to the cbd.
Robyn Place

**From:** Strategy
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 2:27 PM
**Subject:** Proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2015

Dear Dog Owner

We'd like to know what you think about the Proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2015

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires every council in New Zealand to have a Dog Control Policy that encourages responsible dog ownership and sets out where dog owners can take their dogs in the city and an approach for dealing with dangerous dogs. A bylaw is needed to enforce the policy

Council has recently worked with various dog obedience and training clubs and SPCA Waikato to review our current policy and bylaw. Through this process we've identified a few areas for improvement in the policy and bylaw. The proposed changes include:

- implementing the new Hamilton Dog Exercise area plan we recently consulted on,
- help us manage dogs that roam repeatedly and
- provide clarification for dog owners about their responsibilities.

You can find out more about what we're proposing and how to submit visit our website www.hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay or you can pick up a hard copy from the Hamilton City Council Libraries or Councils Municipal Building.

We are open for submissions from 4 March 2015 until 4 pm on 7 April 2015.

If you have questions about the policy and bylaw process please contact the Strategy and Research Unit on 838 6678 or for questions regarding the content of the policy or bylaw contact Animal Education and Control Unit 07 838 6895.

**Gareth Cartwright**
Strategic Policy Analyst (Environment) | Strategy & Research

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## SUBMISSION FORM
## PROPOSED HAMILTON DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2015 AND DOG CONTROL POLICY

**SECTION 1** Please print your details clearly

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**Important**

Do you wish to speak about your submission at a Council hearing?

Yes ☑ No ☐ If you **do not** tick a box we will assume that you **do not wish to speak at a hearing.**

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**SECTION 2** Please print clearly

**In general do you support the proposed changes to the bylaw and policy?** (Please tick one option only)

☑ Yes

☐ No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s):

Comment(s):

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

Park: Minogue Park

Comment(s): This park is the one I use nearly every day and have done for more than 30 years.
Once befor a H.C.C Councilor suggested having sports grounds on the flat area.
But the ground was often too soggy and the idea was disbanded.

Park:

Comment(s): I would like to see a fenced area for shy, timid dogs - such as retired greyhounds.
These dogs need a place to feel free to run and socialise

Park:

Comment(s): I would like to have tables and seats similar to the area at the north end of Dogs Park - it's a lovely place to catch up with friends or visitors.
The covered area in particular is really good for when it rains.

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Organisation: _____

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Email: nil

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☐ No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s): I support By law (2) pg 3 "Dogs found repeatedly roaming ~~feto~~ be neutered by council at owners expense."

Owner education needs to extended beyond Dog clubs ie community Centres Marae etc.

Comment(s): _____

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**SECTION 1** Please print your details clearly

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Email: –

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[✓] Yes

[ ] No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s): Council is not tackling the important issues which concern a significant sector of irresponsible people whose conduct leads to the weekly mass destruction of healthy dogs in the pound. How exactly can the policy and bylaw be working effectively as alleged by the Review Committee? When an opportunity presents itself to re-home impounded dogs Council strenuously rejects it. I don't get it. Why don't these animals matter?

Comment(s): Given the availability of options, including making neutering 'mandatory' thus mitigating the

Serious problems, one could be excused for thinking there exists a decisive predilection for killing!

"Council is breaching the Animal Welfare Act 1999"

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? (If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)**

Park: Basically the proposal has consisted of "playing
Comment(s): with Semantics," which won't change a thing.
more parks - YES - CLEARLY SIGNPOSTED.
BRING BACK THE REF. MANUAL "A DOGS LIFE" (an effective tool for educating dog owners)

Park:
Comment(s):

Park:
Comment(s):

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☑ Yes To Desexing dogs at owners expense. other issues raised is just unimportant piffle.

