

Draft Dog Management Policy submissions via Kingborough Council's Our Say forum

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id	Type	Name	Content	Link	Votes	Timestamp
i1	idea	Michael	Very poor outcomes for dog owners in the Kingborough Council area. Reducing and restricting dog use areas and preventing dogs from walking to shops is ridiculous idea. I will ensure not vote for any councillors who pass this policy.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/very-poor-outcomes-for-dog-owners-in-the-kingborough-council-area	11	12/06/2018 22:04
i2	idea	Tanya	Can 4.7 b) 'any shopping centre or any shop' to be clarified further? For example - is it an offence to walk my dog to Coles and tie her up outside while I grab milk?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/can-4	16	15/05/2018 2:19
i2-c1	comment	Kingborough Council	Hi Tanya, The Act's interpretation and S.28 does not define a shopping centre. However, if securing your dog outside a shop is benign in nature and does not cause a nuisance, it is likely Council would not pursue the matter. Many thanks for your question.			15/05/2018 3:32
i2-c1-reply	comment	Hilary Harris	If Section 28 does not define a shopping centre then how can you put in the policy. How can it be policed? It becomes a nonsense. Does this mean I cannot walk my dog from my residence at one end of Blackmans Bay to the shopping centre in Opal Drive, grab a paper and loaf of bread and then walk home? How is this promoting a healthy lifestyle (for both dog and owner)?			16/05/2018 1:42
i2-c1-reply	comment	Alysha Goodricke	I don't think it is reasonable to ban dogs from "any shop" and then not provide a clear definition of what a shop is. What about shops that currently have a dog-friendly policy such as Bunnings and Pet Barn? I agree, I think this clause needs to be clearer.			16/05/2018 23:01
i2-c1-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	Agreed. How can a matter of law be so ambiguous? Or is it so that it can be applied as desired by council officers?			25/05/2018 8:32
i2-c1-reply	comment	Kate Huntington	I think this is very problematic - if the provision is prohibiting the entry of dogs into shops or shopping centers like Channel Court that's understandable, but if this prohibits walking dogs past shops or tying them up out the front of shops while you duck inside to grab something, then it's really problematic. Please work on clarifying this provision.			28/05/2018 11:02
i2-c1-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	Yes, please clarify this section. The council's comment that "it is likely Council would not pursue the matter" implies that the council might also choose to pursue it, which is concerning. This part of the policy is far too ambiguous.			16/06/2018 3:32
i2-c2	comment	Bridget Green	I agree that ambiguous laws are risky. I suggest this one should be removed from the plan. I have lived in places where the law says dogs can't be tied up out the front of shops and it was policed.			5/06/2018 9:56
i2-c3	comment	Jade McKay	This needs removing, the councils response is if they are not causing a nuisance it is likely it will not be pursued. But they can if they want to. I want to be able to walk my dog to the shop.			7/06/2018 1:07
i2-c3-reply	comment	Venie Philips	'Likely' not to be pursued, Jade, still leaves people vulnerable.			17/06/2018 7:22
i2-c4	comment	Linda Newnham	This needs to be removed! A lot of people take their dog for a walk, keeping both them and their dog healthy, and then pop into a shop to buy a paper, etc., responsibly tying their dog up outside! To stop dogs on leads going into shopping centres with their owner is a very restrictive practice! In civilised countries people are allowed to sit outside of cafes, etc with their dogs and they are included as members of the family, as they should be! I personally find more nuisance from screaming children running around loose in shopping centres than a dog on a lead or tied up outside a shop!			15/06/2018 7:46

i2-c4-reply	comment	Kingborough Council	<p>Hi Linda, This section of the Draft Management Policy is taken directly from the Dog Control Act 2000, which is legislation prepared by the State Government. It is important to note that Councils are not able to amend this legislation.</p> <p>Here is the Section that is within the Act: 28. Prohibited public areas</p> <p>(1) A person must not take a dog into a€“ (a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or (b) any shopping centre or any shop; or (c) the grounds of a public swimming pool; or (d) any playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played; or (e) any area within 10 metres of a children's playground. Penalty: Fine not exceeding 5 penalty units.</p> <p>(2) This section does not apply to a€“ (a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; or (b) a hearing dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially deaf person or is in training for that purpose; or (c) a pet shop; or (d) the premises of a veterinary surgeon; or (e) a pet-grooming shop; or (f) any other premises related to the care and management of dogs.</p> <p>Anyone can view the full Act via the link: http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/legislation/dog_control</p>			25/06/2018 1:13
i2-c5	comment	Chris Oh	<p>If the Act's interpretation and S.28 does not define a shopping centre why is 4.7 b) included? - especially it is likely it will not be pursued (sic). If it were to be pursued what response does the dog owner have?</p>			16/06/2018 2:55
i2-c6	comment	Sonia Strong	<p>Many people have to drive in to the Kingston (and other) shops from more remote parts of the municipality (including Bruny Island) and use the opportunity to bring their dogs out for a much needed outing and to exercise them at Kingston Beach. This change would make many people's lives much more complicated and potentially cause more nuisance barking complaints from dogs that will have to be left at home bored more often just so that someone can grab a few groceries without breaking a bylaw.</p>			16/06/2018 12:58
i2-c7	comment	David	<p>This definitely needs further clarification.</p>			18/06/2018 3:08
i3	idea	Andrew Terhorst	<p>I understand the council want to ban dogs from most beaches. Many people in Taroona love walking their dogs. Very few people complain. So why pander to those people? That is undemocratic. Dog owners are held to ransom by a few dog haters. What annoys me is that Kingborough Council seems more intent on representing the views of a very small vocal minority than the silent majority of people! Quite frankly, the Council should be telling that small minority to sod off and encouraging more responsible dog ownership, than setting more rules and regulations. I will not vote for Councillors who fail to stand up to the small number of people opposed to dogs, or who live in fear of the Council being sued by one of these people. Please grow a spine. Represent the majority view.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-understand-the-council-want-to-ban-dogs-from-most-beaches	100	15/05/2018 2:51
i3-c1	comment	James Gard	<p>I agree Andrew. Rubbish and general detritus from the Taroona High School (like car tyres, lunch wrappers, bottles and clothing) being left on the beaches is far more concerning than a few dogs and their owners having a nice healthy walk. I find it difficult to understand why we are so anti-dog in this municipality. Even in Brighton Melbourne dogs are allowed on the beach during non daylight saving times. I won't vote for any anti-dog councilor. Cats have a far worse impact on local wildlife. How about requiring them to be registered!</p>			15/05/2018 5:31

i3-c1-reply	comment	Bob Holderness-Roddam	James, I am a life-long dog carer. (I prefer that term to 'owner' - I think it is more respectful to the one species that has more or less moved into human society on a sort of even footing, as man's best friend.) However, dogs also have a major impact on wildlife - not only as predators, but as disturbances to breeding, feeding and roosting/sleeping wildlife. This is well documented from around the world, and in my own peer reviewed study published in the November 2014 issue of Australasian Journal of Environmental Management.			11/06/2018 4:54
i3-c2	comment	Margaret Hunter	Totally agree Andrew. Dog owners are hostage to a vocal and connected minority of anti-dog residents and councilors here in Kingborough and . It seems to be impossible to reason with these individuals that dog owners have rights too and ought to be allowed to share in the natural assets of the Shire.			15/05/2018 6:05
i3-c2-reply	comment	Sarah	Many dog owners and dog lovers do not support allowing off leash dog areas on beaches. People who own dogs are all different, many support protection of clean and family friendly beaches.			20/05/2018 9:34
i3-c2-reply	comment	ROGER BIGGS	So why not allow "off-leash" access to all Kingborough beaches weekdays, May to November 0500 - 1700 take a wander around, there isn't a soul there. No access whatsoever November to April. I really don't understand this "anti-dog" campaign. When I moved to BB 10 years ago I had a heap of human friends and one dog. I still have one dog (aged 16) but most of my human friends are now either up-the-chimney or in the ground. Refuse me the pleasure of seeing him enjoying (what's left of) his life and you might as well move me into St. Agatha's Home For The Permanently Bewildered. My 'friend' has been a lifesaver for me as an 'old-fart'. I don't want to have to exercise my "rights" ... I want to exercise my dog.			26/05/2018 20:25
i3-c2-reply	comment	T	Roger, the beaches are well-patronised all year round by a variety of users. I am a daily walker on BB beach and see a range of users including joggers, walkers, practitioners of tai chi and meditation, and just recently was delighted to see a local primary school biology class on the southern end of BB beach discovering bird and marine life. I don't agree that a seasonal approach is appropriate.			19/06/2018 2:38
i3-c2-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	So "T" whoever you are, joggers, walkers and tai chi can do that on their half of the beach while the dog owners can walk, run and play with their dogs on the other half! Very simple really, and fair. As I said in another comment, my parents taught me how to share!			23/06/2018 7:17
i3-c2-reply	comment	Judith	T, that is not my experience of Blackmans Bay beach at all. I see just how busy the beach is every day and most of the time (except for in the summer of course) it is almost empty. Today I was at the beach at 3pm and there was not a soul on the beach (and that's on a beautiful, sunny Saturday). There were several people walking on the footpaths, including a few dog-walkers who may have been just as frustrated as me that our dogs weren't allowed to enjoy a run and swim on that empty beach.			23/06/2018 9:42
i3-c3	comment	Janine Hickey	I am so angry that Coningham beach is a no go zone for dogs as a resident with 2 dogs who love the water. There are so many people who live here with dogs and we respect the area. The people who are not residents and bring their dogs to the beach unleashed and don't clean up after their dogs is infuriating. Also on the walking tracks. Also what Andrew Terhorst has said is so very true. This is exactly what happens in Coningham. I have also noted dogs are not permitted on the Coningham Foreshore Track ?? Residents walk their dogs on this track every day including myself.			15/05/2018 10:57
i3-c3-reply	comment	David Bonny	I so agree with you Janine.			23/06/2018 5:44
i3-c4	comment	Catherine Stringer	i agree totally. there may be a few irresponsible dog owners, but there are a few irresponsible drivers and we don't ban all cars. i don't have a dog but i like to see dogs enjoying the water. we have lots of beaches in taroona and lots of hours in the day. plenty of scope for dogs to access a beach!			15/05/2018 11:53
i3-c5	comment	Andrew Jones	Absolutely agree Andrew! Well said. In nearly 10 years of living in Taroona i have never seen an incident involving dogs or an owner behaving irresponsibly. Council should show some leadership on this and work with the Taroona community to identify a reasonable compromise. It is NOT reasonable to restrict access for well behaved dogs and their responsible owners to all beaches all of the time! Come on Council, SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP!			16/05/2018 0:21

i3-c5-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	Couldn't agree more!			17/05/2018 22:03
i3-c5-reply	comment	Tim Sloan	<p>Are you serious Andrew JonesIn nearly 10 years of living in Taroona i have never seen an incident involving dogs or an owner behaving irresponsibly..... I see irresponsible behaviour almost every single day. Dogs roaming free on beaches and paths harrassing other users, pooh and bags of pooh left on tracks and beaches and even my front yard, peeing on property. Some legal facts.....If your dog rushes at or chases any person, as owner you are guilty of an offence punishable by a fine of up to \$650. A court may also order that the dog be destroyed.;It is an offence for a person in control of a dog to allow the dog to bite, menace, or harass a person. The menacing or harassing of a person does not have to actually result in any injury for an offence to be proven.</p> <p>If a dog attack results in a bite causing minor injuries to a person or animal, the person in control of the dog is guilty of an offence. Both of these offences are punishable by fines of up to \$650.;Failure to immediately remove and dispose of any faeces left by a dog in your charge is an offence punishable by a fine of up to \$390.</p>			18/05/2018 8:10
i3-c5-reply	comment	David Walch	I feel very sorry for you Tim Sloane.			26/05/2018 0:54
i3-c5-reply	comment	ROGER BIGGS	Hear, hear !!!!			26/05/2018 20:07
i3-c5-reply	comment	Tim Sloan	I assume you are being facetious David Walsh and you really don't care about other people in the community or their opinions. This is precisely why we need the laws,if all people did care and were responsible there would be no need for these laws. I feel sorry for responsible dog owners who do the right thing who are potentially being disadvantaged by those who just don't care. Maybe you should try discussing the subject rather than targetting individuals with facetious comments.			17/06/2018 2:31
i3-c5-reply	comment	Tamika	Tim I totally agree with your comments about irresponsible owners allowing dogs off leash and the fines that can be imposed ie. \$650. I looked up those on the DPAC website some time ago. I've never heard of anyone being fined. I never go to off leash areas, but only designated 'on leash' areas and yet I am so sick of dogs running at me, jumping up on me and being really scared of being bitten more than once. I have a puppy and I no longer want to take it out for a walk as its just too dangerous for both of us. There seems nowhere to go where you don't have to be scanning all the time looking for off leash dogs. Its not relaxing. I'm elderly and got a puppy for company and to get out for walks for exercise. The penalties for non compliance are in place but it does not seem to me that any Council enforces them with infringement notices and subsequent fines. I believe we need zero tolerance of such behaviour and enough resources and the will of Councils to patrol and fine. I would happily pay more for dog registration if it would increase safety.			23/06/2018 7:52
i3-c6	comment	Graham Sargison	<p>I totally agree Andrew. Not only have dogs been denied total access to Taroona Beach, which was mooted in the draft plan, but now the area of the Taroona Dog Reserve has been reduced. What are the Councillors thinking about? This is one of the most popular and regularlarly used dog reserves in the Municipality and they decide to shrink it!!</p> <p>When is the Council going to realise that Taroona has one of the highest dog ownerships in Tasmania and deserve far greater consideration.</p>			16/05/2018 10:47
i3-c6-reply	comment	Fergal Fleming	<p>I'm a bit confused by all these references to the 'Taroona Dog Reserve'. It sounds like a piece of land reserved for dogs, but I can't find any reference to it. Perhaps you're talking about a park designated as shared use (ie for both people and dogs who are responsible enough to be let off the leash)?</p> <p>I suspect you're confusing a space in which dogs are allowed to be off-leash with a space dedicated to dogs.</p>			18/05/2018 13:42
i3-c7	comment	Maria Vagunda	<p>Well Said Andrew Terhorst.</p> <p>Given it is inevitable that the 4 councils will merge one day in greater Hobart why not follow the lead of Hobart CC and across the other side of the river, with rules such as on Long Beach and Bellerive etc. Open access with time restrictions and seasonal limitations.</p> <p>Joseph Vagunda Taroona</p>			16/05/2018 23:33
i3-c7-reply	comment	James Gard	Agree			17/05/2018 6:28

i3-c8	comment	Simon Grove	I don't think it's reasonable to use 'the number of people who complain' as a metric for the number of people who wouldn't want to see a relaxation of the existing prohibitions. Most people don't engage in this debate to that extent, whatever their inclinations. And I doubt that most who do complain are dog-haters. That has more than a whiff of straw-manning - as have comments in other posts. As to the inclinations of the 'silent majority', I'm not sure on what grounds you can conclude that they must be in favour of relaxation when they're, er, silent. It just comes across as you projecting your own views onto others. Perhaps on this issue the existing compliment of democratically elected Councillors does actually represent its constituents? That sounds more likely to me than spinelessness or fear of being sued. But on that matter, on what basis are you thinking that someone might sue the Council?			17/05/2018 11:43
i3-c9	comment	Jennifer Edwards	Why not let responsible dogs and their owners access to public areas and let them ensure there is not a nuisance. If there is a nuisance, then penalise them. But when a beach is empty of other users, why shouldn't a responsible dog and their owners have full access. Leigh, Jen and Lucinda Edwards			18/05/2018 5:48
i3-c9-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	I support this totally. Why are responsible dog owners penalised by restricting their access? Allow access and penalise people who do not do the right thing.			23/06/2018 7:06
i3-c10	comment	Maggie Bell	The council needs to be reminded of the general health and well being of owning a dog - both physical and mental. Why is so much focus being placed on reducing dog areas. The proposed reduction to the Taroona dog park is unfathomable - to an area that is full of holes, receives no street lighting at night, poor access for the elderly and has a creek/drain running through it. Yes ...please grow a spine and think about the huge benefits of people out and about walking their dogs.			18/05/2018 6:16
i3-c11	comment	Tim Sloan	I do not understand. If there was a bikie gang, lets call them The Dogs, and most of them were really nice responsible people. However, a small minority were known to randomly attack around 100,000 Australians each year leading to 4,000 hospitalisations and several deaths (mainly children). They were also prone to defecating and peeing in public whenever they felt like it. In order to protect the public bikie laws were introduced to limit the places The Dogs could gather. Would you be advocating having more places The Dogs could gather in Kingborough, because most of them are really nice people, or would you advocate restricting The Dogs gatherings to protect the general public?			18/05/2018 8:46
i3-c11-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	What an interesting comparison Tim Sloan. Let me make another. Men. Most of them are very nice and can resist domestic and sexual abuse but some of them really aren't, they beat, rape and murder women with horrifying regularity. One could go so far as to say statistically a lot more than the bikie gang The Dogs. I have personal experience of such anti-social and violent tendencies, however I do not let paranoia rule my life.			20/05/2018 8:42
i3-c11-reply	comment	Tim Sloan	Very sorry to hear of your experience Norah. I would definitely support any reasonable measures to reduce the incidence of violence towards women. Similarly, I support any measures to reduce public health risks associated with dog attacks. Here is a great study on dog attacks from the Medical Journal of Australia https://www.mja.com.au/journal/1997/167/3/public-health-impact-dog-attacks-major-australian-city . It found that :more than half the attacks reported in this study occurred in a street or public place by loose uncontrolled dogs and that attacks were a widespread public health problem. Suggestions to reduce risk include: requiring all dogs to be on a leash at all times in public and a "user pays" element into dog ownership by introducing a third party insurance scheme. It also found that half of the population surveyed were concerned about being attacked by dogs which indicates that strengthening of dog-control policies will be more acceptable to the community than previously thought. Again, I am genuinely very sorry to hear of your experiences.			22/05/2018 11:34
i3-c11-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	I am very happy to have my dogs on leashes for the most part, letting them run in an off leash area. However, it would appear that the places they can be ON LEASH are becoming more and more limited. I wanted to pop up to Coles the other evening but I could not as they are not allowed to be tied up within the complex and I was unwilling to walk there in the dark without my dogs. (I am aware that is centre management policy not Council but you see the dilemma?)			25/05/2018 8:38

i3-c12	comment	Imogen	In my experience, the most frequent and responsible (least likely to otter, most likely to clean up) users of beaches are dog owners. No problem having separate areas, but a little respect please from the people who are less frequent users and BENEFIT from our volunteer time and care for the beaches!!!			27/05/2018 23:34
i3-c13	comment	Jenny Maby	Rather than restricting the areas where dogs can be exercised I'd much rather see dog access broadened but the rules policed more stringently and regularly. Dogs play a very important role in our society and dog ownership in Australia is already comparatively highly regulated and difficult compared to other countries who better appreciate the role dogs play in family life. Most people who own dogs are responsible and careful - they should not be penalised for the few who don't behave appropriately.			5/06/2018 12:14
i3-c14	comment	Amanda Parrish	Dogs and humans have bonded for millennia and this relationship is terribly important to so many of us. You rarely see dogs behaving awkwardly in Europe because they have been so well socialised all their lives. Putting them in ghettos is not going to help with them get along placidly in public places. The sort of people who don't clean up their dog's mess are the sort of people who leave disposable nappies and drink cans lying around. They are horrible and should be penalised. I note that it is often regular dog walkers on Kingston Beach who pick up this rubbish. I want candidates at the next Council election to be frank about their attitude to over restriction of dogs so I know who to vote for.			5/06/2018 14:37
i3-c15	comment	Greg Drury	Totally agree. Council should wake up to themse			6/06/2018 0:55
i3-c16	comment	Adam Burling	Ban dogs from all beaches, protect the native wildlife, protect young children and stop dog poo littering sensitive marine environments. The privileged few (only 30% of ratepayers own dogs) are trying to take over public spaces for themselves.			6/06/2018 6:09
i3-c16-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	No, sounds like YOU want to take over who can use public places. They are for ALL the public. My rates are paid for the use of services just like yours. My parents taught me how to share. Dogs should not be allowed everywhere but they should be allowed on half of the beaches, except where they would inflict damage on bird nesting areas. Unfortunately, humans have destroyed any bird nesting on suburban beaches. I'm pretty sure that humans also create far more pollution than a few dog poos left by the minority of dog exercisers. Sounds like you should visit Kingston beach during summer and see those young children being horrendously scarred for life by being able to play and swim with their dogs. Kingston dog beach is one of the happiest places. Seems you are missing out.			23/06/2018 5:50
i3-c17	comment	Jade McKay	I agree. Represent the majority view, not the noisy minority. Don't punish everyone for a few irresponsible dog owners.			6/06/2018 23:55
i3-c18	comment	Melegueta Mattay	I know that sometimes councils act on the complaint of one person. In Europe they are very inclusive of dogs in everyday life, why does Kingborough opt to go the other way. There are enough rules and regulations in life as it is.			9/06/2018 5:23
i3-c19	comment	Julian Scott	I am a dog owner and I fully support requiring dogs to be on a leash in public places. However there should be designated areas where this does not apply, such as the existing Kingston dog beach (if you don't like dogs, don't go there!). I think the Tinderbox reserve should be one of the restricted areas (i.e. dogs allowed on a leash) not a prohibited area. Banning dogs from shopping centres is excessive but dog owners should be monitored and penalised if they do not keep the dogs under control and clean up after them. Dogs should not be allowed inside shops. I trust that all councillors will declare their position on the policy, next time we vote for them. Any candidate who does not do this will not get my vote!			10/06/2018 9:29
i3-c19-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	Agreed!			23/06/2018 5:39

i3-c20	comment	Bob Holderness-Roddam	<p>As a life-long dog carer I am aware of the needs of dogs and their carers. However, I also recognise the needs of non dog people. Some are genuinely afraid of dogs, some (perhaps irrationally) are dog haters and some just fed up with dog poo in public places and the incessant barking of a few dogs.</p> <p>The other issue, particularly regarding dogs on beaches, is that of disturbance to nesting, feeding and roosting birds - some of which are endangered. Please don;t tell me that they can simply fly off to somewhere else. It ain't that easy. All animal species select their breeding, feeding and roosting areas for specific reasons; mostly availability of food and safety from predators. Their principal goal in life is to raise sufficient young to maturity, so that they may in turn produce young to maturity.</p>			11/06/2018 4:24
i3-c20-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>Dear Bob, your comment is correct only IF the beach concerned has bird nesting areas. Blackmans Bay beach does not Nor does Kingston Beach. The only birds on these beaches are seagulls and gulls. I have never seen any nests. Yes, I know they are hidden, but honestly, if there were nests I'm sure they would go the same way that the poor seagull who nested on the pontoon a few years back went. That was people, not dogs! appalling, yes, but lets face it, suburban beaches are unsafe as nesting spots and sadly the birds know this. Remaining safe habitats should be protected but I have never seen small wading birds on Kingston or Blackmans Bay beach, if there were, I would agree with you. People who are scared of dogs should of course be considered but when I have suggested a dog area within Blackmans Bay beach, or winter use when the beach is deserted, I have been howled down with a no, no sharing. Both groups are equally important and both should be willing to compromise. This proposal is not a compromise, its a no.</p>			23/06/2018 5:38
i3-c20-reply	comment	Judith	<p>I agree that there does not seem to be any kind of willingness to even consider a compromise with regards to Blackmans Bay beach. The south end would make the perfect dog beach as it is some distance from the playground, skate part, bbqs and restaurants etc. It also has poor water quality due to the stormwater pipe so people would be much better off swimming on the other part of the beach. What I really don't understand is how Council included making Blackmans Bay beach (just the south end) a dog exercise area in their draft policy from April (compiled just weeks before releasing this latest draft policy). Why have they suddenly dropped this idea BEFORE the public consultation period?</p>			23/06/2018 9:32
i3-c21	comment	David	<p>I have 4 children. They all love dogs. They are also terrified of dogs that are not on leads. They don't understand that they are 'friendly' dogs. Their response to seeing a dog is to panic and run away. They have been educated multiple times on how to behave around dogs, but it makes no difference, even if you remind them as soon as a dog comes anywhere near them. My children will leave the beach/park/walking track if there is a dog that is off lead. Even if the dog is on a lead they will usually need to be picked up by myself or my wife. We are not dog haters, and hardly in the minority. I just stating how my 4 children all react to dogs in public places. I'm sure it the same for most children that don't have dogs. I fully support the policy</p>			11/06/2018 22:42
i3-c22	comment	Marian Piekutowski	<p>I support the provision of the dedicated dog exercise areas and walking tracks for dogs in Taroona, however this need to be done sensibly and with due consideration for primary users of recreational areas including young families, residents and visitors.</p> <p>Current experience indicates, that despite signs not allowing dogs on the beach, there are many owners disregarding these signs. Also, in areas requiring dogs on the lead, there are daily instances of dogs running freely on the waterfront track. Worth noticing that not all dogsâ€™ owners responsibly clean after their pets.</p> <p>Considering current experience, I strongly support keeping dogs off Taroona Beach. It is important to keep dog exercise areas separate from areas where young children play, including beaches, picnic areas and playgrounds, for hygiene and safety reasons. The childrenâ€™s playground and the barbecue area are open spaces and merging with the beach, so they are clearly not suitable for dogs off the lead.</p>			24/06/2018 2:05