☐ No

**Do you have any specific comments in relation to the bylaw or policy? Please state whether you are talking about the bylaw and/or policy and which sections.**

Comment(s): POLICY AND BYLAW 2: I STRONGLY SUPPORT A CLAUSE WHICH ENFORCES COUNCIL TO NEUTER DOGS REPEATEDLY FOUND NOT UNDER SUPERVISION OF THEIR OWNERS AND IT BEING CHARGED TO THE NEGLIGENT OWNER, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR PROTEST OR NOT! HOWEVER, WHILE THIS WILL HELP WITH PREVENTION OF LITTERS OF PUPPIES AND UNWANTED DOGS THE LAW NEEDS TO BE MANDATORY FOR ALL DOG OWNERS EXCEPT LICENSED BREEDERS. ONLY THEN WILL COUNCIL & THE COMMUNITY SEE AN IMPROVMENT WITH UNWANTED &

Comment(s): NEGLECTED DOG POPULATIONS THAT GO THROUGH THE CITY POUNDS AND ARE EUTHANASED IN UNACCEPTABLE NUMBERS. THIS LAW SHOULD EXTEND TO CATS ALSO.



* I OBJECT TO THE CURENT POLICY OF EUTHANASING HEALTHY DOGS AND PUPPIES. THERE IS NO EFFORT OF VALUE IN PLACE TO FIND POUND DOGS HOMES.

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL RE: CLARIFYING / CHANGEING WORDING = PIFFLE!

THIS WOULD ONLY CAUSE MORE CONFUSION, TINKERING & RED TAPE. THE BOOKLET WHICH USE TO BE ISSUED BY H.C.C. CALLED "A DOGS LIFE" ABOUT DOG OWNERSHIP REQUIRMENTS NEEDS TO BE REINSTATED. AN OLD EDITION OF MINE - 10+ YEARS OLD CLEARLY USES THE WORD NEUTERED ALREADY (NOT DESEX)

Do you have any specific comments in relation to the proposed changes to off lead dog exercise areas? NO CHANGE.
(If you wish to comment about a specific park please name the park at the beginning of the comment.)

* COUNCIL DOG CONTROL IS FOCUSING ON ALREADY COMPLIANT OWNERS NOT PERPETRATORS.

Park: NO COMMENT EXCEPT, AGAIN, OWNERS

Comment(s): STILL HAVE TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR INDIVIDUAL ANIMALS SO ALL THE FREE DOGS DON'T CHARGE UP TO ONE ANOTHER AND FIGHT!

Park: CLEAR SIGNAGE AT ALL ENTRANCES

Comment(s): TO EACH PARK. DONT JUST LEAVE IT ON A WEB PAGE.

Park: EDUCATION IN THE PARKS IN EVERY

Comment(s): NEIGHBORHOOD.

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Felines and Friends

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28 March 2015

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Re proposed Hamilton Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Dog Control Policy

While Council has considered the proposed 2015 amendments we draw attention to the remaining fact Council review of the Dog Control Policy has failed to be "comprehensive" enough in identifying the most obvious necessities for change.

Councils statement that appears on page 3 of the Summary Of Information And Statement Of Proposal - "the review of the policy and bylaw has shown it to be working effectively with the need for minor changes only" - is not worthy of acceptance with the irrefutable evidence of unacceptably high numbers of dog and puppy euthanasia each year with no sign of numbers decreasing. Such a statement is either inexcusably contradictory or the Council is in denial. It is also rejected that every one of these hundreds of dogs and puppies are either sick or are a danger to the community.

There are far more important issues to enforce with bylaws than fiddling with words. Council ignores that while Dog Control is a department of the Hamilton City Council, fees and dog registration is exempt from time payment plans like central council billing options. This is not identifying, or not wanting to identify, a significant sector of the community of dog owners who are on low/limited incomes. Hamilton City Council needs to provide an installments option for dog fees/licensing.

Identification sites where dogs are not allowed to roam extends to identifying problem areas within

Hamilton neighborhoods,ie Nawton, Fairfield ect, and pursuing dog owner education within those community centres/halls/parks. Council Dog Control needs to focus on the owners of dogs that cause the problems. Liaison with dog clubs is only dancing around the perimeter with people who are already conscientious dog owners. Maraes education programs for responsible dog ownership would also prove to be a most appropriate and valuable venue for Council Dog Control to achieve the objective of the Dog Control Policy.

The overall objective will never be achieved by Council Dog Control until the neutering of all dogs is mandatory, except registered breeders. To limit it to only repeat roamers is a drop in the ocean. There are too many dogs/puppies that end up in the pound.