i4	idea	Chris Edie	<p>This seems to be a massive shift towards an anti-dog approach, why? It would appear dogs are being banned from basically anywhere the council controls, why the change?</p> <p>Apparently the very few noisy anti-dog voices are being listened to, rather than the majority of responsible dog owners.</p> <p>Really disappointing approach from the council.</p> <p>Chris Edie</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/this-seems-to-be-a-massive-shift-towards-an-anti-dog-approach-why	54	15/05/2018 3:09
i4-c1	comment	Andrew Jones	I absolutely agree with you Chris. Where is the willingness for council to genuinely engage/consult with all affected stakeholders to find a suitable compromise? Show some leadership Council!			16/05/2018 0:43
i4-c2	comment	nikki marquis	"very few noisy anti dog protesters'? Where is the proof of that. The survey last year did not reveal they were very few.			23/05/2018 12:24
i4-c3	comment	Jade McKay	Agree. Responsible dog owners need to be heard and not punished for the few who do not do the right thing. Really disappointed in the council about this whole process.			7/06/2018 0:00
i4-c4	comment	David	I completely agree - why so anti-dog all of a sudden?			18/06/2018 3:27
i5	idea	Tanya	Referring to dogs not being allowed in shopping centres - I have previously walked my dog to Big W and Coles, either before any rules came in place or simply because I was not aware of them at the time. And now I go to these places solo. I can say that I experienced so many more positive interactions with community members while with my dog than without. So many people stop to chat, to ask for a pat, or simply give a warm smile when I am with my dog. 99% of dogs actually encourage happy and friendly community behaviour. Why this is discouraged is beyond me. Can the council please explain there reasoning behind this?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/referring-to-dogs-not-being-allowed-in-shopping-centres-i-have-previously-walked-my-dog-to-big-w-a	26	15/05/2018 3:36
i6	idea	Robert Johnson	I think this is an excellent policy and strongly support it. My only suggestion/idea is that I would like there to be details around the consequences for people breaking the policy and how the council intend to enforce the policy. Is there a way for members of the public to report breaches etc?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-think-this-is-an-excellent-policy-and-strongly-support-it	29	15/05/2018 3:41
i6-c1	comment	Andrew Jones	There is no compromise at all here Robert. Community assets are owned by the community. We should be looking to find a solution that we all can live with, not just a blanket ban that a noisy few are seeking.			16/05/2018 0:46
i6-c1-reply	comment	Tony Burley	Agreed			16/05/2018 3:03
i6-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	Agreed.			17/05/2018 6:21
i6-c1-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	Exactly!			17/05/2018 22:07
i6-c1-reply	comment	Judith	I couldn't agree more. These are community assets and the community needs to find a way to share them!			23/06/2018 5:33
i6-c2	comment	Tony Burley	You can try a citizens arrest - good luck with that!			16/05/2018 3:02

i6-c3	comment	Andrew Buckley	I agree Robert.I had to submit a stat dec to KCC regarding a dog that had escaped its yard and charged me on my parents property next door at Kingston Beach.I was dropping off my 4year old to the grandparents for the day,luckily we had driven there that day rather than cycle as we usually do.I managed to get back in the ute and waited until it stopped barking and snapping viciously at us and it left the property. The KCC officer informed me that the dog/its owner had committed several offences under the Dog Control Act yet despite me following up many times over the next month or two I was never told that they had prosecuted or had the dog removed from the area.The KCC officer informed me they were over the limit of dogs allowed to be kept on one property without a kennel license.We have been rushed and jumped on several times by dogs not under effective control whilst on the beach and the reserve above it.My son is now so scared of anything other than the smallest of dogs that he asks to be picked up whenever he sees one coming.			16/05/2018 10:27
i6-c3-reply	comment	Robert Johnson	Thanks for writing that Andrew. I have a two year old son and he has been knocked down by out of control dogs more than a dozen times in playgrounds and on paths in the Taroona, Sandy Bay, and South Hobart areas this year alone. He started out loving dogs and animals and now the smallest dog terrifies him. I'd be terrified too if a creature the same height, or taller, as you came bounding up and jumped on/over me. These out of control situations are happening more and more and as much as i'd like to give the benefit of the doubt it seems that most dog owners can not control their animals. The increase of dogs in urban areas has not been accompanied by suitable training in obedience and control. I specifically bought near a beach that is designated a dog free beach. Unfortunately this beach is not actually dog free in reality as the existing signage and policy is largely ignored - with zero consequence or enforcement.			17/05/2018 12:01
i6-c4	comment	Graham	Always nice to see a person who likes to police the actions of others and enforce council regulations. Perhaps there is a parochial position you could take up which might help you to satiate your desire to tell others off in public? People will always do the wrong thing. That would include you too from time to time. Try asking other people why they are doing something rather than scolding them. You may be surprised that they are just like you when you take time to talk to them rather than making them believe that you are looking for ways to dob them in.			30/05/2018 10:09
i6-c4-reply	comment	Robert Johnson	Thank you Graham. Always nice to see a person who likes to see things from another persons point of view rather than jumping to conclusions.			30/05/2018 23:36
i6-c5	comment	David	Whilst I don't share your approval of the policy, I do agree that this policy does nothing about dealing with the consequences for people not following the rules. A small number of dog owners who are walking their dogs in prohibited areas or not picking up after them are obviously not being penalised or pursued in any way. This is as frustrating for responsible dog owners as for people who are not dog owners. Council are simply making it harder for responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs.			24/06/2018 9:28
i7	idea	James Gard	Would it be possible to allow dogs on Taroona Beach during non daylight saving time like they do in Brighton Victoria which is a much more cosmopolitan area? Very few people frequent this area during winter and even fewer use the beach for recreation. Its not a particularly appealing beach. Less so even after the recent floods. I still agree with restrictions on Hinsby Beach (using the term 'beach' loosely here, its mostly rocks now). There are so few 'off the lead' areas in Kingborough and I would expect a higher than average level of dog ownership in the region.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/would-it-be-possible-to-allow-dogs-on-taroona-beach-during-non-daylight-saving-time-like-they-do-in	22	15/05/2018 5:20
i7-c1	comment	nikki marquis	No please keep dogs off Taroona Beach			23/05/2018 12:22

i8	idea	Bryce	How about fencing the dog exercise area on Kingston View Drive? Something like what HCC have done below John Turnbull Park.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/how-about-fencing-the-dog-exercise-area-on-kingston-view-drive	9	15/05/2018 5:28
i8-c1	comment	Lucy Dawson	I cannot support this enough! This was my idea too! What a cost efficient way to provide a quick and hugely beneficial solution. This needs to happen immediately!			26/05/2018 18:40
i9	idea	Sandra Pike	I suggest that people and councillors take a look at Hobart City Council and how they handle and restrict the dog exercise areas and especially the beach areas where dogs can go off lead. NutGrove and Long Beach are a great example. Off Lead between 7pm and 8am DS time, this would not interfere with children or sunbathers, and it has worked well at Nut Grove, people actually enjoy a conversation with each other as they do at Kingston Beach when our dogs are enjoying the free time. At other times 3pm to 9am, isn't this discussion about compromise, we should be able to share this beach no one should have exclusive rights Sandra Pike Blackmans Bay	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-suggest-that-people-and-councillors-take-a-look-at-hobart-city-council-and-how-they-handle-and-res	49	15/05/2018 6:09
i9-c1	comment	Deborah Stroh-Reilly	We need to compromise with the hours dogs are allowed on the beaches. Look at Clarence City Council - you can take your dog on the beach after hours during winter non-daylight hours. Dog walkers need to have the beach area for dogs - that is why we live in this lovely suburb.			15/05/2018 9:22
i9-c2	comment	Andrew Jones	dead right. it is all about compromise!			16/05/2018 0:39
i9-c3	comment	Venie Philips	Kingborough Council appears to offer the most limited, most restricted access to public beach areas of all Tasmanian councils. why is our council so different? Here's a run-down on other council's regulations, taken from their web-sites: 1. Clarence and Glamorgan Councils limit dog access to Restricted Beaches only during the three summer months. 2. The Central Coast Council allows unrestricted access except for the three summer months when access is from 7pm till 9am. 3. Hobart Council restrictions apply to the Daylight Savings period but dogs can access the beach from 7pm to 9am. At all other times, dog access is unlimited & off-lead. 4. The Circular Head Council summer restrictions apply during Daylight Savings with access limited to 7pm to 10am, when they must be on-lead. For the rest of the year, dog access is unlimited & off-lead.			20/05/2018 0:45
i9-c3-reply	comment	Tim Sloan	Hey Venie To clarify dogs are prohibited at all times on Long beach and Red Chapel beach. The only beach dogs are allowed in HCC is Nutgrove beach with restricted hours. You will also find dogs are prohibited in at all times on many beaches in Clarence Kingborough on the other hand have given dog owners a lovely beach in Kingston, and many other areas and I think it is already a good compromise.			20/05/2018 7:21

i9-c4	comment	Tim Sloan	<p>Hi Sandra</p> <p>Just clarifying dogs are prohibited at all times on Long Beach. Also every person in Kingborough has equal rights to access beaches the discussion is whether they should be allowed to take their dogs to the beach. I know many people think dogs are part of the family but they are not human and cannot be treated the same. There are an estimated 100,000 dog attacks in Australia each year 4000 of which required hospitalisation .Council areas in Aus with more lenient dog rules such as Holdfast Bay in SA are experiencing huge uplifts in dog attacks and the state government has had to step in to try to resolve the issue with new laws and bigger fines. https://www.google.com.au/amp/amp.abc.net.au/article/9142220</p> <p>I congratulate Kingborough Councillors for having obviously thoroughly researched and debated the topic and come to this position when undoubtedly many of the are dog owners themselves.</p>			20/05/2018 7:48
i9-c4-reply	comment	Sandra Pike	<p>Hi Tim,</p> <p>Yes correction there, not on Long Beach, but if you have ever walked with your dog along Nutgrove Beach you can see how happy and engaged they are at this experience. It also provides a really healthy interaction with people.</p> <p>I don't know about dog attacks but I don't think that is the issue here.</p> <p>I do agree that some owners are that attached to our dogs that we do care for them just like a member of the family.</p> <p>A a single woman living by herself my dog provides me with many things that humans cannot.</p> <p>I still think that there can be a compromise, and why not share these spaces.</p> <p>I'm hoping that this can be a healthy debate.</p>			20/05/2018 9:27
i9-c5	comment	nikki marquis	Nutgrove and Long Beach are not places you would want to sit down if you know what I mean!			23/05/2018 12:21
i9-c6	comment	Tamika	<p>Sadly Nutgrove is not an example of success. I wish it was. I'm sure it is if you walk your dog during off leash times it seems great. However I was visiting there almost every day for several weeks walking and training my new puppy during the times when dogs were supposed to be 'on leash'. There were always 2 or 3 dogs off leash totally out of control and I had many run over to me and one jump up on me. I no longer go there for that reason. I spoke to HCC animal management officer and he said they just patrol (usually in nice orange vests so you can see them coming) and they only warn and never issue infringements. Need I say more..... I'm sure if police only issued warnings for speeding and never issued fines nobody would bother obeying the rules.</p>			15/06/2018 1:39
i9-c7	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>I agree that there needs to be a compromise. We are lucky to live in an area with a large amount of beautiful beaches. For most of the year the beaches are virtually empty, apart from the dog beaches which are becoming increasingly busy. I don't think dog owners are asking for too much - most people are just requesting that the council continue with their proposal to open up sections of two beaches. The vast majority of beaches would remain dog-free. We need to find a way of sharing our natural resources - at the moment they are being hugely under-utilised.</p>			16/06/2018 4:31
i10	idea	Zoe Cozens	<p>I don't understand the need for prohibited areas on beaches if they are restricted areas unless declared otherwise.</p> <p>I would also like to know how the community can assist Council to implement the policy.</p> <p>At Coningham we often see people taking dogs to the local beaches and often the dog's aren't under effective control. It would be good if the policy can be implemented because a policy on its own won't achieve outcomes.</p> <p>While I love dogs, I love the naive birds they chase away more, and also find my experience of beaches can be ruined by careless dog owners who let their dogs on run free and rampage.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-don39t-understand-the-need-for-prohibited-areas-on-beaches-if-they-are-restricted-areas-unless	6	15/05/2018 8:17
i10-c1	comment	Janine Hickey	<p>As a fellow Coningham resident that owns dogs I do agree with you but we have various native birds in our yard and all around us about dogs are not bothered by them and leave them alone. It is only a minority of people who do the wrong thing and you are punishing us all.</p>			15/05/2018 11:07

i10-c2	comment	Sarah	Totally agreed Zoe. I love dogs but my children are scared of them, particularly when they are not under effective control and owners can't seem to call them away from us. Unfortunately people don't seem to realise that many dog lovers and dog owners still do not support dogs off leads on beaches!			20/05/2018 9:24
i11	idea	Janet Peacey	It will soon be seen that people will stop exercising with their dogs. It will be too restrictive to take them out. All those places will then lay empty - devoid of any people at all. Such a shame you are taking this attitude towards responsible dog ownership and their needs.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/it-will-soon-be-seen-that-people-will-stop-exercising-with-their-dogs	34	15/05/2018 8:55
i12	idea	Janet Peacey	from Lynda Hewitt via Facebook Dogs that can't be exercised and allowed to run free are going to get anxious, they will bark more, they can become snappy and they will be more of a nuisance. Not everyone has time in the day to drive to the minimal off lead areas to walk their dogs when they have structured their time to walk them more locally. People made an informed decision on choosing to have a dog based on their lifestyle and the ability to exercise them locally. There will be more dogs in shelters as owners can no longer keep them. It's not environmentally feasible, more petrol, there is not enough allocated parking spots in those areas. Some owners worry about dogs running off in to traffic, enclosed sports fields that are not in use at that time are perfect, also great as training places for puppies. It is scientifically proven that pet ownership causes better immune systems in people, improves mental health and wellbeing, yet Kingborough Council and a load of animal haters seem determined to ensure that people don't own pets and that if they do those pets are doomed to a miserable existence. You are punishing every dog owner and their dog for the behaviour of a minority.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/from-lynda-hewitt-via-facebook	44	15/05/2018 9:11
i12-c1	comment	Nel Smit	Hi Lynda There is a huge safe off-leash dog exercise area in Taroona Park where local residents can happily exercise their canine companions and maintain their mental health and well being, and that of the greater population.			16/05/2018 2:22
i12-c1-reply	comment	Kelly Marie	Unfortunately Nel this park has been drastically reduced in the new proposal. Perhaps review the attached documents to see the change. Or better yet join me and my pooch for an evening stroll and a run through the park while it's still possible. It may brighten your day, I know it does mine.			17/05/2018 1:32
i12-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	Without comment its been halved in the latest proposal. Its only a park because its a landslip area otherwise the council would have sold it long ago.			17/05/2018 6:35
i12-c2	comment	Simon Grove	"People made an informed decision on choosing to have a dog based on their lifestyle and the ability to exercise them locally. " Exactly! In Taroona, this means that people knew that dogs were not allowed on the beaches. No dog is older than the existing signage prohibiting dogs on beaches in Taroona.			17/05/2018 10:59

i12-c3	comment	Tamika	<p>Lynda</p> <p>I am confused by your comments:</p> <p>'Not everyone has time in the day to drive to the minimal off lead areas to walk their dogs when they have structured their time to walk them more locally.'</p> <p>If your dog is off leash in a run around park are you really walking it? This is where the confusion lies. Off leash areas are not walking areas - they are run flat out exercise areas. Great if you like that sort of environment, but its not taking your dog for a walk i.e. on a leash by your side.</p>			23/06/2018 11:48
i13	idea	Janine Hickey	<p>Listen to responsible dog owners and not people who don't like dogs. They seem to have so much to say and don't realize how important dogs are to the people who have them.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/listen-to-responsible-dog-owners-and-not-people-who-dont-like-dogs	31	15/05/2018 11:00
i13-c1	comment	nikki marquis	<p>There are many people who love dogs and own dogs and wish to protect the Taroona Beaches. They do not want dogs on the beaches. It is not a matter of disliking dogs.</p>			23/05/2018 12:17
i13-c1-reply	comment	Janine Hickey	<p>I understand that. As an owner of 2 dogs that love water it is very hard to see humans not doing the right thing on beaches in Tasmania for example leaving rubbish on the beach and walking on plants that are there to protect the beaches. Dogs under effective control do not do any damage to the beach and just like us they like to cool off on a hot day. Allowable times for dogs in the morning and evening makes more sense.</p>			23/05/2018 21:36
i14	idea	Sarah	<p>I strongly support the proposed draft dog policy. In my opinion and experience as a mother of young children, dog exercise areas should be separated from children's playgrounds and bbq and picnic areas, for safety and hygiene reasons. On Taroona Beach, there is also a children's playground and a bbq area which is used regularly by young families. Taroona Apex Park is a large designated dog exercise area only a few hundred metres away from Taroona Beach, and is safe as the nearby children's playground is fully fenced. Thank you to the Kingborough Council for taking a sensible position on this issue and not including Taroona Beach as an off lead dog exercise area.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-strongly-support-the-proposed-draft-dog-policy	25	15/05/2018 11:29
i14-c1	comment	Min Jung	<p>As a mother of 2 children, I will be more appreciated if my kids can be exposed to more animals and can learn how to handle them and how to make harmony.</p> <p>Isn't it our responsibility to teach our kids how to keep yourself safe and make a harmony with others at the same time?</p>			16/05/2018 13:42
i14-c1-reply	comment	Sarah	<p>My husband was attacked by a dog in a children's park in NSW with my one year old toddler right beside him as they were kicking a ball. He received a large gash on his calf. The dog was tied to a park bench on a lead but attached when my family ran past it. The owner said it doesn't like "men" because of its background. Not everyone feels safe around other people's dogs unfortunately. Many dogs are wonderful and friendly but many have also had hard lives and can be aggressive and unpredictable. I think allowing people the choice to interact with dogs or not is important. I am personally quite frightened now when dogs off their leads approach us, as you may be able to understand.</p>			16/05/2018 22:09

i14-c1-reply	comment	Min Jung	<p>I'm sorry to hear that and glad your child was ok. Bad thing happens even when you don't do anything wrong. I understand the fear and anger when it happens.</p> <p>BUT we don't kick off all syrians because of several terrorists. We don't seperate all men from women because of several rapers.</p> <p>Are you going to exclude and isolate the whole group whenever one of the member do something wrong? We dont do that. Of course we punish the one who did wrong. At the same time we will focus on educating people better so we can reduce those tragics in the future for our next generation.</p> <p>Fear and anger are natural emotions. But when we can get over those emotions we will have brighter future. And that is what I would like to teach to my kids.</p>			17/05/2018 13:14
i14-c1-reply	comment	Sarah	<p>Whoa!</p> <p>In my personal opinion, I think it is a reasonable request to have children's playgrounds either fenced off so dogs don't have access, or dog exercise areas set up away from childrens play and picnic/bbq areas. This is the case currently in Taroona and I don't see any good reason to change it. You will notice many playgrounds, restaurants, beaches and other places where people eat and children play around Australia do not allow dogs, and this is for good reason. It is not comparable to segregating members of our wonderful community - dogs do not have discrimination protections under legislation in Australia.</p> <p>Even good intentioned but hungry dogs can be dangerous to children - my son was recently bowled over and his hand bitten when a dog off its lead in a park in sandy bay wanted the pizza he was eating.</p> <p>Please be respectful of the fact that not everyone always feels comfortable or safe around dogs that they don't know, especially when they are off their lead and not under effective control.</p> <p>I respect the fact that parts of the community are concerned about the proposal, and would like to be able to take dogs onto beaches in Taroona. Please be respectful of the fact that I have a different opinion based on my own personal experiences.</p>			17/05/2018 23:33
i14-c1-reply	comment	Fergal Fleming	<p>Well said, Sarah.</p> <p>I've had too many bad (and potentially life-threatening, especially for my small children) experiences with other people's dogs to take their owners' protestations at face value. I have scars from dogs attacking me, and so does one of my daughters. I've been taken down on my bike half-a-dozen times by dogs (although admittedly that was mostly in Darwin, where there's a greater tendency than in Taroona for people to buy large, aggro dogs and then neither train nor exercise them).</p> <p>It frustrates the hell out of me that owners of 'friendly' dogs don't understand why a five-year-old child is traumatised when their big 'friendly' dog bowls said child over on the beach, or starts a fight with another dog next to where the kids are building a sandcastle.</p> <p>And many of the comments that I've seen here and on the Taroona Good Karma Facebook page give me little reason to believe that allowing more slack to dog owners would be beneficial. The existing rules are regularly flouted (I've lost count of the number of times my kids have been scared by dogs on Hinsby, for example, or of the amount of dog crap I've seen in places or on tracks where dogs are supposedly not allowed), and the most vocal owners don't seem to understand the status quo (eg citing Apex Park as a dedicated 'dog park').</p> <p>Maybe dog owners could show that they can abide by and understand the existing rules before they get on their high horse.</p>			18/05/2018 10:41

i14-c1-reply	comment	Sarah	<p>I completely agree. My three year old son is very frightened by dogs now and panics when dogs off their lead on Tarooona and Hinsby beaches or along the walking tracks run at him. Unfortunately when he runs away out of fear, the dogs give chase. It is very distressing for him, and us. Particularly when owners can't get the dogs to come away when they are called.</p> <p>I wish there was a way of enforcing the current regulations more effectively, as they are often disregarded in Tarooona, on the beaches and along the walking tracks. I don't mind as long as the dogs are under effective control and follow commands when their owners call them away from my children. Unfortunately this is not always the case and my kids get bowled over, chased and distressed. I would like there to be a way to report some of the more serious interactions to council.</p>			18/05/2018 11:19
i14-c1-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>Min Jung. Well said thank you. Sarah and Fergal, it's truly horrible you have had that experience. Last week I had the absolute pleasure of introducing my dogs (on lead) to a little boy who had had a very scary experience with a dog. After a few minutes and without any pressure this lovely little boy was having a chat with my very gentle 20 kg dog (at a short distance which was quite enough) while he saw me patting my other 33kg dog. I think it was a very rewarding experience for all of us.</p>			25/05/2018 8:28
i14-c1-reply	comment	Sarah	<p>That's wonderful to hear Norah - my son also loves interacting carefully and gently with dogs that are on leads when the owner has given the all clear. However, allowing off leash access to Tarooona Beach would mean dogs would not be on leashes, and these interactions are much more frightening for children. Particularly when dogs do not come when they are called.</p>			25/05/2018 9:58
i14-c2	comment	Kelly Marie	<p>Unfortunately this new draft removes dog access from half of the current Apex Park. Reducing the exercise area in Tarooona dramatically.</p> <p>I too have been attacked by a dog, and honestly I had never been more terrified for my life. However, just as with people, I choose to take these animals on a case by case basis. I am sorry you had such a horrible experience.</p>			17/05/2018 1:28
i14-c3	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>Although I believe that part of one of the beaches in Tarooona should allow dogs, I do appreciate your concerns. But I cannot think of any reasonable objections to having the south end of Blackmans Bay beach as a dog exercise area - the playground, bbq area, toilets, skate park, restaurants etc are all a considerable distance away from the area the council had initially proposed as a dog exercise area. Plus, this part of the beach has poor water quality due to the stormwater pipe so isn't recommended for swimming. And the pipe itself would act as a useful delineator of the dog/non-dog sections of the beach. This would make the perfect dog beach!</p>			16/06/2018 4:12
i14-c3-reply	comment	Judith	<p>I agree. The south end of Blackmans Bay beach is far enough away from the children's playground and bbq and picnic areas etc for that to be a reason for objection. It really was a good choice by Council for another dog beach location. It's so disappointing that this proposal has been dropped from the latest draft policy.</p>			23/06/2018 5:25
i14-c3-reply	comment	David	<p>I agree. Blackmans Bay beach (south end - as proposed by the council in their previous draft policy) is a good location for a dog beach.</p>			24/06/2018 9:16
i15	idea	Sonya Enkelmann	<p>The dog management policy does not set out what the restrictions on the beaches are likely to be so it is hard to make an informed response. We know that walking dogs and providing areas for dogs to interact are good for people and their dogs but also for the broader community in terms of encouraging interaction and connection. It isn't clear however how this is being embraced by the Kingborough Council.</p> <p>I think the Hobart City Council's approach to allowing dogs on Long Beach 7pm-9am during daylight savings time and between 3pm to 9am all other times strikes a fair balance for those wanting to allow their dogs some beach time and when families are likely to congregate. I also think such an approach is more likely to be accepted by others in the (Tarooona) community than having a small part of the beach quarantined for dog access.</p> <p>I would ask the council to be more clear about its intentions regarding the restricted areas. Until then, people contributions will be based upon speculation which is going to limit the usefulness of the feedback and consultation process.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-dog-management-policy-does-not-set-out-what-the-restrictions-on-the-beaches-are-likely-to-be-so	16	15/05/2018 11:59

i15-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	I may be wrong but the way I read the policy dogs will be restricted from all beaches (apart from the ones identified as Dog Exercise Areas) at all times. Very disappointing.			15/05/2018 23:42
i15-c2	comment	James Gard	Spot on			17/05/2018 6:38
i15-c3	comment	Colleen Ridge	There should be seasonal conditions/hours of access; - e.g. when kids are out of school on school holiday and people/children go to the beach during the day time is one thing, but - what about when retirees, or people who do not work during the day who take their dogs to the beach when kids are in school (between 8a-4p) during the week, and - maybe have seasonal hours.....			18/06/2018 8:11
i15-c4	comment	Gerry	Sonya, they are proposing a TOTAL ban. No shared use.			22/06/2018 4:05
i15-c5	comment	Judith	As others have said - the Council intend to restrict dogs from beaches at all times. I agree that the wording is confusing. Dogs are effectively prohibited from beaches (except for the two designated dog beaches).			23/06/2018 5:09
i16	idea	Nel Smit	<p>I strongly support the Draft Dog Management Policy restricting dogs from beaches unless declared dog areas on the basis of public health and safety. I am not "anti-dogs", but I do believe they should not be allowed on beaches.</p> <p>As a daily user of Taroona Beach I object to the numerous dog owners who ignore the Council's existing 2010 Dog Management Policy every day and allow their dogs to run all over the beach off-leash, chase bird life, jump up on me and regularly defecate on the beach.</p> <p>Dogs on beaches are a health hazard. Dogs carry diseases which can be transmitted to humans by direct contact i.e. licking, on their fur or through dog faeces.</p> <p>Taroona has a large off-lead exercise area in Taroona Park where people can freely exercise their dogs.</p> <p>Taroona Beach and Hinsby Beaches are used by families, scouts, cubs and school students all through the year. It is a drawcard for the tourists I host throughout the year and is a focus for Aurora Watchers. The Taroona beaches are an extension of the local schools and Possums Playgroup. Taroona High School and Hobart College offer popular marine courses which involve appreciating the biodiversity of the coast as well as swimming and diving. These beaches are also used on a daily basis for outdoor education and recreation by Taroona Primary and Taroona High School and Possums child care centre. Taroona Beach also has a playground with a 10 metre No Dog Zone which extends down to the foreshore.</p> <p>The Taroona Beaches are treasured, undisturbed places for recreation and quiet appreciation of nature. I thank the Kingborough Council for their considered position on this and recommend that there is a process in place for this policy to be effectively enforced.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-strongly-support-the-draft-dog-management-policy-restricting-dogs-from-beaches-unless-declared-dog	31	15/05/2018 14:10
i16-c1	comment	Dave Newcombe	<p>Undisturbed places? except by the large volumes of humans?</p> <p>And I think you really need to review your knowledge on diseases in animals. You're more likely to get a disease from another human being than you are a domestic dog!</p>			16/05/2018 9:50
i16-c1-reply	comment	Tim Sloan	Well written Nell, as a daily user of Taroona beach I also fully support the policy. As Dave Newcombe points out these beaches are regularly used by large volumes of humans.			18/05/2018 21:33
i16-c2	comment	Norah Frewen	That's amazing. I am still alive. I sleep with dogs and they lick all over my face. Not only am I alive but I haven't had a cold in as long as I can remember, maybe there is some magical serum in dog's saliva rather than damaging bacteria.			17/05/2018 0:42
i16-c2-reply	comment	Nel Smit	Norah, you may want to be aware of Toxocariasis, one of the most common zoonosis infections caused by parasitic roundworms, found in the intestines of dogs.			17/05/2018 13:58
i16-c2-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	Nel, I like all others I know follow a regular worming and vaccination regime for my dogs, I am more concerned by the diseases carried by the humans I meet especially this disturbing anti-vaccination trend but sadly people are everywhere I go.			17/05/2018 23:05

i16-c2-reply	comment	Dave Newcombe	Absolutely Norah, My boy gets all his shots every year, and wormed every three months and fleas and tick prevention every month. I am certain that my boy is cleaner and more disease free that probably 50% of the population. Throwing around disease comments is just another way to try and intimidate people who do not do their research, or have little understanding of the topic.			19/05/2018 1:34
i16-c3	comment	Sarah	Thank you, I completely agree with all of your points Nel. Please no dogs on our clean beaches.			18/05/2018 10:47
i16-c4	comment	Simon Cruickshank	The Taroona beaches are not undisturbed places. Have you not noticed the boat sheds, boat ramps, storm water outlets (the black sand slicks from the latter), fish pens, plastic, possum shit, other flotsam. Just because you want it to be so does not make it so! I can see no reason why responsible dog owners should not be allowed to walk their dogs on these beaches in the "off" season.... and if you're worried about catching a disease from a dog do not leave your house, ever!!!!			19/05/2018 22:57
i16-c5	comment	Vanessa Regan	I suspect people cause more pollution and mess to our beaches than dogs. As for the decease component it's amazing Europe hasn't been wiped out with a dreaded dog disease epidemic. How about instead of them and us Nel we work together. I understand you don't want dogs on the beach and that's your prerogative, but by created a time that dogs could access it and other times when they could not you could avoid running into them. If what you say is right and so many people disregard the rule at Taroona it sounds like democracy voting with its feet.			21/05/2018 2:34
i16-c6	comment	Vanessa Regan	I suspect people cause more pollution and mess to our beaches than dogs. As for the decease component it's amazing Europe hasn't been wiped out with a dreaded dog disease epidemic. How about instead of them and us Nel we work together. I understand you don't want dogs on the beach and that's your prerogative, but by created a time that dogs could access it and other times when they could not you could avoid running into them. If what you say is right and so many people disregard the rule at Taroona it sounds like democracy voting with its feet.			21/05/2018 2:35
i16-c7	comment	ruffy boy	I think ONE of the small beaches at Taroona could EASILY be a dog beach. I used to live in Taroona and am very familiar with the beaches there. The small beach on the north side of the school could be the one, 'Dixons Bch' we called it. As EVERYWHERE, dog owners should be responsible and pick up after their dogs etc..			25/05/2018 0:20
i16-c7-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	Exactly! The majority of the beaches would remain dog-free, but the needs/requests of dog owners would also be met.			25/05/2018 2:34
i16-c7-reply	comment	Arnold	Dixons Beach? Are you seriously suggesting the beach next to the School , play ground and sportsfield that students use every day during school for recreation and marine studies become a designated dog beach?			9/06/2018 4:23
i16-c8	comment	Honey Sheba	Seriously!!!!!! I'm glad your reflection is being maintained. You are talking about all of those individuals using those spaces without thinking they want to be using those spaces with their treasured pets!!			3/06/2018 4:50
i16-c9	comment	Adam Burling	Agree, it seems the vocal self interested dog owners want to push their opinions (and dogs) onto the rest of us. beaches are sensitive marine environments and should not be places for canines			6/06/2018 6:15
i16-c10	comment	Megan Ambrus	If you're so concerned about birdlife and the condition of beaches, it's humans who should be banned from them! After all we're the ones that wreck them with rubbish and irresponsible behaviour. such hypocrisy to say that dogs are the problem when it's us humans who are the ones destroying everything			10/06/2018 13:27
i16-c10-reply	comment	Sonia Strong	Absolutely Megan.			16/06/2018 12:49

i16-c10-reply	comment	Arnold	<p>While I do not disagree that humans cause significant damage to the environment one way we can reduce our impact by not taking our dogs into sensitive habitats. a little research will show the damage they can cause. You will also find that Kingborough Council is bound by law to prohibit dogs from Kingborough beaches as they are habitats for several endangered species.</p> <p>I draw your attention in particular to the Feb 2017 meeting of the Kingborough Council and their thorough review of what constitutes a sensitive area for wildlife.</p> <p>I note council sought legal advice from E.R Henry, Wherrett and Benjamin regarding the interpretation of "area" and "sensitive habitat" for the purposes of declaring a prohibited area under section 22 of the Dog Control Act 2000 (the Act). The advice provided was that in defining an "area", the second reading of the Act gave examples of an "area" as being "places like parks, reserves or beaches".</p> <p>Noting also "it may include areas that do not currently support breeding populations of the species but that need to be maintained in order to ensure the long-term future of the species"</p> <p>With respect to beaches I note that "the existing Dog Management Policy is not based on current knowledge or recent survey data of threatened fauna. Dogs are currently allowed off lead in areas that contain threatened specie sand beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs."</p> <p>Essentially this means that the beaches of Kingborough are all areas that contain significant habitat of threatened fauna that have been identified by threatened species experts as being at particular risk of disturbance from dogs. Therefore Kingborough have obligations under law to prohibit dogs from these areas. I believe council have arrived at the current compromise by allowing continuing the existing off lead beaches to remain despite them being habitat for threatened species not to further threaten sensitive habitats.</p> <p>I believe future generations will thank the council for acting to preserve and enhance the unique environment of Kingborough we are lucky enough to enjoy today and look forward to seeing more sea eagles and little penguins feeding and nesting on the Derwent shorelines. What a privilege it is to live in a paradise like this so close to the city - let's not spoil it.</p>			19/06/2018 11:25
i16-c11	comment	Emma Pethybridge	<p>Humans carry diseases which can be transmitted to other humans by direct contact (or indirect contact). That is much more likely to occur than catching one of the few zoonotic diseases it is possible to catch from dogs.</p>			10/06/2018 23:12
i16-c11-reply	comment	Nel Smit	<p>It's the dog faeces on the beach that concern me Emma. Tarroona and Hinsby Beaches are currently restricted as No Dog beaches and dogs can be seen there everyday, off leash and free to "do their business".</p>			11/06/2018 0:02
i16-c11-reply	comment	Emma Pethybridge	<p>Your post mentions 'licking' and spreading disease 'on their fur' as well as 'through faeces'. I would absolutely agree with you that owners not picking up after their dogs is a problem. However, if that is one of the biggest objections to dogs being on the beach or in other public space, then I would argue there are many constructive ways to address the issue of people not picking up, rather than banning dogs altogether. Lots of jurisdictions around Australia and indeed the world have tackled this in interesting and creative ways and enjoyed success. Do you think that if there was increased compliance with the (existing) requirement for owners to clean up after their dog/s that this would alleviate your concerns? Can you imagine ways to tackle that issue rather than an outright ban?</p>			11/06/2018 1:13
i16-c11-reply	comment	Nel Smit	<p>Emma if you read my contribution you will understand that dog faeces on beaches is just one of my concerns. In my opinion our Tarroona beaches should be places where the many families, including young children, students, the elderly and tourists can feel safe to enjoy the natural environment without worrying about dogs.</p>			11/06/2018 13:29

i16-c12	comment	Skye Dayal	My toddler has been raised with a dog all his life as we had the dog before our child. Never once has he got an illness from my dog and nor has my dog got one from my toddler. They adore one another and my toddler is frequently all over my dog, despite us having some restrictions, although we don't mind too much. We keep our dog vaccinated, as we do our child, and up to date with vet and keep him healthy. In turn, my toddler is learning valuable skills about how to deal and treat animals and is growing up with an innate sense of how to approach dogs in public and is completely at ease with wildlife. If anything, having a dog has been the initial 'space' where he can learn about animals and this has transcended into respect and appreciation for native wildlife when out and about in the community. Restricting beach access with lower my toddler's ability to explore nature as he won't be able to take his dog, and my toddler is more likely to chase birds than my dog and is less responsive to voice command than my dog as well, so more often than not, my toddler is more of a worry to birdlife. However, the beach experience enables them all to enjoy the outdoor environment together, learn about it, respect it, treasure it ... Taking beaches away means my husband and I can no longer have a space where we enjoy a family outing ALL together (as our pet is left behind).			16/06/2018 21:34
i16-c12-reply	comment	Nel Smit	Skye, you can enjoy a family outing ALL together at Kingston Beach. When my son was a toddler he was bitten by a dog in the Taroona playground. Families should be able to enjoy playgrounds and beaches safely.			16/06/2018 22:47
i16-c13	comment	Tamika	Nel I can agree and sympathise with your comment below: "As a daily user of Taroona Beach I object to the numerous dog owners who ignore the Council's existing 2010 Dog Management Policy every day and allow their dogs to run all over the beach off-leash, chase bird life, jump up on me and regularly defecate on the beach. " These people who do not obey the rules ruin it for you and the responsible dog owners. I've had dogs running off leash jump up on me at Nutgrove during 'on leash' times. Did you know the council does not fine or issue infringements? Why do we even have a 'Dog Control Act'? They just have a nice friendly 'chat' to those that break the rules if they go and check the beach after a complaint. If police didn't issue fines for speeding do we think anyone would follow the speed limits? As mentioned in other comments I own a new puppy and I've given up going to Nutgrove when dogs are supposed to be on leashes - because many are not. I also pick up poo from other dogs quite often as a courtesy to other users and so dogs don't get completely banned from the beach.			17/06/2018 6:01
i16-c14	comment	T	Well said Nel, beaches in Kingborough are used by a range of community members all year round, including school groups. I have owned dogs in the past and enjoy meeting up with dog walkers on the paths around BB beach on my morning walk, but I have to agree that dogs should not be allowed on the beach.			19/06/2018 3:01
i16-c15	comment	Elke Bobenhausen	Hi Nel, I also use the beaches in Taroona. I do not think they are suitable as off leash beaches. However I do feel sad that it should not be possible to walk my small friendly dog, on a leash, over this or any other beach near my home in the evening or early morning, when there is rarely anyone else around. Obviously I do pick up after my dog. I never meet the Possums kids or school students on my dog walks as I do not walk my dog at times when these groups are around. I do meet other dog owners with their dogs though, including older people out on a walk with their pooch. It is one of the things I like about living where I do - that we seems to be able to allow for living space for everyone who is not impacting unreasonably on other people.			24/06/2018 4:50

i17	idea	Andrew Jones	<p>Hi Kingborough Council,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.</p> <p>As one of many responsible dog owners in Tarooma I am very disappointed with the Draft Dog Management Policy. From recent information I understood Council were considering some limited and reasonable access to at least one small section of one of the four beaches in Tarooma - this being the 100m or so to the north of the boat ramp on Tarooma Beach. In fact, there is absolutely nothing mentioned in the draft plan about Tarooma at all despite the fact numerous submissions were made to the (very inadequate) community consultation conducted last year.</p> <p>There are dozens of people who responsibly walk their dogs in Tarooma and only a couple of very vocal anti-dog residents. There is currently considerable conflict in the Tarooma community about this issue and some leadership from the Council to address this would be welcome. It is entirely reasonable for a compromise to be reached that I'm sure ALL dog owners in Tarooma would happily adhere to. This could include either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to the small section of beach north of the boat ramp on Tarooma Beach; or 2. Something like what HCC have implemented for Long Beach in Sandy Bay - 6pm until 9am <p>A third option could be limiting access times to the small section of Tarooma Beach???</p> <p>In my opinion, some access to one of the four beaches in Tarooma is reasonable. It is not realistic to drive to Kingston before work each day or avoid the beaches all together. In the 10 years of living in Tarooma adjoining Apex Park, I have never seen any incident.</p> <p>Be reasonable on this please!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hi-kingborough-council	29	16/05/2018 0:16
i17-c1	comment	Sarah	<p>Many dog owners and dog lovers do not support off leash dog access to our beaches. Dog owners are all different, many don't want Tarooma Beach to become like the dog beach in Kingston - quite scary and intimidating sometimes even for dogs!</p>			20/05/2018 10:00
i17-c2	comment	nikki marquis	<p>Go to Melinga Place beach Dogs on Tarooma beach will not be effectively contained and could chase something up the beach. Dogs have a strong presence.</p>			23/05/2018 12:14
i17-c3	comment	Judith	<p>It's the same with Blackmans Bay beach - the previously proposed off-lead area now removed from this latest policy with absolutely no explanation, despite the council previously referring to it as a good compromise between those who do and do not wish for dogs to have access to the beach. I agree that SOME access to one of FOUR beaches in Tarooma is completely reasonable!</p>			23/06/2018 5:15
i18	idea	Tony Burley	<p>A Draft Policy was released a couple of months back and that particular draft was going to allow dogs on the northern end of Tarooma Beach (north of the boat ramp). That same Draft Policy was also going to allow dogs on Blackmans Bay beach and I understand that the vociferously vocal minority complained enough about that recommendation to warrant the Council to hold off releasing the Draft Policy for comment. Fast forward to this current Draft Policy and what do we see - nothing.....no dogs on Tarooma Beach at all.....deleted without explanation. Who got to the Councillors??</p> <p>The current Draft Policy supposedly provides a consistent approach to dog control throughout Kingborough and supposedly reflects the feedback provided in the community consultation carried out in 2017. WRONG - The previously published Draft Policy recognized the feedback provided by the community of the need for an beach exercise area in Tarooma.</p> <p>Mayor Steve Wass said most owners were responsible but there were always one or two who spoiled it for the rest. This type of comment is ridiculous - if that was the case and the thought process then no off lead dog exercise areas would be available.</p> <p>I have had enough and will not sit idly by and be railroaded by a bunch of fringe dwellers.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/a-draft-policy-was-released-a-couple-of-months-back-and-that-particular-draft-was-going-to-allow-dog	39	16/05/2018 2:10

i18-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>Exactly what I would like to know - who got to the councillors?</p> <p>The minutes of the council meeting from 9th April state that the council was proposing opening up parts of Taroona and Blackmans Bay beaches to dogs off-lead. It states that the council considered this "a fair response to the representations by the community" and that it was "considered to represent a compromise between these two positions" (ie those who do and don't want dogs to have more beach access). They also stated in this earlier draft policy that it "reflects the feedback received in the community consultation in 2017". This latest draft policy therefore cannot be said to reflect the feedback from the community as the proposals regarding Taroona and Blackmans Bay beaches have been completely erased. As you said before - who got to the councillors??</p> <p>https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Agenda-No.-7-9-April-2018-Public-Agenda.pdf</p>			16/05/2018 5:04
i18-c1-reply	comment	Tony Burley	The backflip came to pass during a workshop 7 May. I am trying to find out the names of the councillors who took part in that workshop.			16/05/2018 6:40
i18-c1-reply	comment	Susan	Looking at the maps I cannot see that Blackmans Bay beach (other than the rocks area) are off bounds. Am I missing something?			17/05/2018 5:26
i18-c1-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>All beaches (other than the Dog Exercise Areas, eg Kingston dog beach) are listed as "restricted at all times". Not sure how that category is different from the "prohibited areas" list to be honest... It's all very frustrating!</p> <p>I'd love to know the content of that workshop, and who it was led by. I wonder whether we'll ever find out.</p>			17/05/2018 6:16
i18-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	Yes, who attended that 'workshop'?			17/05/2018 6:31
i18-c1-reply	comment	Tony Burley	I am told that every Councillor, the GM and possibly his deputy. I am also told there is no legal requirement to record the proceedings.			17/05/2018 6:39
i18-c2	comment	Simon Cruickshank	the only down side to Taroona beach north becoming a designated off lead exercise area is that it will bring more people to the area!			19/05/2018 23:09
i18-c2-reply	comment	Tony Burley	Good point			19/05/2018 23:26
i18-c3	comment	Venie Philips	Unfortunately Tony, the changes from the 2017 Draft have confirmed that the only reason the council was going to allow access to the beaches you mentioned was because, until the most recent state dog control legislation was passed, they didn't have the authority to blanket-ban dogs. If you remember, the hours of access offered were so restrictive that on most days, you would have been walking your dog after sunset or before sunrise - in other words, it was no real access at all! The new draft reflects the council's restrictive approach.			20/05/2018 0:37
i18-c4	comment	David	<p>Exactly - the previous draft policy (from just a few weeks prior to this latest one) is available for anyone to read</p> <p>https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Agenda-No.-7-9-April-2018-Public-Agenda.pdf</p> <p>The council clearly stated that the proposal of the Blackmans Bay and Taroona Beach dog exercise areas were a result of public feedback and consultation, and that they viewed them as a compromise between the two different points of view within the community. Why the sudden change in direction? What on earth was said at that workshop?</p>			18/06/2018 3:18
i18-c5	comment	David	I have just found out that "Councillors Graham Bury, Dean Winter, Flora Fox and Sue Bastone all said they couldn't support the document while it proposed opening up the southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach" - as reported in Kingborough Chronicle on 17.4.18. So that prompted the workshop. I still can't find out what was said in that workshop to lead to such a change in direction for the latest draft policy. At least I know who to not vote for at the next election!			24/06/2018 22:03