The classification of all dog owners should go by a credit rating. Poor rating= no dog.

Impoundment of dog fees 12.2. are not "reasonable" the so called meager sustenance of the dog would only amount to a couple of dollars.

There is a glaring lack of transparency within the workings of Dog Control toward its key stakeholder and employer. The rate payer.
Councils Dog Working Group promotes making Hamilton a "dog friendly city" to the contrast of Dog Control, the city pound, operations itself, who radiates a far from friendly persona to the community. The common reaction to the pound is one of dread and an effortlessness toward finding its canine inmates new homes.
Most of all Council needs to look in the mirror, upon Dog Control operations and start asking serious questions about how to improve it's depressing image in the community.
Currently rigamortis has set in.

Please reinstate the publication of "A Dogs Life" booklet on dog ownership requirements ect.
We have a 10 year old edition that has a glossary of definitions, parks and laws. Every dog owner should be issued one. The term "neutered" is already used in it, not "de-sexed".

K. McCaughrie
J. Arnett
J. & E. Smith

Felines and Friends

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29.3.15

Manager
Hamilton City Council
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HAMILTON

Dear Sir/Madam

DOGS

I have heard you are consulting about changes to dog laws.

I do not think large dogs should be allowed in the city apart from those for the blind etc. I heard that a dog (labrador cross) jumped a fence and bit a child on his way to school. I cannot understand why this dog was not put down and would like to hear why it is still free to jump the fence. Have the owners been told to raise the height of the fence?

Dog owners are irresponsible. A terrier beside

our property is constantly roaming our property. Another neighbour had an alsatian which constantly got into the property beside it and chased a goat. I rang Animal Control who simply tied up the goat which allowed the dog to chase it more easily. The goat has now disappeared. Is it an offence to allow dogs to freely roam neighbouring properties. I was afraid this alsatian would jump our fence. Is there a height fences have to be in order to own a large dog? The alsatian would bark nastily whenever it saw a person. I was afraid to go into our backyard which I had to, to empty kitchen scraps into our compost bin. Fortunately this dog has disappeared. Another neighbour has a property with no fence on the street and has a small nasty barking dog which rushes at me if it sees me. The owner has called it off but I don't know what would happen if he was not there. I am very uncomfortable walking past this property.

Further along there are 2 very nasty aggressive dogs one of which I have seen barking horribly at the postman and cannot be pleasant to listen to. The other dog is behind a medium fence and I am afraid it will

jump over.
I no longer trust dogs. A dog which was very friendly to me suddenly turned on me growling and lunging at me really aggressively. The owner told me to stay still and he quietened down eventually but it was very frightening. The owner told me he gets like this sometimes. I told the owner the dog should be put down.
I no longer like going to the Hamilton Gardens because I have seen dogs running free where they are not supposed to - near the Victorian Glasshouse and the treed areas beside the Rose Garden. I have also seen loose dogs in the cemetary which I used to enjoy going to. I now have a psychological problem about walking in public places and these nasty dogs are influencing me.
Another of our neighbours has a doberman which I have seen loose. It can get into our property as there is a gap in the fence and it could also have wandered out on to the street and intimidated passers by. It stopped me from getting the mail when I wanted to. Dogs are too dangerous to have in the city and they foul around fences etc. People like my brother have to work in these areas. (He works for Chorus.).

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People must be put off parks where dogs are allowed to run free and this is not fair on people whose only green space is where dogs are off the lead.
I am also intimidated by dogs straining on the lead of an owner who can hardly hold them and wonder if they ever get free and attack people.
I have also seen a labrador which was ~~[illegible]~~ not on a lead on the footpath of Naylor Street and I had to cross the street to avoid it. It stared at me in a threatening way. There was also another dog freely roaming in Nixon Street which is where I walk to the bus.
I find the dog laws in Hamilton non existent.

Yours faithfully

Mary Anne MacEwen

I oppose more parks being opened up for dogs to be off the lead.

Dogs also bark all through the night. The terrier barks late at night and I heard the alsatian

PTO

barking at Two in the morning. Another dog nearby would bark incessently but seems to have gone.

There is a fourth dog on a neighbouring property which barks nastily at me as well.