i19	idea	Tony Burley	I have noticed that the off lead dog exercise area at the Apex Park has been severely reduced in size!! Why and how did this happen?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-noticed-that-the-off-lead-dog-exercise-area-at-the-apex-park-has-been-severely-reduced-in-siz	9	16/05/2018 2:40
i19-c1	comment	James Gard	Very sneaky without any comment. Many would need to carefully study the map to notice it. I estimate it has been close to halved in size and its basically a land slip site anyway with no amenities, not even a park bench to sit on. You have to wonder what dog owners actually get for their registration fees!			17/05/2018 6:46
i20	idea	keith thompson	The policy will inevitably not be liked by everyone but is probably something we should try to live with. Better policing of the policy on Kingston Beach would make the beach experience less unpleasant for people that don't go there to have dogs jumping over them, biting, tripping etc. And it would decrease the antagonism that can arise and of course the annoyance of legal action.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-policy-will-inevitably-not-be-liked-by-everyone-but-is-probably-something-we-should-try-to-live	4	16/05/2018 2:43
i21	idea	Mark	<p>Some passionate responses here – both sides arguing to the ridiculous.</p> <p>My view:</p> <p>Dog parks/beaches are an important component of community interaction/meeting place, and create stronger communities.</p> <p>The number of off-leash areas in kingborough council is limited, with high load of dogs in approved areas reducing amenity of those areas. There appears strong support here for a portion of beach in Taroona (north of Taroona Beach boat ramp) as proposed in a prior draft policy, as an appropriate compromise.</p> <p>The limitations on dogs in public places is counter-productive. A well-supervised dog visiting shops, sports events etc, means one less bored dog at home barking, or escaping and roaming unsupervised in streets and reserves (and having impacts on wildlife etc). It is these events that create conflict in community.</p> <p>Current policy is not enforced. The number of dogs walked off-lead on trails is frustrating for those trying to do the right thing, and only increases antagonism towards dogs – particularly to those fearful of dogs and considers all dogs alike.</p> <p>Certainly restrictions are needed, but I think the proposed policy is excessive.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/some-passionate-responses-here-both-sides-arguing-to-the-ridiculous	44	16/05/2018 4:51

i21-c1	comment	Gemma Boyle	I often walk to the Blackmans Bay shops with my dog to pop in for a few items. I tie him up out of the way by a bench where Hill St have provided a bucket of water. He sits patiently waiting for me, receiving pats from passers by, and I often have the pleasure of engaging with members of the community who strike up conversations with me because of him. The new policy will mean that I won't be able to continue to do this with my dog. I liken this to a parent having to leave their child at home. That is what he is to me. I will likely drive so that he isn't left at home alone for too long - resulting in a less fit and healthy me and loss of positive interactions with my community.			17/05/2018 1:31
i21-c1-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	Yes. Exactly!			25/05/2018 8:42
i21-c1-reply	comment	Glen Bayer	...add to this the fact that you would (theoretically) not be able to walk your dog along The Esplanade (as it would come within 10m of the playground) or past Jack Loves Red or any of the other shops in the area, and the ability to actually enjoy our suburbs is adversely impacted.			5/06/2018 12:21
i21-c1-reply	comment	Jo Taylor	I agree. If the council stood by their first draft policy I would be able to walk my dog down to Blackmans Bay beach, let him off lead, then walk back - decent exercise for me as well as him due to the hills. As things stand I get in my car and drive to one of the dog exercise areas, so no real exercise for me at all. And as a consequence I only really visit my local beach during the summer. My whole family would enjoy our suburb so much more if we were able to build walks around it into our daily routine.			16/06/2018 3:51
i21-c1-reply	comment	Marnie	Completely agree Jo!			19/06/2018 11:42
i21-c1-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	I agree Jo. Same situation for me.			23/06/2018 12:46
i21-c1-reply	comment	David	Agreed.			24/06/2018 8:33
i21-c2	comment	Simon Grove	I don't think it's fair to use the threat of dogs being left at home bored and barking, or escaping and roaming unsupervised, as justification for wanting to open up more beaches to dogs. Nobody is forced to own a dog. If you know in advance that there's no access permitted to a local beach, then surely that should form part of your consideration as to whether to get a dog or not. And in the case of Tarooma, the prohibition has been in force for decades - longer than the age of any currently alive dog.			17/05/2018 11:12
i21-c2-reply	comment	Mark	Hi Simon - thanks for your reply. I do not use the argument of dogs being bored at home to open up access to beaches. I use it as argument to be less restrictive on being able to walk dogs on leash around our neighbourhoods, to accompany us to shops and to join us when we watch our kids play sport. And it is a valid assertion - bored dogs stuck at home are the ones that disturb. As to other new dog exercise areas - beaches or otherwise - there are more dogs in Kingborough now than 20 years ago, and the limited areas available are too few that they have become overcrowded and consequently unsafe. Thus, I think the few previously suggested compromises in Blackmans Bay, Tarooma etc are not unreasonable. The emphasis should be on responsible dog ownership, and enforce policy to ensure dog owners take the responsibility and start walking their dogs on leashes on the tracks and making sure they pick up after their dogs.			17/05/2018 21:01
i21-c2-reply	comment	David	I agree wholeheartedly with Mark's statement. The population of Kingborough has increased, as has dog ownership. The number of dog exercise areas should also be increased surely? The previously suggested compromises in Blackmans Bay and Tarooma are certainly not unreasonable. Yet the council have decided to not only ignore these previous recommendations but also significantly reduce the size of the existing off-lead area in Tarooma, and prohibit dogs from being off-lead on the Allum Cliffs Track and, for nine months of the year, dogs will be completely prohibited from the Tinderbox Hills Track. Isn't it inevitable that if it is harder for owners to exercise their dogs then more dogs will be left at home and be more stressed/bored and therefore more likely to cause a disturbance? With regards to improving the enforcement of policy, this draft policy does nothing to address this.			24/06/2018 8:56

i21-c3	comment	Helen Walne	I have frequently visited Kingborough and enjoyed seeing the happy times of dogs and people at the beaches and parks. I don't own a dog but I believe they are wonderful companions for families and people who live alone. Why on earth would a Council, which collects a sizable revenue from this demographic, get away with not consulting with their representative group the KDWA when making a plan for Dog Management in the area. I hope someone is able to overthrow the short-sighted bureaucrat behind all of this nonsense.			11/06/2018 8:52
i21-c4	comment	Tamika	Mark I agree with much that you have said. And the fact that current policy is not enforced is the biggest issue here. A well supervised dog on leash should be allowed at all sorts of venues. However I am a dog owner myself and have only become fearful because of those that break the rules as I have had threatening dogs run at me. Its not just people who don't own dogs that can be afraid. Infringements and fines for those breaking the rules do not seem to happen. I believe rules on where dogs could go would not be so restrictive if the general public were more supportive because they had faith that dogs would not be roaming off leash when and where they should not be.			17/06/2018 5:03
i21-c5	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	I agree wholeheartedly with Mark's comments. Enforcement of current policy would help the situation of dogs off lead in on lead places.			21/06/2018 5:45
i22	idea	Kelly Marie	<p>I am deeply disappointed in the new draft policy re: dogs. My husband and I specifically choose to buy in Taroom as the location to the off-lead dog park and driving distance to Kingston dog beach meant that we could responsibly (and legally) care for our dog. The beach in Taroom would have benefited us greatly as we are a one car family (a contribution to the environment). It did not pass, disappointing, but not surprising. What is surprising is that now current dog-friendly areas are getting cut? Surely a compromise could have been made where dog-owners also saw benefit?</p> <p>I do agree that not all dog owners are responsible, I often pick up other dogs feces while on walks. I also often pick up other peoples litter and a lovely neighborhood cat consistently leaves birds in my back garden. Rather than restrict these people from living, I choose to enact a comunity mode - when I see someone not notice their dog using the restroom I let them know, I alert people to litter, and if I ever catch that cat it's getting a bell and a note attached to it's collar.</p> <p>My point is, rather than work against each other, let's build a community of support. I almost wish that Taroom could be swallowed up by HCC.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-deeply-disappointed-in-the-new-draft-policy-re-dogs	28	16/05/2018 8:12
i22-c1	comment	Andrew Jones	what a wonderful post Kelly! Well said. Surely we are all able to recognise each others views and opinions and work together towards a mutually acceptable compromise. Isn't acceptance, tolerance and respect what we all try and teach our kids? As adults, lets set an example.			17/05/2018 0:04
i22-c2	comment	Judith	<p>Well said. I live in Blackmans Bay and my family would have benefited in a similar way had the council continued with the previous policy suggestion of introducing the two new dog beaches. I am the only person who drives in my family, so having a dog beach within walking distance would have made a huge difference to my daily life. This latest policy direction is very disappointing.</p> <p>I too pick up after other dog users. I also have cause to pick up a lot more chip packets and bottles and cans etc from beaches (where dogs don't go) but I don't think that all people should be barred from beaches! I try not to focus on the people who left this mess behind but just do the one thing I can - put it in the bin and teach my kids to care for their environment and do the same. It takes minutes, if that! I agree that we should be trying to build a more supportive and tolerant community.</p>			23/06/2018 2:57

i23	idea	Kelly Marie	<p>Please reconsider the alteration to Taroona Apex park. The playground, community centre, and playhouse are all currently fenced off from the dog park (though parents regularly come out to pet our dog and teach their children how to be safe around canines).</p> <p>The new proposal cuts our dogs off from their water supply (a bowl kept at the backend of the community centre). Has council even visited the park? This is unacceptable. No beach and no running water...</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/please-reconsider-the-alteration-to-taroona-apex-park	22	16/05/2018 8:23
i24	idea	Grace Esther	<p>As a long time resident in the Kingborough area I am a strong supporter of making the area more dog friendly. I value already established dog friendly activities such as the Dru Point dog park, Kingston Beach, Snug Falls track, Tinderbox Hill track etc. and use these on a very regular basis.</p> <p>I would like to see more dog friendly areas established. Particularly off lead areas and dog friendly parks so that I may entertain my children and my dog at the same time.</p> <p>My dog is part of the family, I am happiest when I can take her everywhere with me and include her in my day to day activities.</p> <p>I believe the council should accommodate for dog owners, the laws have a huge effect on the happiness and inclusion of my dog. I would seriously consider moving elsewhere if areas my dog is allowed were to be restricted. By-laws should not be for the owners who do the wrong thing but for those who treat everyone with respect, clean up after their dog and want to do more activities with their dogs.</p> <p>I would be more than happy to pay more registration fees to have more dog friendly areas - particularly playground areas.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-long-time-resident-in-the-kingborough-area-i-am-a-strong-supporter-of-making-the-area-more-dog	30	16/05/2018 9:29
i24-c1	comment	Venie Philips	Grace - are you aware that the Draft Dog Management Policy requires dogs to be on-lead on the walking tracks you have so enjoyed?			20/05/2018 0:58
i24-c2	comment	Judith	I agree completely.			23/06/2018 2:36
i25	idea	Dave Newcombe	<p>"Dog ownership has proven benefits to the community through better health, wellbeing, companionship and social interaction."</p> <p>"Conversely, irresponsible dog ownership and nuisance dogs have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of those affected, and can result in on-going poor inter-community relationships."</p> <p>I am glad that you can identify the benefits of dog ownership , however it seems that this document is more catered to the people who just don't like dogs and not the people you referring to in your next sentence. Perhaps the council should be more focusing on the positive benefits and helping the community to understand dogs by promoting dog friends events and public places. I know of several cafes and even the odd pub (on the mainland) that allow dogs, people have the choice to go to these cafes or not, but they are aware that they are dog friendly places and there is never an issue.</p> <p>In an effort to minimise irresponsible dog ownership the council should consider puppy training for all new dog owners which will greatly reduce the mis-understandings that new dogs owners often have with their new dogs. Often dogs become a "nuisance " because owners do not know how to train a dog and end up either giving up or getting violent with the animals. Also ensuring that dogs come from good breeders will help in the reduction of "nuisance " dogs and good breeders are focus on the good qualities in a dog rather than chasing a quick buck. As this is a "dog management policy" perhaps it should also include components to minimise the ability of people to backyard breed as this is an actual problem, rather focusing so heavily on restricting the rights of dog owners who just want to spend time with their companions.</p> <p>The enforcement of restricted and prohibited areas has seems to just appease a minority group with a larger voice rather than concerns for the environment. Restricting access to reserves for supervised dogs seems absurd really, and I can't find any real evidence other than peoples opinions that they are any more of a danger to the local fauna and flora than cats(domestic or feral) or even other human beings. If a dog is controlled and the owner picks up after an their canine there should be zero impact.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/34dog-ownership-has-proven-benefits-to-the-community-through-better-health-wellbeing-companions	20	16/05/2018 9:44

i26	idea	Natasha Rowell	<p>As a resident of Taroona, I strongly support the Draft Dog Management Policy restricting dogs from beaches unless declared dog areas. I spend a large period of time at Hinsby Beach and often bbq on Taroona. I'd like dog owners to realise although they may not be intimidated by their dogs there are plenty in the community who are. My children are constantly baled up by "happy dogs" on the beach that are terrifying for them. I'm also over putting my beach towel on dog poo and getting licked by people dog's in the middle of the day in summer. Hopefully with the new legislation the council will start to enforce it and dogs won't be on the beach in the middle of the day in summer.</p> <p>There are dog beaches, and yes, they might be inconvenient to get to, but it's one's individual choice to take on that responsibility of owning a pet. I have to drive my children to lots of things that aren't in walking distance in Taroona and yes it's inconvenient.</p> <p>Taroona Apex Park's off lead exercise area is now so over run by dogs that my children no longer go there to play. It was once one of the few community green spaces to kick a ball or fly a kite, but now it's just a "dog park" and forget anyone else who wishes to do any other activities in it.</p> <p>Any result that is actually enforced by council would be great, so at least as a community we know when to avoid an area.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-resident-of-taroona-i-strongly-support-the-draft-dog-management-policy-restricting-dogs-from-b	16	16/05/2018 11:13
i26-c1	comment	Tony Burley	<p>And there-in lies the problem Natasha. You want your beach and our dog park as well!!! Apex Park is not "now just a dog park" it is a dog park and has been for a long time. If your children want to kick a ball go to the school oval, if they want to fly a kite go to "your" dog free beach or the school oval or event the old archery field north of the school.....my goodness, when you look at it the areas available to the dog haters are bountiful!!!</p>			16/05/2018 23:25
i26-c2	comment	James Gard	<p>Seriously! constantly baled up by happy dogs on Hinsby beach! In winter? Putting beach towels on dog poo and getting licked by dogs! Dogs are currently not allowed on Hinsby beach, there should be no issues with dogs being permitted on Taroona Beach in winter. Have you seen the rubbish coming out of the pipe below Taroona Crescent? I'm also sick of picking up rubbish left by careless parents and their children. Maybe there should be nominated beaches for them.</p>			17/05/2018 7:25
i26-c3	comment	Fergal Fleming	<p>James and Tony: You're really not doing yourselves any favours here. Your poor comprehension of the original post gives me little confidence in your ability to understand or follow rules when it comes to where/when you can take your dogs to public places. Based on posts I've seen here and on the Taroona Good Karma Facebook page, if you two are representative of dog owners and their attitudes, then I have even less reason to trust other people's dogs around my children.</p>			17/05/2018 11:54
i27	idea	Margaret Cooley	<p>I am disappointed at the increasingly small number of places I can exercise my dogs. As an example, in the previous draft policy, the part of Blackmans Bay beach south of the stormwater outlet was proposed as a dog exercise area. This seems sensible because the drain outflow both from the major drain and the secondary one at the bottom of Illawarra Rd make this area unsuitable/unsafe for swimming. I am constantly surprised that people allow their small children to swim there.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-disappointed-at-the-increasingly-small-number-of-places-i-can-exercise-my-dogs	21	17/05/2018 4:03
i27-c1	comment	David	<p>I agree. That section of Blackmans Bay would make an ideal dog beach wouldn't it? As you say, it's not recommended for swimming anyway. It's away from the playground, the restaurants, the BBQs, the public toilets, the skate park...perfect. People who don't want to go to a dog beach will still have sole use of the majority of the beach, but dog walkers can use the other part. And there's the big stormwater pipe dividing the two areas. The beach is barely used at all for the majority of the year - it's so underutilised. Their previous policy was a good compromise between the two different viewpoints, I don't know why the council have backtracked like this.</p>			18/06/2018 3:52

i27-c1-reply	comment	T	How much time do you spend there? I walk there every morning, all year round, and it is not 'barely used'. I'm glad the council 'backtracked' and is maintaining BB as a dog free beach as there is already an off-lead option at KB.			19/06/2018 3:57
i27-c1-reply	comment	David	I am not the only one who believes that Blackmans Bay is underutilised. I live in Blackmans Bay and witness - on a daily basis - how few people use it outside of the summer months.			23/06/2018 0:53
i27-c2	comment	T	It's popular because it is sheltered and access is good.			19/06/2018 3:50
i27-c3	comment	Judith	Yes, I completely agree. This would be a perfect dog beach. As well as the issues with the poor water quality, it's far away from the children's playground and the cafes etc. The council themselves suggested this was a good solution - what has changed for them to suddenly change their minds? It's very frustrating, particularly as very few people use this beach for most of the year. It even has a ready-made dividing line in the stormwater pipe!!			23/06/2018 0:46
i28	idea	Samantha Bell	Hi, As a dog owner I am really upset that this is the way of the future, where dogs won't be allowed anywhere. This is a huge impact for those dog owners that are mindful of others. Instead of banning dogs from these area why not make some rule/guideline. There seems to be no inbetween area when it come to making these choices. For example: - dogs must be on leads - ensure dogs are under effective control - when walking past other pedestrian have your dog by your side (opposite to those walking) - have designated times during the days and months when dogs can have access to beaches/areas on or off the lead. All of these things can help both dog owners and those that don't like dogs or families. There are many areas that have time and month restrictions there is not need to completely cut things out. We should all work together and compromise on issues. I heard the Kingborough area has a 62% of occupants of dog owners this is a majority. We have more playgrounds for those with families then we could ever ask for the equivalent in dog parks. My dog is my family and this is just horrible to hear I won't be able to enjoy my time with him because he won't be allowed in areas because of those that hate animals. We pay to register our pets and eventually they won't even be allowed out of our backyards, how is this fair.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hi-27	26	17/05/2018 4:18
i28-c1	comment	Andrew Jones	Well said Samantha. Couldn't agree more!			17/05/2018 23:15
i28-c2	comment	Nel Smit	Samantha, the Kingborough Dog Management Policy does not mean your dogs will not 'be allowed anywhere' and that you will not be able to enjoy your time with your dog'. It advocates for responsible dog ownership which respects the rights of all citizens of, and visitors to Kingborough, to be safe and enjoy our playgrounds, schools, shopping centres and beaches, and minimise the nuisance caused by dogs to the public.			3/06/2018 11:55
i29	idea	James Gard	I disagree with the proposal as it stands. The Apex park area has virtually been halved. Its purely an anti dog policy gone mad. Nothing given back to dog owners for our registration fees. How about some seats in apex park for those wishing to rest while their dogs play? What happened to dog access to the beach north of the boat launching pad on Taroona beach? Why is it other councils such as Hobart and Clarence can allow dogs on beaches outside of summer? This is a very narrow minded proposal and you will find people will ignore unfair and unjust restrictions and will walk their dogs where ever they like.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-disagree-with-the-proposal-as-it-stands	19	17/05/2018 6:27

i30	idea	Cat	My concern is purely for the beaches. The beaches in Taroona are gorgeous, from visiting other dog beaches even with restrictions, dog owners always push the limits and there is always dog poo and scary dogs. Since people have began illegally walking their dogs on our gorgeous Hinsby and Taroona beaches I have observed some native birds in particular a pair of oyster catches no longer inhabit these beaches. as a compromise why not make the smaller shack beaches near Taroona high school for dogs, as many of the families that use that beach own dogs, it is a smaller beach with a bigger grassy area and not as bigger swimming beach so much more dog friendly? This is very sad when it is easy for dog walkers to walk their dogs all over taroona and on the massive offload area. not to mention a short 7 minute drive to a off lead dog beach (kingston) I believe at the very least Hinsby beach must remain dog free, I the rules be implemented. It saddens me to hear people call myself and others dog haters. I am anything but the sort, I have my own dog and love dogs sooooo much I can not help but go and ask other dog owners if I can pat theirs. However, my dog gets her fun from the exercise area long walks up the Alumn cliffs and small road trips to the beach. Please think of the overall and longterm benefit of having a healthy ecosystem rather than another/alternative activity for your dog. Many children are also scared of dogs and it is important areas such as beaches where people relax are kept free of anything scary so as not to exclude people from coming to admire the beach.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/my-concern-is-purely-for-the-beaches	15	17/05/2018 7:53
i30-c1	comment	Sarah	I fully support this idea, and think it is a very sensible suggestion.			17/05/2018 23:52
i30-c1-reply	comment	Cat	thank you! finger crossed:)			18/05/2018 0:03
i30-c2	comment	Susan	Some commonsense points made here. Our local environment is for everyone and we need to respect those who have and don't have dogs and our flora and fauna should be respected. Responsibility lies with all of us and I too am saddened by the vehemence on both sides of the discussion against the other.			18/05/2018 0:10
i30-c3	comment	nikki marquis	Hi Cat, I also noticed the oyster catchers leave as soon as the dog walking trend started-such beautiful birds. Why does the council not enforce the present law?			23/05/2018 12:08
i30-c4	comment	Helen Reid	Good news, I saw 2 pied oyster catchers on Taroona Beach a few metres south of the boat ramp yesterday!			1/06/2018 22:56
i30-c4-reply	comment	Cat	fantastic! thats so exciting			2/06/2018 5:37
i30-c5	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	The southern end of Blackmans Bay beach would be perfect for dogs on lead at least for some part of each day, at some times of the year. Having lived here for many years we have seen large numbers of seagulls and plovers but very few other bird species. It is sad to hear of people who have had bad experiences with dogs, but we should not all be held responsible and excluded from coming to the beach.			21/06/2018 10:36
i31	idea	Cristian Armbruster	I think the proposed policy creates blanket rules that are not necessary and certainly unfair against dog owners. Under the proposed policy i wouldn't be able to take my dog for a walk and buy milk and newspapers because I wouldn't be allowed to leave the dog outside as it would be in the shopping center grounds. I wouldn't even be able to go get the mail from the post office. Also i think school and children's playgrounds banning is sensible while there are children present but why ban if there are no children present? The same goes for sports grounds. Blackmans bay primary school for example has large non fenced grounds which are adjacent to local links walkpaths and are regularly used by locals to get to the shops. Why not allow dogs too while there is no children present? It seems like a useless blanket rule which council would never be able to police but it ensures that if something ever happened to a child it would be due to the schools failure to enforce council policy. So effectively it pushes the responsibility on the schools and gets council off the hook.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-think-the-proposed-policy-creates-blanket-rules-that-are-not-necessary-and-certainly-unfair-against	12	17/05/2018 10:03

i32	idea	Sonya Enkelmann	I have just checked the Taroona Apex Park off leash area after seeing another post and I have to say I am very disappointed to see that a significant portion of the off leash area has been excised. If council is seeking feedback on the plan then PLEASE be open and let people know what the major points of difference are. Otherwise it comes across as sneaky.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-just-checked-the-taroona-apex-park-off-leash-area-after-seeing-another-post-and-i-have-to-say	16	17/05/2018 12:47
i32-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	I completely agree. I wouldn't have noticed that change unless others hadn't mentioned it here. Another point of difference is that the Allum Cliffs Track will no longer have an off-lead section. This is one of the few tracks/trails where dogs can be off-lead. Very disappointing. And it does come across as sneaky.			17/05/2018 22:25
i33	idea	Jodi Fox	I disagree with more restrictions on areas dogs can access and whether they can be off lead. The council already doesn't police the rules they have allowing irresponsible/inconsiderate dog owners to give the rest of us a bad name. Why not just actively enforce the current rules?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-disagree-with-more-restrictions-on-areas-dogs-can-access-and-whether-they-can-be-off-lead	12	18/05/2018 1:18
i34	idea	James Gard	So, just to be clear on the statistics. The population of Kingborough is about 36,000 and the average household size (from the census) is 2.6 people. So there are about 14,000 households. There were 6,200 dogs registered in Taroona which equates to 44% of households own a dog. Receipts from dog registrations increased from \$213,000 in 2016 to \$320,000 in 2017 being a 50% increase in revenue to the council in one year alone! In spite of this the council draft dog management policy imposes greater restrictions and reduced off lead areas, (Apex Park area has been halved!), while stating that "Dogs make a valuable contribution to our families and the local community". The municipality is blessed with many beaches and yet the only beach available to dogs will be the small section north of Browns River which is under considerable pressure from over use. Other councils allow beach access in the winter months and between certain times. Bellerive beach is a much more popular beach than Taroona beach yet the Clarence Council allows dogs off lead in winter and same for popular Nutgrove beach under control of the Hobart City Council. Surely Kingborough council could do the same. Taroona beach (not Hinsby beach) in the off season would be ideal for this and could link in to the Apex park which should not be reduced in size as proposed.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/so-just-to-be-clear-on-the-statistics	63	18/05/2018 1:48
i34-c1	comment	James Gard	Apologies, it should read 6,200 dogs registered in Kingborough in 2017 (Not Taroona). This from the council's annual report.			18/05/2018 5:50
i34-c1-reply	comment	ROGER BIGGS	OK, sunshine. Let's have a cost/benefit analysis of this dog "plague" in Kingborough. Don't forget to include the saving of mental/medical costs attributed to dogs with Age Pensioners, children, ex 'detainees' against the cost of all the "dog attacks", perceived nuisance Tell you what, sunshine, I'd rather live with a dog.			27/05/2018 20:54
i34-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	Spot on Roger!			27/05/2018 23:43
i34-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	Last council report actually put the number of registered dogs at 7,500			5/06/2018 1:50
i34-c2	comment	Fergal Fleming	I'm not sure I follow your logic. Your argument is analogous to saying that the US should relax gun laws because lots of people have guns, and gun licences are a source of revenue...			18/05/2018 23:32
i34-c2-reply	comment	James Gard	Omg! are you serious? so many mass murders caused by dogs!			23/05/2018 10:52

i34-c2-reply	comment	Fergal Fleming	<p>Are you being deliberately specious, or did you genuinely not understand the analogy? Your argument (for want of a better word) is that because people have dogs, dog licensing makes money for the council, and other places give freer rein to dogs, then we give should give free rein to dogs too, regardless of any actual evidence as to whether that's a good or bad thing. But you reading that as me saying that dogs cause mass murder is fairly consistent with the intellectual rigour of your other posts (here and elsewhere). Like I said in response to another of your comments, you're not doing yourself any favours. You're especially not doing other dog owners any favours, because the more of your comments I read, the more I conflate your rabid partisanship and lack of comprehension with all dog owners. Maybe you should do the right thing by responsible dog owners and stay out of this.</p>			23/05/2018 11:48
i34-c2-reply	comment	James Gard	<p>Fergal Fleming, I understand this is a forum for people to provide suggestions or ideas on the new amended dog management policy. The proposed policy was changed at the last minute from one which was a sensible compromise in my view to one which significantly disadvantages dog owners with reduced on and off-lead options which are at odds with other southern Tasmanian councils. I provided the suggestion above pointing out that over 40% of households own a dog, pay registration fees and rates for little in return and I believe are entitled to enjoy more off lead options. My suggestion has nothing to do with gun control in the US and neither does my rationale. This is my opinion to which I am entitled. You may have a different opinion. If you want to make an alternative suggestion then go ahead and post it as an idea. Your bullying comments are neither helpful nor appreciated.</p>			23/05/2018 23:51
i34-c2-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>Oh dear Fergal Fleming, do you really want to go down that path? You want to draw analogies between gun ownership and dog ownership. Should we then look at assault and serious injury statistics in Australia. Who do you think are the main perpetrators? No. Not dogs. Men. How about we have some man free areas to keep us safe.</p>			25/05/2018 8:14
i34-c2-reply	comment	Rachel D	<p>I agree with the trial of 2 extra dog beaches to see if it takes the pressure off Kingston Beach off lead area. I also like the idea of dog off lead areas during certain time periods including a wider one after daylight savings time has ended.</p>			8/06/2018 13:50
i34-c3	comment	Sarah	<p>Many dog owners do not support dogs being allowed off leads on beaches. Many sensible dog owners are happy to exercise their dogs in the parks and other designated areas. As you have noted, the condition now of the Browns River Kingston dog beach is now quite unpleasant due to overuse - if Taroona Beach was opened up and off leash access to dogs was granted, do you think it would be any different here?</p>			20/05/2018 9:08
i34-c3-reply	comment	James Gard	<p>Hard to say but it was clearly an option in the original proposal along with some access to Blackmans Bay beach which was mysteriously changed at a secret council workshop where no minutes were taken of proceedings. Overuse pressure would presumably be taken off Kingston Beach with the two other locations made available. Perhaps a trial period of 12 months could be adopted to see how it goes.</p>			23/05/2018 11:05
i34-c3-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>Sarah, I think you misunderstand James Gard's comment. When he refers to overcrowding, I believe what he means is that because there is only one available off-lead beach, it becomes too crowded, thus if there were alternatives it would thin the numbers at one particular place. Also, never mind "off-leash" - there aren't even "on-leash" options as a compromise.</p>			25/05/2018 8:10
i34-c3-reply	comment	Sarah	<p>Norah - I'd be very happy to support both more on leash areas and also more off leash areas to exercise dogs in Kingborough - I just do not support dogs being allowed on beaches. I think many people would be sad to see their local beaches become anything like the dog beach in Kingston - completely overrun and unusable for many people (and some dogs too!)</p>			25/05/2018 9:52
i34-c3-reply	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>It's clear then Sarah that you have only attempted to use the dog beach at Kingston at peak times, I am happy to report that this time of year it is nowhere near over-run. Every morning a fairly small number of locals spend happy hours socialising with their dogs. Other than the small groups on the dog beach, Kingston Beach is quite devoid of activity right through the long winter months. Personally what I am most bothered by in the new policy is the implication that dogs should either be at home or taken (by car it seems) to a designated "exercise area" rather than be allowed to accompany their families, even on lead, out and about...</p>			27/05/2018 4:50

i34-c3-reply	comment	ROGER BIGGS	Sarah, the Dog Beach at Kingston is a "god-send". Dogs and their masters/mistresses learn how to be social while working out their excess energy. Old men like me who live with a dog know just how valuable a dog can be ... friend, confidante, companion, and he/she/it deserves some recompense. Other residents prefer to breed, but I don't whinge when they inflict their offspring on me 200 metres south of the Dog Beach. Adults learn to put up with it.			27/05/2018 20:46
i34-c3-reply	comment	James Gard	I agree 100% Roger!			27/05/2018 23:44
i34-c3-reply	comment	Alison Ainsworth	I am a regular user of Kingston Beach and rarely have any issue with overcrowding. In the middle of the day on a weekend or public holiday if I feel it is too crowded I just go elsewhere. I am also astounded at just how clean it is considering the use it gets (although this morning I picked up a discarded can, a McDonalds cup and a small fish hook near the bridge, I do not believe these would have been left by a dog or its owner). If I am visiting with small children and no dog, I simply use the large stretch of Kingston Beach which is dog free. James' suggestion of a 12 month trial period for increased (restricted) beach access seems like a good idea. Personally I feel taking a dog for a walk on a beach on leash is equivalent to taking a child to a toy shop and not letting them look at anything on the shelves, pointless and likely to lead to undesirable interactions.			14/06/2018 0:42
i34-c3-reply	comment	Skye Dayal	Norah, I agree. When I walk my dog, I am required to also take my toddler with me (as he is obviously too young to be left alone and the dog cannot walk himself), not to mention the two adore one another. As it is, my dog gets left at home too often due to restrictions so Kingston Beach and walking to the off leash dog park in Blackmans Bay are one of the few opportunities where I can let them enjoy the environment together and without being "strapped in", but allowed to explore it with little restriction. Rarely do my son and I go to the dog free area, but sometimes we do and my toddler is always more enjoyable with his friend our dog.			16/06/2018 21:19
i34-c4	comment	Penny Brodribb	If 44% of households have a dog, that makes them in the minority, as 56% don't.			23/05/2018 10:03
i34-c4-reply	comment	James Gard	Your grasp of mathematics is astounding. I assume you then agree that 44% of beaches should be available to households that own dogs. I think that's a bit ridiculous isn't it?			23/05/2018 10:55
i34-c4-reply	comment	ROGER BIGGS	Why not? I'd be happy with 1st May to 31st October, weekdays only, 0900 - 1700. Don't facetious, James, it doesn't suit you :-)			27/05/2018 20:37
i34-c4-reply	comment	Arnold	James you seem to have an issue with other people's Mathematics. You appear to have failed to consider some houses have more than 1 registered dog, so 44% seems to be an incorrect figure in your own stats.			14/06/2018 13:07
i34-c5	comment	Jade McKay	Agree.			7/06/2018 0:11
i34-c6	comment	Jo Taylor	Completely agree!			9/06/2018 10:32
i34-c7	comment	Julie Nahmani	well said James . Personally I think dogs should be allowed on beaches any time of the year as long as they are under control. For many people dogs are family and should be treated as such. I wouldn't vote for any of the council members unless they supported more access for dog both on beaches ,parks and local shopping areas. The mainland has a great many cafes that welcomes dog owners in outside areas and also beaches and parks. Whats wrong with Tasmanians			13/06/2018 17:34
i34-c8	comment	Maureen Robinson	Well put.			14/06/2018 3:27
i34-c9	comment	Suzy Kidd	Sandy Bay beach and the allocated time restrictions seem to allow for sharing beaches peacefully between responsible dog owners, walkers, runners, families etc. Dog beach at Browns river is a wonderful resource but for many requires a vehicle to get there. Providing an option to truly walk your dog locally would be great. For those responsibly fencing pets at home an off lead area allows a dog to run and socialise. I appreciate that there are those in our community afraid of dogs, and I understand that. Allowing for designated areas and times, adequately sign posted could enable peaceful sharing of our natural resources.			14/06/2018 5:46

i34-c9-reply	comment	Tamika	<p>Its a lovely idea in theory Suzy and I support those that wish to have an area off leash to exercise their dogs although I would not use them myself. However if you are referring to Sandy Bay (i.e. Nutgrove) it doesn't actually work for those that go there during supposed 'on leash' times. Most people do the right thing but there are always 2 or 3 off leash running out of control. I mostly blame the council for not upholding the regulations. They just patrol sometimes and advise people if they see them. They never issue infringement notices. I have asked a council officer and been told this is the case. So those that wish to break the rules continue to do so. I've stopped going there because I'm too afraid. I'm not young and am trying to walk a puppy on leash. I've had dogs jump up on me and almost knock me over and I'm scared for a young pup having dogs racing at us. Its the same wherever you go around Hobart. I got a dog partly for health reasons so I would take it for a relaxing walk and exercise. Its certainly not relaxing watching your back all the time for off leash dogs so I've given up walking with my dog, and just run her on private property for exercise. In my short time walking the pup I've also been staggered by the number of people I've stopped and chatted to with their dogs on leash that have told me their dog has been attacked in the past by an off leash dog. I even met one lovely lady who came over to meet my puppy and told me hers had been killed by an off leash dog. So as you can see designated rules, times and signage seems to mean nothing if it is not backed up with infringement notices and fines.</p>			17/06/2018 4:47
i34-c10	comment	Sonia Strong	<p>Good post James. I agree with Julie (below) in that I also feel dogs should be allowed more places at all times of year; after all they don't stop being family (or needing exercise) at certain times of the year and if you look at who it is that's using the beaches, I would wager that dog walkers and dogs are in fact the majority of beach goers, at least at certain times of the year.</p> <p>I strongly support having MORE places (not a reduction in sites) where people can allow their dogs to run off lead in a contained area - beaches are ideal in that they provide a naturally delineated area where dogs can be run safely off lead. Having said that, I would also love to see more linear fenced bushland dog walking trails - the fenced area at Dru Point is fantastic but a few longer walks are needed. There's several dog walking trails around Kingborough where dogs are currently permitted (eg. Tinderbox Hills), that could be made much more useful to dog walkers as off lead areas with a few simple (and cost effective) fencing upgrades. Putting more restrictions on where dogs can go will only exacerbate nuisance barking complaints from bored dogs who are left at home more often and/or inadequately exercised. On leash dog walking is simply insufficient for many active breeds and does not adequately allow for training and interactive games. I would also love to see some better off lead dog walking sites south of Margate.</p> <p>Council's role surely is to respond to the reasonable wishes of the majority of rate-paying residents and their families, not an intolerant minority. Any overseas visitors (and even interstate visitors) I have had visit are shocked to see how militant our dog regulations are. In many places of the world dogs are (rightly in my opinion) considered family, and are allowed pretty much anywhere their people go. As the recent turnout at the Browns River / Kingston Beach demonstration against the proposed new dog restrictions surely indicates, this is an issue close to many residents' hearts and for many people here too, dogs are, in the same way as children, family.</p>			16/06/2018 12:39
i34-c10-reply	comment	Melissa Houghton	Completely agreed 100% with you Sonia			18/06/2018 21:57
i34-c11	comment	Lorna Robertson	<p>The dogs on Bellerive beach are a health hazard and a nuisance. There are dozens of them of any winter day. My little granddaughter is afraid of the larger dogs that approach her and I dislike intensely having dogs jump up on me as I am a survivor of a childhood dog attack. Dog owners frequently do not control their dogs, nor do they always clean up after their animals and their faeces on the beach are a health hazard. Hooded plovers and oyster catchers used to live on Bellerive Beach: since it has been taken over by dogs they have, of course, disappeared. Dogs DO NOT belong on beaches. Exercise your dogs in properly designated grassy areas and keep them under control.</p>			17/06/2018 8:00
i34-c12	comment	Melissa Houghton	Agree with you 100%, James			18/06/2018 21:58

i34-c13	comment	Phillip Gumley	Good thoughts James , I just don't understand the negative attitude from council it makes no sense , we should work as a community to solve these issues together, how can they possible reduce the areas in Taroona. It only makes people go against the law, they have no choice . The proposals make no sense.			23/06/2018 8:04
i35	idea	Rosemary Sargison	I am very concerned that the dog exercise area in the Taroona Park May be reduced in size. If anything, it should be enlarged because of the increasing number of dog owners using the park to exercise their dogs. Please, also consider allowing dogs on Taroona Beach in restricted hours eg before 9 am and after 4 pm	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-very-concerned-that-the-dog-exercise-area-in-the-taroona-park-may-be-reduced-in-size	14	18/05/2018 2:51
i36	idea	Aled Vince	These proposed restrictions are ridiculous. They will only generate more conflict. If this is our Council members' best effort at a fair compromise then it will make future decisions at the ballot box pretty easy.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/these-proposed-restrictions-are-ridiculous	20	18/05/2018 4:00
i37	idea	Kate Sealand	As a long time resident of Coninghamand living next to the main beach, I see first hand the movements of owners and their dogs through all seasons. I have witnessed dog fights, dogs taking food from beach goers, free roaming dogs, beach shed dogs, as well as responsible owners walking their dogs on a lead on the track. Every one of these owners believes they have the right to do so on a clearly marked No Dogs Allowed Beach. The policy to allow dogs or not seems to divide our community. As a mum to two young ones it is a great concern for me to have large free roaming dogs on our iconic and dearly loved beach - it happens often despite calls to council. I find that consistently the few irresponsible ruin it for the responsible ones but the most important factor is not that owners will SUDDENLY become responsible and follow the rules, but that council have an ACTIVE and CONSISTENT enforcement of its laws.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-long-time-resident-of-coninghamand-living-next-to-the-main-beach-i-see-first-hand-the-movement	10	18/05/2018 6:13
i37-c1	comment	Geoffrey Newton	You are spot on Kate. It is the exact same situation at Little Coningham.			26/05/2018 13:46
i38	idea	Graham Sargison	I can't believe that the Council put out a draft plan for comment last year and then took no account of the interests of dog owners. My personal view was that we didn't require access to all Taroona beaches but maybe the area north of the Taroona Beach boat ramp for restricted times of the day similar to other Councils. Now we find that after some "behind doors" workshop, not only are we denied any beach access but the Taroona dog reserve has been shrunk!! Could I request that the Council listens to the opinions of the large number of responsible dog owners in Taroona before making any further misguided decisions on dog management.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-can39t-believe-that-the-council-put-out-a-draft-plan-for-comment-last-year-and-then-took-no-acc	22	18/05/2018 7:54
i38-c1	comment	Venie Philips	I absolutely agree. There appears to have been no respect given to the views of many Taroona residents. Makes me wonder how much notice will be taken from this forum?			20/05/2018 1:08
i38-c2	comment	Sarah	Many Taroona residents (including dog owners) donâ€™t support allowing a portion of Taroona Beach as an off lead dog beach due to worries that it will become like the Kingston dog beach, particularly with the close location of the picnic and bbq areas, and the unfenced childrenâ€™s playground. Many people in our community think this policy is not misguided but actually very sensible.			20/05/2018 9:48

i38-c3	comment	Graham Sargison	As far as I can see, there has been no explanation by Council for the shrinking of the Taroom Apex Park Off-lead area. From the map shown on the website, the off-lead area is being pushed down to the steep, deeply cracked area which was exacerbated by the scalping of the topsoil by the Council in past years. The cracked nature of this area make it dangerous for walkers both human and canine. Over the years there have been several incidences of dogs damaging ligaments after stumbling in the cracks and falling awkwardly.			18/06/2018 0:52
i38-c4	comment	Graham Sargison	It would appear from the minutes of last week's Council meeting that Cr Winter has not viewed the maps of the proposed off-lead areas or he would have known that the drastic reduction of the Taroom Apex Park off-lead area is NOT a "myth".			19/06/2018 3:04
i38-c5	comment	Judith	Agreed! They said their previous draft policy (from April) was based on public feedback and consultation (it proposed new dog beaches on sections of Blackmans Bay beach and Taroom beach, and had none of these other restrictions included in their latest policy). How can this new - very different - policy also be based on public feedback??			23/06/2018 0:35
i39	idea	Alex	I strongly support the Draft Dog Management Policy. I specifically support restricting dog access to Taroom and Hinsby beach. I love dogs and have been a dog owner for many years, but I don't support the use of these beaches for dog exercise. As a Taroom resident and daily user of these beaches, the safety of families and beach goers is my primary concern. This draft policy will ensure that the safe and relaxed environment that has been fostered here will continue.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-strongly-support-the-draft-dog-management-policy	10	18/05/2018 10:04
i40	idea	Claire	This is an excellent Draft Dog Management Policy. It is a policy that is very much needed for a highly populated area, considering ever-increasing use of this area from not only Taroom residents but also neighbouring suburbs and tourists. Due to the current and no doubt increased high use in this area it is not sustainable to allow access to Hinsby and Taroom beach for dogs as the council won't be able to ensure adequate duty of care for civilians, limiting dog faeces and protection of native wildlife and vegetation. The natural aspect of Taroom is one of the prime motivations for many people moving and visiting this area. Without an adequate and sustainable management policy this value will dissipate in the near future.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/this-is-an-excellent-draft-dog-management-policy	11	18/05/2018 10:26
i40-c1	comment	Venie Philips	Taroom is blessed with a string of beaches. Wouldn't it be reasonable to select one for use by the significant number of dog-owning Taroom ratepayers? That way, the needs and wishes of all would be met.			20/05/2018 1:05
i40-c1-reply	comment	Andrew Jones	Agree Venie. Why not do what other councils have done - before 9am and after 6pm? Even for just one beach or a section thereof?			21/05/2018 0:50

i41	idea	Fergal Fleming	<p>The bulk of this was originally posted as a reply to someone else's post, but I feel strongly enough about this that I'm adding to it and making it my own 'idea':</p> <p>I've had too many bad (and potentially life-threatening, especially for my small children) experiences with other people's dogs to take their owners' protestations at face value. I have scars from dogs attacking me, and so does one of my daughters. I've been taken down on my bike half-a-dozen times by dogs (although admittedly that was mostly in Darwin, where there's a greater tendency than in Taroona for people to buy large, aggro dogs and then neither train nor exercise them).</p> <p>It frustrates the hell out of me that owners of 'friendly' dogs don't understand why a five-year-old child is traumatised when their big 'friendly' dog bowls said child over on the beach, or starts a fight with another dog right next to where the kids are building a sandcastle.</p> <p>And many of the comments that I've seen here, on the Taroona Good Karma Facebook page, or elsewhere give me little reason to believe that giving more slack to dog owners would be beneficial. The existing rules are regularly flouted (I've lost count of the number of times my kids have been scared by dogs on Hinsby, for example, or of the amount of dog crap I've seen in places or on tracks where dogs are supposedly not allowed), and the most vocal owners don't seem to understand the status quo (eg citing Apex Park as a dedicated 'dog park').</p> <p>Maybe dog owners could show that they can abide by and understand the existing rules before they get on their high horse.</p> <p>Oh--and based on responses I've seen so far (here and in other forums) spare me the false equivalencies with immigration policy or attitudes towards cyclists. Drawing such specious analogies just makes me respect your position even less.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-bulk-of-this-was-originally-posted-as-a-reply-to-someone-else39s-post-but-i-feel-strongly-en	8	18/05/2018 10:46
i41-c1	comment	Fergal Fleming	<p>Just to clarify: I understand people wanting to exercise their pets. I have no problem with them exercising their pets in public spaces, as long as potentially dangerous pets are, quite literally, kept on a short leash when there's a possibility of them endangering people.</p> <p>But if you choose to keep a domestic animal that can harm my child, and you choose to take that animal into public spaces, then the onus is on you to stop that animal from harming my child. It should not be my responsibility to teach my child to duck and cover just in case your dog decides to be a bad boy, and it's neither fair nor right that the public green spaces (or, I guess, beige spaces for beaches?) maintained by our collective taxes and rates should be denied to children and families because of middle-class urbanites' atavistic desires.</p> <p>I've had lots of positive experiences with dog walkers in Taroona. Many of them are respectful, and understand that while they may know their dog well, it's unreasonable to expect other people to trust their dog.</p> <p>That said, I've also had a lot of negative experiences with dogs here, and most of those have been in spaces in which dogs were supposedly banned.</p>			18/05/2018 12:59

i41-c1-reply	comment	Cristian Armbruster	<p>Fergal Fleming</p> <p>I applaud your attitude to stand up for what you believe is unfair and I feel very sorry that you and your young children have had such bad experiences with dogs. However, I do believe your case is an example of how a single irresponsible dog owner can make all dog owners look so bad.</p> <p>You are completely right when you say many dog owners do not behave correctly, I am constantly reminded of that as I take my dogs for a walk and see poo that someone didn't bother to pick up. That is exactly why I believe blanket rules which are mostly not going to be policed are just a way for council to justify itself and legally defend itself while not really doing anything for anyone, dog owner or not.</p> <p>The truth is, no one will suddenly police those prohibited areas so you and your children will not benefit from them. Quite the opposite, because responsible dog owners will grumble about it but ultimately will abide by it while non responsible owners will still go there and there won't be a council member present to tell them off.</p> <p>I believe that the more widespread a good behavior or practice becomes, the more offenders will stand out and are more easily dealt with. That is the reason why I believe dogs should be allowed in as many areas as possible (with reasonable exclusions).</p> <p>I do not understand why the law is so lax with dog owners that are responsible for such a terrible stories as yours. Personally, I think they should go to jail because of what they did to you and your children as well as the dog. I don't understand why people are allowed to have dogs without some kind of training.</p> <p>I do not mean to be self righteous by telling you what is best for you but I do believe that dogs (and most animals) can have a very powerful beneficial impact on people's lives and I hope you and your children can overcome the terrible situation someone else imposed on you.</p>			19/05/2018 12:10
i41-c1-reply	comment	Simon Grove	<p>My reading of Fergal's post was that, while he may have had a particularly bad experience with one dog / dog-owner that you argue may have coloured his judgement, he was making a more general point that there are many dogs / dog-owners 'out there' that flout the rules and are at best a nuisance, at worst a danger. And I don't think it's fair to dismiss Fergal as a one-off: I have had many bad dog / dog-owner experiences and know a lot of other people who have also had many such experiences. And yes, in Taroonna. It seems perverse to suggest that the problem would go away by allowing dogs greater access to places where people choose to relax, off their guard. I agree that there are many responsible dog-owners but I also feel that there are many owners who believe that they are more responsible than they really are: the notion of having one's dog 'under control at all times' seems to mean different things to many dog-walkers than it does to those who are on the receiving end of the evident lack of control.</p>			21/05/2018 10:17
i41-c1-reply	comment	nikki marquis	<p>Part of the problem is that with increasing affluence in the Taroonna area there are more dogs and they are bigger!</p>			23/05/2018 12:04
i41-c2	comment	Marnie	<p>Sorry Fergal but if you'd had "life threatening" instances of dog stacks in the Hobart area I'd assume that we would have heard about it? The mercury has little else of local news to report on. Otherwise if you and your daughter bring attacked was elsewhere I don't feel it's fair for you to blame and penalise responsible dog owners here in Hobart.</p>			19/06/2018 11:49
i42	idea	Jan Barrington	<p>I am strongly opposed to the reduction in the dog exercise area at Taroonna Apex Park. As a regular user of the park on a daily basis it is the one area in Taroonna where I can exercise my dog off - lead and we both enjoy the social interaction with other dogs and their owners. Please do not reduce this wonderful space when there are so few places in Kingborough where dogs and their owners can enjoy the freedom and socialisation of off - lead exercise.</p>	<p>https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-strongly-opposed-to-the-reduction-in-the-dog-exercise-area-at-taroonna-apex-park</p>	20	19/05/2018 6:00

i43	idea	John	<p>Essentially I am not anti-dog but I would like to see the existing dog areas retained and no other areas made available (specifically Taroona and Hinsby Beaches). I would like to see dogs under control at all times and on leash when not in a dog approved location.</p> <p>As a resident of Taroona since 1962, I have seen dogs on Taroona and Hinsby beaches on numerous occasions despite signs being in evidence indicating that dogs were not permitted. I would suggest that dogs only be exercised on the existing approved beaches, at all other times they must be fully under control. By this means, the health and safety of the public, particularly children and vulnerable people of our society, can be assured. I would also like to see the mess cleaned up by dog owners in Taroona and elsewhere in Kingborough.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/essentially-i-am-not-anti-dog-but-i-would-like-to-see-the-existing-dog-areas-retained-and-no-other-a	9	19/05/2018 6:03
i44	idea	Venie Philips	<p>Kingborough Council appears to offer the most limited, most restricted access to public areas of all Tasmanian councils, with dogs banned from all sports areas and all beaches other than Clarke's Beach and the northern part of Kingston Beach.</p> <p>Why is our council so different? Surely the compromises offered by other councils would be possible in Kingborough.</p> <p>Here's a run-down on other council's regulations, taken from their web-sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarence and Glamorgan Councils limit dog access to Restricted Beaches only during the three summer months. 2. The Central Coast Council allows unrestricted access except for the three summer months when access is from 7pm till 9am. 3. Hobart Council restrictions apply to the Daylight Savings period but dogs can access the beach from 7pm to 9am. At all other times, dog access is unlimited & off-lead. 4. The Circular Head Council summer restrictions apply during Daylight Savings with access limited to 7pm to 10am, when they must be on-lead. For the rest of the year, dog access is unlimited & off-lead. 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/kingborough-council-appears-to-offer-the-most-limited-most-restricted-access-to-public-areas-of-all	7	20/05/2018 0:52
i45	idea	Venie Philips	<p>Kingborough Council appears to offer the most limited, most restricted access to public areas of all Tasmanian councils, with dogs banned from all sports areas and all beaches other than Clarke's Beach and the northern part of Kingston Beach.</p> <p>Why is our council so different? Surely the compromises offered by other councils would be possible in Kingborough.</p> <p>Here's a run-down on other council's regulations, taken from their web-sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarence and Glamorgan Councils limit dog access to Restricted Beaches only during the three summer months. 2. The Central Coast Council allows unrestricted access except for the three summer months when access is from 7pm till 9am. 3. Hobart Council restrictions apply to the Daylight Savings period but dogs can access the beach from 7pm to 9am. At all other times, dog access is unlimited & off-lead. 4. The Circular Head Council summer restrictions apply during Daylight Savings with access limited to 7pm to 10am, when they must be on-lead. For the rest of the year, dog access is unlimited & off-lead. 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/kingborough-council-appears-to-offer-the-most-limited-most-restricted-access-to-public-areas-of-all-1	17	20/05/2018 0:52
i45-c1	comment	Tim Sloan	<p>Hey Venie</p> <p>To clarify dogs are prohibited at all times on Long beach and Red Chapel beach. The only beach dogs are allowed in HCC is Nutgrove beach with restricted hours. You will also find dogs are prohibited in at all times on many beaches in Clarence. Kingborough on the other hand have given dog owners a lovely beach in Kingston, and many other areas. I congratulate the council on a well considered policy balancing public safety and amenity for all residents.</p>			20/05/2018 7:59
i45-c2	comment	Colleen Ridge	I agree 100% with you Venie!			18/06/2018 8:26

i46	idea	Hugh	<p>I support the policy.</p> <p>If an authority exercising a proper duty of care has to chose between one group's aesthetic preference and another group's reasonable concerns about the safety of their children when using a public space, it is obliged to act on behalf of the latter group.</p> <p>I like dogs and I understand the need for off lead areas. However these facilities already exist, so while dog walkers may have a preference for using the beach it is just that, a preference, based on aesthetics.</p> <p>The desire of those who don't wish to see the off lead areas on Taroona beach is mainly based on reasonable concerns about safety, particularly for children, given the beach's regular use by families (BBQ facilities etc) and the presence of a children's playground.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-support-the-policy	10	20/05/2018 3:48
i47	idea	Don Keating	<p>Hooray! At last the rights of humans to use public places, especially beaches , is to be restored. The matter is quite simple.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the majority of dog owners do not control their dogs and the high handed and arrogant nature of the submissions made by them confirms their belief that their dogs have a greater right to enjoy those places than humans.</p> <p>People donâ€™t complain because they are abused when they do.</p> <p>If humans behaved in those places like most dogs do then they would be the subject of police action. This is why their is such an anti dog feeling and why the Councils have had to take the action they have. Irresponsible dog owners have brought it on themselves so they cannot now complain.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hooray	8	20/05/2018 6:35
i47-c1	comment	James Gard	<p>Some very sweeping statements here. Did you do a survey of the 6,200 dog owners in Kingborough to determine that the "majority of dog owners do not control their dogs"? From the council annual report the facts are there were only 113 complaints about dogs last year which is less than 2 per 100 dogs.</p>			20/05/2018 23:24
i47-c1-reply	comment	nikki marquis	<p>I find not many people would complain, it is time consuming and many have had a bad experience such as bullying and ridicule from speaking their mind. So those numbers may not reflect the real feelings of the community.</p>			23/05/2018 11:59
i47-c2	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>I would also like to challenge the statement that "the majority of dog owners do not control their dogs". That is not my experience at all.</p>			21/05/2018 0:58
i48	idea	Bill	<p>As a Long term Taroona resident, and previous dog owner, I don't think that there should be changes to the dog exercise area in Taroona Apex Park. I'd be comfortable with the designated dog exercise area to cover the full park, and not be reduced as has been proposed.</p> <p>However, I do not support dog access to any beaches in Taroona.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-long-term-taroona-resident-and-previous-dog-owner-i-don39t-think-that-there-should-be-chan	4	20/05/2018 10:51

i49	idea	Alison Kerr	<p>As a family with young children who regularly use the beaches in Tarooma and Blackmans Bay I would like to see dogs kept off the beach, primarily for reasons of safety (for young children , elderly, less mobile) and cleanliness (no poo on the beach). Thank you for continuing to value our safety.</p> <p>I have no objection to dogs on leads anywhere in the community, including on our beaches. I often see dogs on leads on Tarooma beaches, rightly or wrongly, and this has not caused any problem that I have seen over the past 7 years. Dog owners are pretty vigilant about keeping dogs away from children if they think they may be unpredictable. I also note that I have never seen dog poo on the beaches or parks and councils do well to provide bags and bins. I notice that the off lead dog exercise area in Tarooma Apex Park has been reduced in size and no longer extends up to Bachelor Way. I'm not sure why this is necessary. The area is very well used and adjoins fenced access to the community hall and a fenced play ground so seems unwarranted.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-family-with-young-children-who-regularly-use-the-beaches-in-tarooma-and-blackmans-bay-i-would-l	1	20/05/2018 12:05
i50	idea	Patricia Artis	<p>As a dog owner I pay extra to the council, first for the privilege of having a dog but secondly the right to walk them in their local area. Owning a pet is therapeutic according to many studies. I understand the need to keep popular areas restricted but there are areas in Tarooma where the beach is not used by people swimming, the two rocky beaches in front of the high school would be ideal for dog exercise. As with everything you get people who don't do the right thing but why ,as always, are the majority being deprived of their rights. Nut grove beach is a prime example of how people with dogs and those who don't can happily co-exist.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-dog-owner-i-pay-extra-to-the-council-first-for-the-privilege-of-having-a-dog-but-secondly-the	13	21/05/2018 1:51
i51	idea	Patricia Artis	<p>As a resident of Tarooma I do and have for many years paid extra for the privilege of having a dog, which many studies show is therapeutic, particularly for older people. Why can not the two rocky beaches in front of the school be designated dog exercise areas and Hinsby Beach restricted during the summer as Nutgrove Beach is, which seems to work very well between pet and non-pet lovers. Obviously there is a loud minority trying to have their way. I always have my dog on a lead and ,although very friendly he only talks to people who wish to talk to him. teaching children to be frightened of dogs is not a good way to go, teaching them how to approach dogs and other animals is a much more valuable exercise.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-resident-of-tarooma-i-do-and-have-for-many-years-paid-extra-for-the-privilege-of-having-a-dog-w	11	21/05/2018 2:01
i51-c1	comment	Tim Sloan	<p>Hi Patricia, I am sure your dog is lovely but do you really think it is a good idea to have an off lead area right next to a school, childrens play area and sports field? Also studies have shown that a large portion of the community are concerned about dog attacks and support tighter controls https://www.mja.com.au/journal/1997/167/3/public-health-impact-dog-attacks-major-australian-city . It would be great to get some more factual information, I think you would be suprised how many people support sensible public health policies.</p>			22/05/2018 12:03
i51-c2	comment	nikki marquis	<p>I love dogs and own one but I have to say the area of Nutgrove beach has been fouled by dogs, I have tried to sit there and always discovered faeces or a dog weeing near me.</p>			23/05/2018 11:56

i52	idea	Vanessa Regan	<p>This seems like quite an excessive and prohibitive Dog Management Policy. Personally, I find it really prohibitive and inconvenient that I can't take my dog to the perimeter of Sports Grounds while my kids play soccer or to Dru Point in Margate while they ride their bikes along the foreshore track. I'm not suggesting this should be an off-lead area but if the dog is on-lead and under effective control I can't comprehend who it hurts by allowing a fairer and more reasonable approach.</p> <p>My personal points of view aside, I regularly take my dog to cafes and street walks around the Kingborough area and when I do the response from the public is really positive. At one point I had a line-up of people that wanted to meet my dog. It's particularly noticeable with young kids and the elderly so I would argue having a more flexible policy not only benefits dogs and dog owners but members of the community that really seem to get something out of interacting with the dogs. It's worth noting here that if you don't like dogs, that's okay. In the instances I refer to the dog is on-lead and under effective control so you don't have to have any interaction if you don't want to.</p> <p>I have noticed a more relaxed culture towards dogs in the Hobart City Council (HCC) areas, which prompted me to read the HCC Dog Management Policy. I feel it offers a much fairer and reasonable approach. The HCC allows the use of sports grounds as an exercise area when they are not being used for sport. When they are being used for sport, the ground itself is prohibited but the surrounds of sports ground is listed as exercise areas. My interpretation of this is it complies with the Dog Control Act, yet still allows people like me to bring the family dog when your kids playing soccer.</p> <p>Furthermore the HCC lists 18 x off-lead areas to Kingborough's 9; 16 x on-lead areas as to Kingborough 0; and 7 x restricted areas to Kingborough's 2 - I think this magnifies the excessive nature of the Kingborough Councils draft policy. However restricted areas are something the HCC seem to do quite well, with the use of Sports Grounds, Beaches and Parks permitting off-lead or on-lead exercise between certain times, catering to both groups. Off the top of my head Blackmans Bay Beach and Woodbridge Beach, (which prohibits dogs completely despite the polluted water and low use levels) would be good candidates as</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/this-seems-like-quite-an-excessive-and-prohibitive-dog-management-policy	25	21/05/2018 2:43
i52-c1	comment	Venie Philips	Thanks Vanessa for posting such a reasonable, courteous and thoughtful comment. I hope it inspires others who feel the same way and that it encourages all Kingborough councillors to think seriously about the way they are presenting themselves.			21/05/2018 6:45
i52-c2	comment	Kate Huntington	Very well said - the provision to restrict dogs from 10 m of a playground is highly problematic for those of us with kids trying to keep everyone entertained and also mostly unnecessary given that many playgrounds are fully fenced.			28/05/2018 11:18
i52-c3	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	Well said Vanessa. The tone of the policy does have a them and us feel about it.			21/06/2018 12:51
i52-c4	comment	Judith	Agreed. Kingborough Council's wording is rather hostile.			23/06/2018 0:24
i53	idea	Simon Grove	The regulation of dogs on Tarroona Beach should be viewed in the context of dog regulation around the children's play-area immediately behind the beach. Regulations currently prohibit dogs from within 10 m of this play-area. If adequately enforced, this would exclude dogs from one of the main access points to Tarroona Beach. Furthermore, if Kingborough Council finds it appropriate to exclude dogs from the vicinity of children's play-areas, presumably on health/hygiene and safety grounds, doesn't it make equal sense to exclude them from beaches that are used as de facto play-areas? The same comparison could be made with respect to the rules concerning dog exclusion around swimming-pools versus beaches much used by bathers, such as both Tarroona and Hinsby Beaches.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-regulation-of-dogs-on-tarroona-beach-should-be-viewed-in-the-context-of-dog-regulation-around-the	3	21/05/2018 9:55
i53-c1	comment	Norah Frewen	Unfortunately the 10 meter rule would also make it illegal to walk past many playgrounds on the street too.			11/06/2018 3:12

i54	idea	Simon Grove	<p>Increasingly, the sheer number of people walking their dogs on Taroona beaches - against the rules - has the effect of turning a walk on these two much-loved beaches from one of serenity, quiet contemplation, de-stressing and wildlife-watching into a high-stress one accompanied by the sound of yapping dogs, distressed shorebirds and banal platitudes (or worse) from dog-walkers such as "he's only being friendly".</p> <p>Increasingly, too, the presence of dogs on the beach turns an otherwise safe, family-friendly bathing and playing area into one that is more likely to attract people who are insensitive to the special, peaceful and harmonious Taroona "vibe".</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/increasingly-the-sheer-number-of-people-walking-their-dogs-on-taroona-beaches-against-the-rules	8	21/05/2018 9:57
i54-c1	comment	Vanessa Regan	<p>If a fairer policy was implemented, for example no dogs allowed between 9am - 4pm during summer and perhaps on-lead/off-lead times at other times during the year, not only would this cater to all members of the community, but I imagine would also reduce the negative experiences you refer to. I suspect it is because of the current excessive policy that people are breaking the rules because they are left with little choice, whereas some structure would offer a compromise for one and all.</p> <p>It's important that as a community we work together to achieve a good outcome; while you may find dogs "distressing" and a hindrance on our "peaceful and harmonious Taroona vibe", others that are also members of the community love dogs & find they add value to the community. My point is we all need to compromise. I think we should be like Europe and allow dogs everywhere and anywhere, clearly you don't agree with that, and that's okay so let's come up with something that works for everyone for example making the beach a restricted area, with certain times for everyone to enjoy our wonderful community.</p>			22/05/2018 7:05
i55	idea	Howard Weston	<p>I support the code of responsible dog ownership.</p> <p>I know from personal experience how irresponsible dog ownership and nuisance dogs have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of those affected.</p> <p>I support the objective stated in the draft policy, particularly sub paragraphs a), b), and e).</p> <p>I'm shocked by some of the juvenile comments in the online forum (mainly from the pro-dog people). I wonder if they have actually read the draft policy. It doesn't bode well for the chances of achieving objective 2.1d.</p> <p>Unfortunately a significant percentage of dog owners couldn't care less about the rules. I encourage council to carefully consider what practical measures can be taken to ensure that owners comply not just with the letter, but the spirit of the policy and the Dog Control Act 2000.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-support-the-code-of-responsible-dog-ownership	5	21/05/2018 10:03

i56	idea	C Jackson	<p>Why has only part of the Apex Park in Taroona been designated an off lead area? For years and years it has been possible to exercise off lead dogs anywhere within the park. This provided social and well being benefits for dog owners. Where is the council's social licence for this change? How will the new arbitrary restriction be enforced between off lead and on lead areas? Does the council have development plans for the non off-lead area of Apex Park? From experience the majority of dogs are exercised off lead in the area you have designated as not being in the off lead zone. For instance my elderly mother (in her mid 80s) who walked her dog by driving to the park then taking her dog down the short footpath next to the community hall (access from Batchelor Way) then letting her dog off lead while she sat at the bench and watched. She found this a wonderful place for her to give her dog exercise in a safe environment (being safe that she didn't have to walk to the uneven and sloping ground designated for the proposed off-lead zone). This was because my mother had parkinsons disease, nevertheless having an off-lead area easily accessible directly from Batchelor Way was highly valued by her. I would request that council please take into consideration expanding the off-lead zone in Apex park to its current extent (ie behind Batchelor Way and encompassing the area surrounding the Taroona Community garden) so that people with limited mobility have an opportunity in Taroona to exercise their dog off lead with ease. I urge council to reconsider the off lead zone and extend it to the entire area of apex park. Taroona is a very dog friendly suburb please respect the feeling on many residents in this area.</p> <p>In addition there is no lighting provided in Apex Park and the only really safe area in the dark is directly behind the Taroona Community Hall to let a dog off lead for exercise. Or could one safely assume that compliance officers will not be enforcing the new regulations at night?</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/why-has-only-part-of-the-apex-park-in-taroona-been-designated-an-off-lead-area	11	21/05/2018 22:37
i57	idea	Tony Burley	<p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>Council's Dog Management Policy was adopted in February 2010 and expired in January 2015.</p> <p>In February 2017, a revised Draft Policy was presented to Council and released for public comment.</p> <p>The revised policy aimed to address anomalies in the Dog Control Act 2000 that prevented Council from prohibiting dogs from declared areas, other than those containing sensitive habitat for native wildlife.</p> <p>The Draft Policy was not well received by the community, with polarised views in relation to the proposal to allow dogs restricted access to popular beaches.</p> <p>Council subsequently resolved to defer adoption of the Draft Policy, pending the outcome of potential amendments to the Dog Control Act 2000.</p> <p>In December 2017, the Dog Control Amendment Act 2017 came into effect, giving Council the ability to permanently restrict dogs from a declared area.</p> <p>A Draft Policy dated March 2018 was prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Control Act 2000.</p> <p>That Draft Policy was included in the published Agenda for an Ordinary meeting of the Council 9 April 2018.</p> <p>The key changes were summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the proposal to allow dogs restricted access to beaches at certain times; • Introduction of permanent restrictions on dogs from accessing sports grounds; 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/background	17	22/05/2018 4:57

i57-c1	comment	Venie Philips	Thanks Tony. You've provide an excellent summary and drawn attention to the back-flip that resulted in the March '18 draft (a sensible compromise) being dumped and replaced, with only minor concessions, by one which had already been heavily criticised.			22/05/2018 7:26
i57-c2	comment	David	I agree completely. The council have handled this very badly. I think the public deserve an explanation as to what was said at that workshop, and why the council have so drastically altered the draft policy. Why is there such an anti-dog approach all of a sudden?			18/06/2018 3:36
i57-c3	comment	James	Agreed.			19/06/2018 5:47
i57-c4	comment	Judith	Hear hear! This dramatic u-turn requires an explanation.			23/06/2018 0:19
i58	idea	nikki marquis	Taroona has always been a no dogs on beach suburb. No rights have been taken away. This is the reason many live here. There is no need to have dogs on the beaches. If it is necessary The beach on Melinga Place could be used. This is not a very natural looking beach and is surrounded by grass not bush. The northern side of Taroona beach is not a good area. Many people use the area with young children and elderly. Dogs would not be contained if they saw something to chase. Also this would attract more overnight campers.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/taroona-has-always-been-a-no-dogs-on-beach-suburb	0	23/05/2018 11:50
i58-c1	comment	Tim Sloan	Hi Nikki Agree in most parts but I think a dog beach in Melinga place adjoining a school, a children's playground and a sports ground which are all prohibited places is asking for trouble! In fact the beach adjoins a children's playground so I am fairly sure that dogs would be prohibited on part of the beach as it within 10m The school also uses this beach almost every day in summer for recreation, their marine studies program and diving so I don't think they would be very happy.			25/05/2018 9:26
i59	idea	Mark	Hi As this forum is for submitting ideas and hopefully reach a community conclusion I shall submit mine -The dog exercise area and walking tracks should stay as is, as there is the soccer oval for non dog ball sports etc. -The beaches are iconic to Taroona, for being clean (I wouldn't want to lie down on the Kingston dog beach!), having a healthier ecosystem and being friendly to all age groups -However, dogs do love the beach so why not make the Melinga place beach a dog beach, as it has a nice grassy area alongside. Look forward to hearing some other ideas from all of you Cheers Mark	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hi-28	3	24/05/2018 13:36
i59-c1	comment	Tim Sloan	Hi Mark Agree in most parts but I think a dog beach in Melinga place adjoining a school, a children's playground and a sports ground which are all prohibited places is asking for trouble! In fact the beach adjoins a children's playground so I am fairly sure that dogs would be prohibited on part of the beach as it within 10m The school also uses this beach almost every day in summer for recreation, their marine studies program and diving so I don't think they would be very happy.			25/05/2018 9:25
i59-c1-reply	comment	Mark	True i'm struggling to think of ideas where all groups will be happy. My main concern is for the protection of Hinsby beach, however don't believe Taroona beach is allowed dogs people will adhere to the no dogs rule on Hinsby but maybe I'm just being too cynical			25/05/2018 12:05

i60	idea	Geoffrey Newton	<p>We have the same problem at Little Coningham and main Coningham beaches and along the coastal reserve with loose dogs harassing wildlife on a regular basis despite their owners chasing and screaming after them. Each dog it seems is special and so therefore exempt of existing restrictions. All in spite of the fact that Clarks Beach is a designated dog beach within walking distance.</p> <p>For very many years there has been no evidence of Council or Parks maintaining the dog restriction signage (most of which has been eliminated over time) or indeed patrolling or policing the beaches and coastal reserve.</p> <p>At the end of the day the policy is only as good as the policing. The rest is down to people respecting the dog restrictions and respecting the community they live in.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-have-the-same-problem-at-little-coningham-and-main-coningham-beaches-and-along-the-coastal-reserv	3	26/05/2018 14:20
i61	idea	Robyn Hopcroft	<p>Taroona Apex Park off lead should extend past the scout hall; down to the bottom of the steps opposite the BBQ then on lead. The beach path should be off lead early morning and evening.</p> <p>The Taroona Beach from the boat ramp should be off lead for the same time and months as Nutgrove Beach, Sandy Bay. In support of this a head count should be done of the dog off lead area of Kingston Beach. Often about 75% of people using the beach are in dog free area which is about 1/4 of the total area.</p> <p>At Flowerpot reserve some of the beach should be off lead at specified times and months. Similarly Howden.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/taroona-apex-park-off-lead-should-extend-past-the-scout-hall-down-to-the-bottom-of-the-steps-opposi	3	26/05/2018 23:26
i61-c1	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>Did you mean to say that 75% of the people using Kingston Beach are in the dogs allowed area which is about 1/4 of the total area, because that would be more accurate- especially 9 months of the year.</p>			11/06/2018 3:17
i62	idea	Greg Moore	<p>Our family moved from Launceston to Kingston in 2015 and have been greatly impressed by the off-leash dog area of Kingston Beach ever since. It is terrific, not only for our dog (exercising, socialising etc) but has also been marvellous for us as well, as we have been able to integrate with the community. By reducing the number of areas for dogs to be permitted within the Kingborough Municipality (especially the off-leash areas) is a ridiculous conception and one that the majority of the community will not support. If the number of areas are reduced or type of use changed, we will definitely vote only for Council candidates that support the present position. Note to Councillors - amend the dog management policy at your own peril.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/our-family-moved-from-launceston-to-kingston-in-2015-and-have-been-greatly-impressed-by-the-off-leas	21	27/05/2018 10:05

i63	idea	Imogen	Our main suburban challenge with dogs in Kingston is those who are locked in small yards, given no regular exercise, given no opportunity to socialise. These dogs are lonely, bored, and depressed. They bark at night, whine across the day, and growl when we pass their fence. I feel that further restricting dog controls is going to increase the number of dogs in this situation. I would like to know what measures Council proposes to ensure the new policy does not increase public costs of unhappy dogs. I would also like to know who Council will hold responsible any increase in these public costs. Finally: the human community created by the dog beach is amazing, and not just about dogs. Just consider how quickly the beach debris from the recent flooding has been cleared. This community is a tangible Kingston asset that gives tremendous support to individuals who are retired, lonely, or do not work 9-5. People choose to live in Kingston for this. I feel the Council is compromising their human assets if they fail to recognise the incredible assets of health (physical and mental) and networks created by people who exercise regularly BECAUSE they have a dog and access to dog beaches and off-lead exercise access. Finally, a very easy and cheap thing the Council could do to help keep dogs off the 'no dog' part of Kingston Beach is to paint the beach facing concrete wall (on the 'no dog' side of the ramp) RED with a white "NO DOGS PAST THE RAMP". This beach-facing colour indicator would help minimise the number of visitors who walk down the beach with their dogs without realising they have crossed a boundary.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/our-main-suburban-challenge-with-dogs-in-kingston-is-those-who-are-locked-in-small-yards-given-no-r	17	27/05/2018 23:32
i63-c1	comment	Norah Frewen	Hear hear Imogen. The painting of the wall is a fantastic idea, so many times people just wander in that direction and there are no beach facing signs to tell them that they have wandered out of bounds - the signage assumption is that they have just hopped out of cars on the other side.			11/06/2018 3:20
i64	idea	James Gard	I would like to see some work done on improving the off lead areas, particularly if the council has no desire to increase them. Can Tarooma Park be top-dressed occasionally to remove the nasty cracks that seem now to be permanent even after the recent rain and potentially are a danger to running dogs? Also tidy up or extend and cover over the drain at the bottom of the park and PLEASE provide some bench seats and maybe shelter for the elderly and others to sit on while their dogs are enjoying their off-lead time. Also if some basic lighting could be provided (say till 8 pm) which would enable the park to be used in the evenings during winter for those that exercise their dogs after work that would be great. I feel that if the park was a more attractive place it would be better utilised and there would be less likelihood of people breaking the rules. The same applies to the other off-lead areas eg Cartwright Pt reserve and probably the others further south. Please make them a little more appealing.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-would-like-to-see-some-work-done-on-improving-the-off-lead-areas-particularly-if-the-council-has	12	28/05/2018 0:47
i65	idea	Grace Shaw	As a frequent user of the alum cliff track I am extremely opposed to changing any of it to on-lead. Having my dog off lead on this track is invaluable and is the only reason I head to Kingston beach. She is always under control and is polite to other track users. I am also concerned about not being able to go to the park with children and my dog. Why should she miss out on walks with the family when she is well behaved and doesn't bother anyone. Not allowing her would also mean double up on walks for no good reason! Very frustrating!	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-frequent-user-of-the-alum-cliff-track-i-am-extremely-opposed-to-changing-any-of-it-to-on-lead	19	28/05/2018 3:21

i66	idea	Caroline Stanger	We moved to Kingston Beach because we were told it was very family friendly. This policy seems extremely family UN-friendly to me. As Tasmania welcomes more mainlanders and foreign immigrants they must let go of the idea that dogs are rural working animals that are relegated to the shed to sleep. This is 2018, dogs are now an equal member of most families. Pandering to the dog haters is not a solution, maybe the council should spend more time figuring out who is doing the dog baiting and killing family dogs.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-moved-to-kingston-beach-because-we-were-told-it-was-very-family-friendly	18	28/05/2018 23:34
i67	idea	Graham	I find that the vast majority of dog owners are sensible and keep their dogs under control. They are aware that a minority of people do not like dogs and do their best to accommodate these people, who are generally very vocal and focused on their own opinions. In a similar vein, I am also a parent, and like the vast majority of parents, I keep my child aware of her responsibilities to others in private and in public. There are parents who do not do this. By the skewed logic of the vocal minority of people who dislike dogs, we should ban children from most public areas. That's ridiculous, ill-thought out and unjust, just like many of the arguments which begin: "I was once growled at by a dog..." or similar. This is all about us being tolerant, mindful of difference and willing to accept that others think differently from us. I understand that some people do not like dogs. There are many places you can go which are dog free. I as a dog owner have a very limited choice. I am tolerant of others who use the same area as my family. All I ask is that my dog has the freedom to be off lead in areas that are pleasant to walk, and that my family and I can walk him away from sewerage plants, overgrown areas and other places like this without feeling like second-class rate payers.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-find-that-the-vast-majority-of-dog-owners-are-sensible-and-keep-their-dogs-under-control	11	30/05/2018 9:59
i68	idea	Janine	We think this is an excellent policy. Dogs are great but they have their place and the public should be able to enjoy spaces that are dog free. Thank you to the council for continuing to provide plenty of places to walk, exercise and play with your dogs as well as looking after people that prefer to not to be surrounded by them.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-think-this-is-an-excellent-policy	6	30/05/2018 10:45
i69	idea	Steve	We support this policy. perhaps the council could advertise a list of approved dog areas and then maybe people would realise they have a multitude of options available to them? It's not about dog lovers or dog haters but about providing suitable spaces for both and we believe that has been done very well by the Kingborough council, Thank you	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-support-this-policy	4	30/05/2018 10:56
i69-c1	comment	Jade McKay	There is not a multitude of options for off lead dog exercise in the Kingborough area, and soon if the draft policy is approved there will be many other places where you can't take your dog even on the lead. eg, shopping centers, walking tracks			6/06/2018 23:44
i70	idea	Jill	My question is why are dogs restricted to just three months on the Tinderbox Track? What was the rationale for this? Jill	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/my-question-is-why-are-dogs-restricted-to-just-three-months-on-the-tinderbox-track	7	31/05/2018 6:52

i70-c1	comment	S	I'd suggest this would be to protect the nesting and foraging habitats of at least two of Tasmania's endangered bird species. Research shows that dogs, even when on leads, cause undesirable behaviour changes in birdlife, and reduce successful breeding outcomes. As a dog owner myself, I believe this seasonal ban - during a particularly critical period for birds - is a very sound policy that should be supported.			4/06/2018 3:17
i71	idea	Honey Sheba	<p>I am appalled at the complete lack of transparency in the way the areas, size and number of areas have been determined. The council is completely out of touch with the individuals who contribute to their continued employment. I travel considerable distances to find an off lead area. Then unless I get there early, the beach is packed. This is at the same time where only a few individuals are walking on the rest of Kingston and the whole of Blackmans Bay beach. Responsible dog owners walk their dogs all weathers. It is good for the health of those individuals, their families and their sense of wellbeing. Research is clear at the benefits for individuals. At the same time the social aspect for the individuals and their animals is also considerable. In my experience the restrictions here and in other councils since the state government gave dog control to councils is extremely prohibitive. I have been to many other places including rural and cities both here and overseas and believe it or not it has worked extremely well. Often opening beaches for the first part of the day and the evening provides a good compromise. I regularly look down at Blackmans bay beach in the morning and there is rarely a person to be seen. Quite frankly, the myriad of natural wildlife that apparently is on the beach is also not evident!!!</p> <p>This council is redundant as it can't simply work out the number of registered dogs, how many people it effects and what percentage of rate payers are being effected. Maybe it's an indication of why we are so disillusioned by local government pe se. Have they also thought of those people who travel, like I do from town to Kingston beach (which included a coffee and breakfast afterwards) and the business they are bringing into the local area. Perhaps businesses at Kingston beach could compare their custom with that of Blackmans bay and do a quick calculation about benefits as well.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-appalled-at-the-complete-lack-of-transparency-in-the-way-the-areas-size-and-number-of-areas-ha	20	3/06/2018 5:05
i71-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	I completely agree. So many of us are having to get in our cars and drive to over-crowded off-lead areas, whilst driving past empty beaches which we could walk to...so frustrating. The south end of Blackmans Bay beach would make the perfect off-lead area. And I'm sure that the increased use of the beach would be good for the local businesses.			4/06/2018 0:00
i71-c2	comment	David	I agree. It's so annoying to have to drive past an empty Blackmans Bay beach to take my dog to Kingston dog beach. Hardly anyone uses Blackmans Bay beach at all for the vast majority of the year. The section of Blackmans Bay beach that the council had previously proposed to be a dog beach would be perfect (poor water quality, away from the playground, BBQs, restaurants etc). And you're right about the businesses in Blackmans Bay benefiting from the extra footfall. Let's share some of the Kingston Beach effect around!			18/06/2018 3:44
i71-c3	comment	T	<p>As a daily walker on Blackmans Bay beach (all year round) I can assure you that there are many users of the beach and surrounding paths. A sixty second drive-by is not going to give you an accurate idea of usage.</p> <p>It would be very disappointing to see the southern end of the beach opened up for dog use when there are other off-lead areas nearby and when the Kingston Beach area is so close.</p>			19/06/2018 3:39
i71-c4	comment	James	I agree that Blackmans Bay beach is virtually empty for most of the year. I support the council's previous policy that proposed a dog exercise area at the south end of the beach. People who didn't want to go to a dog beach would still have the majority of the beach dog-free, whilst dog owners living locally could enjoy the beach without having to drive to the beach in the neighbouring suburb! This would mean less cars on the road and more exercise for everybody.			19/06/2018 5:45
i71-c5	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	I also supported last year's draft plan to open the southern end of Blackmans Bay beach to dogs. I have walked past the beach almost daily for over twenty years and seen relatively few people. To be able to walk the dogs on lead on the beach for even part of each day would be fair.			21/06/2018 12:29

i72	idea	Amanda Lay	I love dogs, and am a dog owner. Unfortunately there are some irresponsible dog owners around Kingston Beach. I believe that I should be able to walk my dog around the streets without being scared of dogs roaming with no owner in sight. A bull terrier dog is allowed daily to wander into the children's playground and do its business around the same times every day - I haven't ever seen the owner in the playground when the dog is present and the dog leaves its poohs there daily. I won't take the kids there as I worry what could happen with this dog as it is a strong looking dog. It may well be very friendly.....but I don't know. Perhaps the Council needs to have a more visible presence around Kingborough patrolling playgrounds and streets in an effort to find the irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs roam, reprimand/ fine owners who don't pick up their dog's droppings, especially in parks and on the footpaths. I guess this is probably what a lot of people mainly find to complain about, and unfortunately it falls back on all dog owners being penalised in one way or another.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-love-dogs-and-am-a-dog-owner	2	5/06/2018 8:59
i72-c1	comment	Marnie	If the dog turns up at the same place everyday why don't you just call the council? It seems a bit ridiculous for you to blame and penalise responsible dog owners in Kingston because of one persons and for a matter that you could quite quickly resolve.			19/06/2018 12:39
i72-c1-reply	comment	Judith	I was just about to say the same thing!			23/06/2018 0:12
i73	idea	Bridget Green	Dear Kingborough council, I have two major concerns about the proposed curtailing of the access for dogs in the Taroona apex park. The proposal reduces the current used area to less than half its size, thus restricting dogs and their owners to the section of the park that is the steeply sloped uneven area surrounding the drain. The only path in the proposed new area is muddy and slippery. The flat paved accessible areas are all excised from the proposed off-lead area. 1. It appears to contravene Kingborough Access Policy, Policy 4.1: particularly in relation to safe access to recreation facilities. In particular it is a development that contradicts the councils own policy statement 1.2 which states "Council will work to ensure that people with a disability and/or with chronic pain conditions feel a sense of belonging and safety, are included and are able to access the services and facilities they need to fully participate in community life and to ensure that their physical and mental health needs are being met." This also applies to elderly people. 2. The proposed restricted area is a water catchment running straight into Taroona beach. It no longer containing the flat buffers at the top. This increases the risk of contaminants and pollutants entering the beach area by concentrating the increasing numbers of dogs into a smaller area, that is all sloped into the catchment. The council has not provided a clear reason to make this particular change to this park.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dear-kingborough-council	11	5/06/2018 9:48
i74	idea	Glen Bayer	Please clarify how the policy will be implemented where there are playgrounds within 10m of paths, roads etc where people may wish to walk their dog (eg The Esplanade in Blackmans Bay, Balmoral Rd in Kingston Beach). The proposed off lead exercise area on Kingston Beach does not include the existing access ramp. How do those with impaired mobility and dogs access the beach?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/please-clarify-how-the-policy-will-be-implemented-where-there-are-playgrounds-within-10m-of-paths-r	6	5/06/2018 12:10

i75	idea	Andrew Hennessy	As Kingborough residents we are very fortunate to enjoy a variety of community spaces for outdoor recreation. The fact that there is such a high proportion of dog ownership in the region highlights that dogs are an important part of our community. Unfortunately the Draft Policy seems to be very restrictive and bans dogs from many areas. I believe a fairer approach would be to allow dogs on Kingborough's walking tracks, beaches, parks and community spaces provided that they are on-lead and do not interfere with birds, wildlife or the enjoyment of others. Additionally, introduce and enforce big fines for the handful of people who don't clean up after their dog. This would address the majority of issues raised on this site and be a much more sensible compromise compared to banning them altogether. I believe it is important that Kingborough is an inclusive community and we shouldn't let the actions of a few irresponsible people spoil it for the rest of us.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-kingborough-residents-we-are-very-fortunate-to-enjoy-a-variety-of-community-spaces-for-outdoor-re	13	5/06/2018 12:23
i75-c1	comment	Tamika	I agree with you Andrew. But I would also like to see big fines for dogs off leash when they should not be. In fact I'd be impressed if they were fined at all which doesn't seem to happen at the moment. I read this webpage below and thought 'what is the point of having these rules if they are not implemented' http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/legislation/dog_control/general_dog_control_issu es This management plan seems to be polarising people between having dog friendly areas which really means 'off leash' and those that don't want more access for dogs -mostly those without dogs. But I think there is a quiet and mostly silent group absent from this forum that just want to walk their dogs quietly 'on leash' and are really angry that they can never go out without being harassed by 'off leash' dogs. I have spoken to many dog owners who feel this way like myself but they are not the vocal ones that write. Normally I don't either. But I really would like the freedom to walk my dog in 'supposed 'on leash' areas on a beach or a footpath or track without being stressed out by dogs rushing and jumping on me and my small pup.			23/06/2018 11:17
i76	idea	Dain Cairns	There are currently not enough off-lead areas available to dog owners. If you want to limit access to some beaches at certain times, then consider opening up other areas in it's place. Pets are an important part of the family unit as mentioned by others on the forum already. The tinderbox track in particular is popular for dog owners.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/there-are-currently-not-enough-off-lead-areas-available-to-dog-owners	15	5/06/2018 22:59
i77	idea	Linda Dordhain	Great to see some pro active measures to make dog owners responsible. However, if all beaches not mentioned in the report are to be restricted areas, then appropriate signage and facilities (poo bags etc) will have to be CLEARLY visible AND adhered to, so vigilance from the council will be required to enforce such restrictions. Coningham beach has become a haven for dogs and their owners particularly over the last few years as more households seemingly have dogs to protect their property - some households having more than 1 or 2 of them. Since the beach does not give a lot of distance between the water and the foreshore, it is very difficult to avoid dogs on the beach when one is walking and I and others, have had to cut our walks short on many occasions because of dogs running around without owners being responsible. Restrictive times are often popular times for walkers too, so I would hope that with a dog beach further down the road, that Coningham beach could continue to be a prohibited area for dogs with regular council fines/patrol being put into place to deter those who believe the rules do not apply to them and to maintain a family friendly beach.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/great-to-see-some-pro-active-measures-to-make-dog-owners-responsible	4	5/06/2018 23:38
i77-c1	comment	Don Keating	The unfortunate experience of many Coningham beach goers to both the main beach and Little Coningham Beach even though there is a dedicated dog beach only a short walk away.			23/06/2018 8:34

i78	idea	Ian Bourchier	Hi, The Alum Cliff track is off lead fora section after the narrow track climbing up from Tyndall Beach car park. I would like to see this area remain off lead. Many area for dog off lead are just beaches and park open grass areas. This track allows the owners to do a short coastal walk whilst taking their dog. The track condition width does not provide space to easily walk your dog beside yourself. The terrain means the dogs do not or rarely wander off the track. The Alum Cliff track by its nature and topography does not attract small children and those that walk it are usually fitter people and not the elderly. Please keep this area as is as dog off lead. Regards Ian 0417237777	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hi-the-alum-cliff-track-is-off-lead-fora-section-after-the-narrow-track-climbing-up-from-tyndall-be	15	5/06/2018 23:54
i79	idea	Jade McKay	From the comments it seems Taroona beach has the most issues., just look at a compromise not toatl exclusion. As a long time resident in the Kingborough area I am a strong supporter of making the area more dog friendly. I value dog friendly activities/areas and use these on a regular basis. I would like to continue to use them with my dog and be able to have some off the lead time. You can't lock nearly every beach up to keep those small group who do not like dogs happy. Having a dog encourages exercise, family outings, socialisation and many other benefits to the community. Don't bow to the haters just to keep them happy. I would like to see more dog friendly areas established and more off lead areas and dog friendly parks so that I can take my children and my dog at the same time. It is all of our area to use and enjoy those with dogs and those without.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/from-the-comments-it-seems-taroona-beach-has-the-most-issues	18	6/06/2018 3:34
i79-c1	comment	Adam Burling	You are a supporter of opening up areas to dogs because you have one. pure self interest at the expense of the rest of the community			6/06/2018 6:11
i79-c2	comment	Jade McKay	I am a supporter of EVERYONE being able to use PUBLIC spaces responsibly so everyone can enjoy them, not at the expense of the rest of the community who do not have kids or dogs (a small minority)I just want my family to be able to grow up using the same places I did as a child not be locked out of public areas because some people don't like dogs. Just want my opinion out there as there seems to be a lot of negativity around people being able to exercise their dogs in public spaces, which should be allowed. We are already so over governed!			6/06/2018 22:56
i79-c3	comment	Arnold	You can't lock nearly every beach? No beaches are locked up everyone can use them. If you do allow dogs though certain people will be excluded particularly those with children who do not want to risk their childrens health and safety. Seems fairer to keep beaches dog free so every person can enjoy equally. Don't bow to the haters? Are we haters because we want clean and safe beaches for ours kids? Lets keep the arguments rational and not demonise those who have a different opinion to yours. Everyone has rights to use public areas but we need rules to ensure activities in these areas do not impact the rights of others to also enjoy these areas. Restricting the activities in these areas to those that do not impact others makes complete sense to me e.g. no horses, no vehicles, no dogs .			9/06/2018 3:49
i80	idea	Adam Burling	Dogs should be banned from all beaches for the safety of children and to protect the native wildlife. According to council records only 30% of rate payers own dogs, sensitive environments should not be threatened by a handful of self interested people. People have their own private property and many other public areas to exercise their dogs. There should be greater monitoring of rogue dog owners as well who leave their animals poo everywhere and who dont contain their dog.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dogs-should-be-banned-from-all-beaches-for-the-safety-of-children-and-to-protect-the-native-wildlife	6	6/06/2018 6:05

i80-c1	comment	Jade McKay	There are many underutilized beaches in Kingborough which people should be able to walk there dogs on a lead on,How do dogs are on leads pose a risk to wildlife and others safety. Private back yards in suburbia are often very small, all the other public areas you mention to exercise dogs are now being diminished. Everyone should be able to use beaches responsibly as they are all of ours to use.			7/06/2018 1:14
i80-c1-reply	comment	Adam Burling	Dogs, even on leads cause shorebirds to expend energy taking flight and cannot return to favourable feeding areas due to the constant disruption. Repeated disturbance can cause temporary or permanent abandonment of suitable habitat. These are birds that spend their life not at sea but on the beaches. Dogs have also been implicated in disease transmission to native wildlife; with faecal contamination of waterways having potential negative affects for marine mammal health. Everyone should be able to use beaches responsibly but that doesnt mean bringing an animal along that disrupts not only other people using the beach but also the wildlife. Beaches are unique coastal environments that should be given the protection they deserve. Again dog owners are a minority in the municipality and shouldnt be pushing their personal self interest on others.			7/06/2018 1:22
i80-c1-reply	comment	James Gard	I'm pretty sure that humans have a much more detrimental effect on shore birds and marine mammals than dogs. All that dog owners, (and they are not a "handful of self-interested people"), would like is access to two very small beach areas that were in the original plan and suddenly were withdrawn. Just because they represent a minority which you quote at 30% does that mean they are not entitled to voice an opinion or have any rights Adam? The Greens have a support base much lower than even 20% yet it doesn't stop them "pushing their self interest on others".			7/06/2018 4:01
i80-c1-reply	comment	Arnold	Absolutely James humans do have a detrimental effect on shorebirds and marine mammals and one way humans can reduce that impact is by not taking their animals to sensitive enviromental areas. Let us look at the research https://www.themercury.com.au/news/opinion/talking-point-the-facts-dog-beach-debate/news-story/da67f0121bf28ac6f5565c25a93bfe4b We all have rights to access public areas but we need rules to ensure activities in these areas do not negatively impact the area or the ability of others to enjoy the area. We do not allow horses or vehicles on beaches for similar reasons why should dogs be different ?			9/06/2018 5:26

i80-c1-reply	comment	Arnold	<p>Sorry some of the research quotes did not publish. Here they are again (Let us hope the recent find at Low Head does not add another sorry statistic to this awful tally.</p> <p>It has been clearly shown that dogs are a major source of death, injury and disturbance to shorebirds.</p> <p>A 2002 study by Dr Sally Bryant for the Nature Conservation Branch of the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment concluded that the presence of a dog on a beach, either with or without humans, would be regarded as presenting either a high or very high impact on shorebirds.</p> <p>Over the years there have been several massive kills of little penguins in Tasmania.</p> <p>Examples include 80 at Eaglehawk Neck and at East Wynyard, 75 at Ulverstone, 58 at Bicheno and 36 at Ulverstone " and these are just the worst cases recorded. There are several recorded cases of dogs killing the chicks of waders.</p>			9/06/2018 5:29
i81	idea	Richard potts	<p>In my experience if I go to Kingston beach outside of summer there are far more dog owners on the small area where they are permitted on the beach than non owners on the rest of the beach usually by a factor of 10. Dog recreation areas provide a major social and recreational opportunity for many particularly elderly people and cost almost nothing. Nearly all non dog owners I meet enjoy the opportunity to watch or engage with dogs. dog exercise areas should to be increased.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/in-my-experience-if-i-go-to-kingston-beach-outside-of-summer-there-are-far-more-dog-owners-on-the-sm	17	7/06/2018 2:33
i82	idea	Freetasman Plottier	<p>My only concern is that there is no use to bring new laws when the council fails to enforce the current ones. There are many walking areas within the council where people to have the dogs under control. If the council does not have the resources, please do not introduce them because people will not respect them.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/my-only-concern-is-that-there-is-no-use-to-bring-new-laws-when-the-council-fails-to-enforce-the-curr	2	7/06/2018 4:23
i83	idea	Harvard	<p>This is an absolutely pathetic, conservative and technocratic proposal. I can hardly believe that a quaint southern Tasmanian council has such an egotistical plan to sterilize its social and build fabric to the point of restricting where families can spend time together outdoors!</p> <p>Absolutely draconian.</p> <p>Stop taking public spaces away from the people (and their pets)!!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/this-is-an-absolutely-pathetic-conservative-and-technocratic-proposal	12	7/06/2018 10:24
i83-c1	comment	Jade McKay	I agree, well said			11/06/2018 23:28

i84	idea	Anita Harrison	<p>Many dog owners would welcome restricted access to the total length of Kingston Beach, particularly in the Winter months (before 9am and after 5pm for example). This happens at other beaches, and some are much more populated beaches than ours (example: St Kilda, Victoria).</p> <p>Throughout the Winter months, and virtually any day of the year that is less than 25 degrees there is almost nobody but dog owners around. Imagine how much more rubbish would be collected along this stretch of beach if this were possible?</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/many-dog-owners-would-welcome-restricted-access-to-the-total-length-of-kingston-beach-particularly	11	8/06/2018 1:07
i84-c1	comment	Gemma Boyle	I was walking alongside Kingston Beach to the dog end on Saturday morning at 9.30 - not a single person on the beach yet the dog end was crowded!			15/06/2018 12:17
i85	idea	Narelle	<p>I have walked my dogs on the Tinderbox Hill for more than a decade. My daughter now walks her dog there. We have never caused any harm and always picked up after our dogs. Rather than ban the dogs from this track, why not put in a rubbish bin near the poo bags. As you can understand, it can be most unpleasant to travel home with these bags. I have 3 children that have grown up with animals, including dogs, and I was bitten by a dog on the face as a child. To pander to the minority by removing dogs from community access will only increase the fear and increase the desocialisation of dogs, thereby making them a danger to society. Does a guide dog need to leave an area because a person there is afraid of dogs. Dogs are part of the family and it has been shown that therapy dogs actually assist humans in overcoming their issues. Maybe there would be a lot less human issues if more people owned and socialised with dogs.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-walked-my-dogs-on-the-tinderbox-hill-for-more-than-a-decade	16	10/06/2018 2:36
i85-c1	comment	Norah Frewen	I too have wondered what people with an abject dog phobia do when they see guide dogs and other assistance dogs in public places. They are, after all, just dogs. When they are enjoying their down time frolicking on the beach as they regularly do, one would never know that they have the important job that they do the rest of the time.			11/06/2018 3:35
i85-c1-reply	comment	Narelle	Thank you Norah			12/06/2018 6:54
i85-c1-reply	comment	Narelle	Thank you Norah			12/06/2018 6:54
i85-c2	comment	Sally	Our dog loves the Tinderbox Hill track too and we will be very sad to see the new ruling implemented around using this track. We always pick up after our dog too. I would say the majority of other people using the track are doing so with their dog too!			24/06/2018 6:03

i86	idea	Ian Holloway	<p>The compromise is that Kingborough Council adopt similar approach to access to beaches as that adopted by Clarence City Council. Clarence allow access to beaches during restricted hours in the summer and full access during the winter months. See the following extract from Clarence's website:</p> <p>Restricted areas</p> <p>Dogs are not permitted on the following beaches, between 10.00am and 6.00pm, from 1 December to 1 March each year and at all other times dogs must be under effective control.</p> <p>Bellerive Beach, from Beach Street access east to Second Bluff Cremorne Beach Howrah Beach Opossum Bay Beach Roches Beach (from Bambra Street South to Mays Point Road) Seven Mile Beach (Council managed area - west of Day Use Area 2) South Arm Beach Middle Clifton Beach</p> <p>Dogs are not permitted on the following beaches, between 10.00am and 6.00pm, from 1 December to 1 March each year and at all other times dogs must be kept on-lead</p> <p>Seven Mile Beach - Day Use Area 3 to Day Use Area 4 (area managed by Parks and Wildlife Service) South Clifton Beach (area managed by Parks and Wildlife Service)</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-compromise-is-that-kingborough-council-adopt-similar-approach-to-access-to-beaches-as-that-adopt	10	10/06/2018 8:53
i86-c1	comment	Norah Frewen	<p>I would love the opportunity to walk to the off lead area with my dogs on lead on the non-dog part of Kingston beach during restricted hours and in the winter months when it is virtually empty. As it is we walk on the path beside the beach and the path gets very crowded with walkers joggers prams children learning to ride bikes - I do my best to keep out of everybody's way but it would be so much more relaxing and pleasant to be able to just get out of the way and onto the empty beach.</p>			11/06/2018 3:40
i87	idea	Megan Ambrus	<p>Dogs are already restricted enough in Kingborough, which sadly, is not a very dog friendly municipality at the best times and this new draft policy will only make it worse. Dogs play an important role in peoples lives, getting them out and about walking and socialising with others which results in healthier, happier community. The more dog friendly a place is the more people tend to get out and about with their pets. To place even further restrictions on where dogs can go will only reduce people with dogs getting out and about. I understand that there are places dogs shouldn't be allowed but these further restrictions are ridiculous.</p> <p>There are already plenty of dog free areas where people with or without kids can go if they don't want to be around dogs on beaches and other places. We don't need anymore restrictions.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dogs-are-already-restricted-enough-in-kingborough-which-sadly-is-not-a-very-dog-friendly-municipal	16	10/06/2018 13:23
i87-c1	comment	Jade McKay	<p>Agree, well said</p>			11/06/2018 23:24

i88	idea	Emma Pethybridge	<p>I am not a resident of the Kingborough region but I regularly visit family in Tasmania (including with my dog) from my home base in Queensland. I am also a veterinary science student. I do not support further restrictions on where dogs can be taken in public places. The human-animal bond is extremely important to many people in the community, including fostering mental health and physical exercise. Dogs need space to exercise and to have the opportunity to be the valuable members of the community that they can be. Further, I can share my own experience in selecting places to live - my family and I have deliberately chosen to avoid investing in, or moving to, areas that are not welcoming to dog owners. This same principle extends to selecting places to go on holiday - if there are no opportunities to include our dog in daily activities (particularly walks in natural spaces), then we would choose not to go to that place and go somewhere more welcoming. Cities in the world (e.g. Vancouver) that have embraced dog ownership and deliberately provide opportunities to include dogs in the community have seen plenty of economic benefits from that move. I think it would be disappointing and narrow-sighted if areas of Hobart (and Tasmania, more broadly) went in the other direction.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-not-a-resident-of-the-kingborough-region-but-i-regularly-visit-family-in-tasmania-including-wi	15	10/06/2018 23:07
i88-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>I too like Vancouver too from the city website and by laws:</p> <p>Please don't bring your dog to public beaches</p> <p>No running at large</p> <p>4.1 A person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer, or allow the dog to run at large.</p> <p>Leashing dogs</p> <p>4.2 A person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer, or allow the dog to be on a street or other public place unless the dog is under the immediate charge and control of a competent person by means of a leash that is not more than 2.5 m long or another by-law allows the dog to be off-leash under certain circumstances.</p> <p>4.4 Despite sections 4.2 and 4.3, a person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer, or allow the dog to be on a bathing beach or in the water adjacent to a bathing beach</p> <p>All sensible policies.</p> <p>I would imagine thy would be well policed as well with fines up to \$2,000 for breaches.</p> <p>I respect your views and your right to have a dog but it becomes a problem when when what you want to do impinges on the rights of others to do what they want to do. What is abundantly clear from these discussions is some peoples enjoyment of public spaces is impacted by the presence of dogs. Drawing comparisons is never perfect but think of it like smoking , people have a right to smoke but not in areas where it impacts other people. Dog owners need to realise their hobby impacts others.</p>			12/06/2018 13:18
i89	idea	Patrick PHILLIPS	<p>The Alum Cliffs Track is one of the few places left for walking dogs off lead. As a regular user I can report that I have witnessed no (i.e. NIL) issues with dogs on the track, all users I have met seem to be responsible dog owners. In fact I see very few people on the track - usually 2 or 3 each walk and 50% are dog walkers. I am not sure of the rationale for restricting access on this track. It makes as much sense as the recent proposal to turn it into a mountain bike racing track.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-alum-cliffs-track-is-one-of-the-few-places-left-for-walking-dogs-off-lead	15	11/06/2018 0:13

i89-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>Hello Patrick</p> <p>I am also a regular user of the Alum Cliffs track (every other day) and most times I have no problem with sharing the track with resonsible dog owners. Problem is that I have also been attacked by dogs several times using the track , at one stage I came to the point where I stopped using the track for fear of attack for about a year. Worse still during one attack I had the owner yelling at me saying that it was a dog track and I should not be using it. So I can definitely say that there have been attacks on the track. It doesnt seem very fair that people should feel excluded from public places through fear of attack. The research shows my experience is not limited with over 100,000 dog attacks each year in Aus. (mainly children). I am sure we have passed each other at some time Patrick and said hello and I am sure you are responsible and your dog is well behaved so this is not personal, it is just the other side to the story.</p>			11/06/2018 4:10
i90	idea	Sue Bottrill	<p>unfortunately I could not get to the recent rally to voice concerns at this draft policy.</p> <p>In this day and age we need to encourage people to get out and moving, to exercise their animals and be 'present ' with the animal, which likely spends some time home alone during the day.</p> <p>I am unsure why the council feels the need to limit access and while there are areas of the Alum Cliffs walk that are totally unsafe for an animal off lead, your current policy will limit dog exercise and mental stimulation. It will ultimately backfire as you have to deal with barking bored animals or escapees.</p> <p>While it does not fit under this topic, i am unsure where to comment on the following aspect so shall include it here. I am concerned also for the recent notion of banning balloons. Have you ever watched the joy of a single balloon in the hand of a small child? This is way over the top... if we paint a pet rock we will be using valuable resources and using paint and the manufacture of a paint brush with plastic handle and synthetic fibres... then there is the cleaning fluid which will also cause detriment to the environment.</p> <p>PLEASE could your policy making face some of the bigger issues a community needs managed and involve not taking the joy out of life!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/unfortunatelly-i-could-not-get-to-the-recent-rally-to-voice-concerns-at-this-draft-policy	13	11/06/2018 1:03

i91	idea	Jennifer	<p>The imposition of draconian rules governing dogs in public places doesn't address the apparent problem with dogs, which is this: out of the thousands of dog owners in the municipal area, there are only a handful of irresponsible dog owners. Amongst other things, irresponsible dog owners permit their dogs to behave anti-socially in public places, be a menace to native wildlife. Some don't pick up their dog's poo.</p> <p>Further restrictions on dogs in public places won't solve the underlying problem. Bad dog owners will still be bad dog owners. Anti-social dogs will still be anti-social and serial dog poo offenders will probably still fail to pick up their dog's poo. Even if there is some upside (in that there are fewer areas for these behaviours to occur), the the new rules will unfairly penalise responsible dog owners and the public enjoyment that good dogs offer to their owners, families and the community. These social benefits (that good dogs provide) can't be quantified, though they are extremely valuable. By way of example, we have a lovely dog who we often take to dog off and on-leash areas. I also get a bit of exercise throwing the ball for him. He often joins us at a cafe for a coffee afterwards. Lots of people come up to us and have a chat, give our dog a pat and ask questions about him. It's a great way to meet people and engage with others.</p> <p>Looking at this 'social problem' as a whole, it would be more effective if the Council actually policed the current policy properly and perhaps imposed heavier fines on those who breached the policy. That way, responsible dog owners and their dogs can enjoy the most public areas, and those who behaved irresponsibly would have cause to think twice about their - and their dog's - behaviour.</p> <p>For the above reasons, I strongly oppose the imposition of further restrictions on dog access to public areas in the Kingborough municipal region.</p> <p>Jennifer O'Farrell</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-imposition-of-draconian-rules-governing-dogs-in-public-places-doesn39t-address-the-apparent-p	17	11/06/2018 1:16
i91-c1	comment	Jade McKay	Totally agree, well said.			11/06/2018 23:11
i91-c2	comment	Jane Grace-Lesser	<p>This is a very good point. It gets to the heart of the matter. People who are not responsible dog owners will go on being so unless they experience some negative consequences for their choices.</p> <p>But we can all improve on our act.</p> <p>I live in Tinderbox and regularly walk my dog along the road. We have a narrow road shoulder to walk on here. There is no legal requirement to remove your dog's poo from that shoulder so I, and my dog, skirt other people's dog poos. (it would be a simple matter to flick the poo out of the area and into the bush, but obviously some don't bother). I have also noticed that people have actually left little plastic bags of dog poo under the bag dispenser at the beginning of the Tinderbox Hills track (there is no rubbish bin there). As dog owners we need to be fully aware of our responsibility to deal with our dog's excrement WHEREVER we go.</p> <p>Jane Grace-Lesser</p>			19/06/2018 7:22
i91-c3	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	Well said, all dog owners shouldn't be penalised for a few miscreants. Our Council has a role in education here too, better signage and a reminder of expectations with registration renewals.			21/06/2018 12:08

i92	idea	Janice Tindall	<p>It would be extremely disappointing if the proposed new restrictive dog laws came into being. We have lived in Kingston for many years, and are very pleased to see that caf�s welcome people and their dogs, enabling them to sit outside and dine or have coffee. It helps make Kingborough such a nice place in which to live.</p> <p>We do not own a dog, but enjoy seeing them about in our community.</p> <p>Quite frequently we walk along Alum Cliffs Track and meet families with their dogs off lead along the way. The dogs cause no problems that we can see. They seem to stay on the paths with their owners.</p> <p>Having travelled both in Australia and overseas, most places seem to be much more dog friendly than it is here, which is a real shame.</p> <p>The thing that is annoying, is dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs. There is no real excuse for this. Perhaps larger fines could be imposed on those people.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/it-would-be-extremely-disappointing-if-the-proposed-new-restrictive-dog-laws-came-into-being	17	11/06/2018 5:45
i93	idea	David	<p>Dear Policy Officer</p> <p>Thankyou for your updated policy.</p> <p>I am concerned that they silent majority of rate payers who don't own dogs, may not be adequately heard in terms of number of submissions, due to lack or organisation, busy working, and looking after their families.</p> <p>Clearly the dog owners of Kingston are very well organised and vocal, with significant media advertising and organising of public events/rallies.</p> <p>I have lived in kingborough for 14 years. I have four children (13, 11, 5 yo twins). During this time we have utilised the beaches, parks, waling tracks, and playgrounds weekly.</p> <p>I can say that all my children have been terrified of dogs, especially when off lead. Many times they have been happily playing on the beach, walking along a track, or in a playground, when along comes a dog. This usually results in my children running away from the dog(s), which results in the dog chasing after them, or running to me or my wife to pick them up. The result is that we have to leave the play area or we have to carry the children until the dog has left the area.</p> <p>The owner usually try to say that there dog is friendly, harmless, and loves children. This provides no reassurance to a young child. My 11yo panics and runs away from dogs still. One of the reasons that my children enjoy playing at the duck park playground near Browns river is that the fence keeps the dogs out, rather than keeping the children in.</p> <p>I fully support the draft changes. It will make the lives of my family much more pleasant when we go out and about in the Kingborough Region.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dear-policy-officer	6	11/06/2018 22:30

i94	idea	Jo Taylor	<p>I am extremely disappointed at the council's u-turn on their proposal to introduce dog exercise areas on limited sections of Tarooma Beach and Blackmans Bay Beach. What was said at the unminuted workshop for the draft policy to suddenly have these proposals removed and further restrictions added? The council minutes (from 9th April) proposed opening up sections of these beaches to dogs following "feedback obtained in public consultation" and stated that this was "considered to represent a compromise" between those who do and don't want to increase dogs' access to beaches. I feel it was a reasonable and practical proposal. With all the coastline within the Tarooma to Margate area, surely dog walkers should be able to access more than just one section of one beach? If part of one of the beaches in Tarooma and part of Blackmans Bay beach were designated off-lead areas, wouldn't that meet the needs of everybody? People who wish to visit the beach without dogs can go to the remaining (larger) parts of those beaches and dog walkers will be able to enjoy their local beaches (which are currently under-utilised apart from a short period of time in the summer). The majority of beaches will remain dog-free.</p> <p>The south end of Blackmans Bay beach in particular would surely make the perfect dog exercise area. As the council pointed out, water quality is poor there due to the stormwater outflow pipe, and that pipe would provide the ideal landmark to delineate the areas where dogs are allowed/prohibited. This section of beach is away from the playground, the BBQs, the public toilets, the restaurants, the skate park...it would be ideal.</p> <p>Everybody agrees that there should be more enforcement of penalties for irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up or don't have control of their dog etc, but this is a very small amount of people. Please don't punish the vast majority of dog owners who simply want to exercise their dogs whilst enjoying our beautiful coastline. Kingborough is growing, and dog ownership is increasing. The council should be making more areas accessible to dogs, not less!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-extremely-disappointed-at-the-council39s-u-turn-on-their-proposal-to-introduce-dog-exercise	16	12/06/2018 3:16
i95	idea	Lucy Dawson	<p>With a fast growing population, the Kingborough Council needs to implement a modern and relevant Dog Management Policy.</p> <p>Our dogs are part of our family and they require daily exercise. As with most dogs, they require an off-leash, fenced area in order to exercise and to be allowed to socialise with other dogs.</p> <p>The Kingborough Council needs to make the following area a fenced off-leash dog area: Kingston View Drive, Kingston (past tennis courts)</p> <p>Although this area is currently an off-leash exercise area, the benefit of adding fences around this area would hugely maximise this space. Dog owners would have a dedicated, central area to bring their dogs to run free whilst not being a risk to pedestrians or non-dog owners. Another significant benefit is that well exercised dogs are extremely less likely to bark when left at home alone.</p> <p>The mentioned area is also close to the Kingston High School and sporting areas, which means that owners could drop their children off to play sports and then exercise their dogs virtually next door. This solution would be at minimal cost to the Kingborough Council and it would solve the need for owners to always have to drive a significant distance to an off-leash dog area.</p> <p>The fenced off-leash dog areas at Bellerive and Lenah Valley are amazing and well utilised – they even have their own Facebook pages where dedicated dog owners communicate on a daily basis!</p> <p>Kingborough Council needs to make it their priority that the Kingborough area becomes more dog friendly and I believe that this initiative would hugely benefit the Kingborough area and it would certainly be a step in the right direction.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/with-a-fast-growing-population-the-kingborough-council-needs-to-implement-a-modern-and-relevant-dog	8	12/06/2018 4:31

i96	idea	Alan Carter	I think the policy is a good one and I hope the council sticks to it's guns.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-think-the-policy-is-a-good-one-and-i-hope-the-council-sticks-to-it39s-guns	5	12/06/2018 5:08
i97	idea	Kathleen McGinty	I've just read the Draft Dog Management Policy and it makes perfect sense. I support the draft policy as is without any changes. The policy caters for people and dogs sufficiently and acts to protect the health, safety and general well-being of people. Thank you Kingborough Council. I hope you are strong enough to implement this policy without caving in to a highly organised minority who appear to put dogs before people.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/ive-just-read-the-draft-dog-management-policy-and-it-makes-perfect-sense	6	12/06/2018 5:21
i98	idea	Michael	Very poor outcomes for dog owners in the Kingborough Council area. This draft policy is restrictive and will negatively impact dog owners. Taroona dog area should stay the same size, dogs who are on leads and under control should still be able to walk to shops whilst owner goes inside. Taroona beach should be made into a dog beach during the winter months - similar to what happens at Seven Mile Beach.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/very-poor-outcomes-for-dog-owners-in-the-kingborough-council-area-1	12	12/06/2018 22:07
i99	idea	Brian Grimes	I would like to support the Dog Management Policy as set out in the attached document and maps. In my view, the Policy provides more than adequate areas for off-leash dog exercise throughout the municipality. I consider dogs to be filthy and dangerous animals which require strong control by their owners. Unfortunately, many owners fail to exercise such control when their animals are off-leash and consequently areas where off-leash running is to be permitted should be limited and should not include areas where people congregate for leisure activities. Therefore off-leash running should not be allowed on any beaches, other than those where it is already permitted. I would also propose a further restriction. No dogs, whether on or off-leash, should be allowed on the Boronia Beach Track over its whole length from the sailing club to the Jindabyne Road roundabout. This may help ensure the welfare of the little penguin colony.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-would-like-to-support-the-dog-management-policy-as-set-out-in-the-attached-document-and-maps	3	13/06/2018 8:11
i100	idea	Patti farley	I would like to suggest that Snug Beach be available for off leash dog access on a time share basis. Clarks Beach is not suitable as a dog beach - there is no safe parking, access through the walkway is steep, there is no path, the grass is long and not mown regularly providing a haven for snakes and access to the beach proper is extremely difficult for those of us who are no longer as young and agile as we once were. The beach itself is very small so when there are a lot of dogs on the beach at the same time smaller more timid dogs become anxious and over wrought. The whole experience becomes very unpleasant. Kingston Beach is about a 20 minute drive away and Kettering also has problems with access. If Snug Beach was available between 6 pm and 9 am in the summer and 3 pm and 9 am in the winter it would provide a safe accessible and pleasant environment for residents of the area .. a large proportion of whom are elderly..... to walk with their dogs.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-would-like-to-suggest-that-snug-beach-be-available-for-off-leash-dog-access-on-a-time-share-basis	10	13/06/2018 12:22

i100-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree. Safe, easy access to dog beaches is an important consideration. I support the continued use of Clarks Beach as an off lead dog exercise area. It is an important exercise area for local residents, even with the risks you mention. I also support increasing access to other areas (for off and/or on lead exercise) by responsible dog owners with reasonable restrictions as to access times.			23/06/2018 6:55
i101	idea	Alison Ainsworth	I understand people wanting to enjoy dog free beaches with their small children or simply because they dislike dogs. I don't understand why the concept of of having restricted access (either by time of day or during winter months) to restricted areas of beaches cannot be made to work as it does at Kingston (and Nutgrove and many other beaches throughout the State). Those who flout the rules or do not pick up after their dogs should expect to have some consequences and those who don't want to run into a dog should know they can successfully avoid them on the many many dog free beaches, or at the specified times. This morning whilst walking on Kingston Beach I picked up: one empty drink can, one McDonalds cup and a small fishing hook. All potentially dangerous to children, animals or anyone else. I have no proof, but I suspect they were not left by a dog or its owner, and I don't feel it should mean all fishing should be banned.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-understand-people-wanting-to-enjoy-dog-free-beaches-with-their-small-children-or-simply-because-th	13	14/06/2018 0:29
i101-c1	comment	Arnold	Hi Alison Couple of points 1, Why should people who do not want to run into a dog have to find a place to avoid them. Public spaces are just that , public not exclusive places for people with a particular hobby or pastime. That is why dog parks are a great alterantive for the whole community. (Fisherman do not generally bother and injure other people so your comparison is a bit odd) 2, Nutgrove is the only beach in HCC that allows dogs and only at restricted times. The current Kingborough proposal grants much more to Kingborough residents with two unrestricted beaches. Why do dog owners not appreciate that their hobby impacts others, just read the posts here or look through any amount of studies. I support your right to have a dog (or drink , smoke or own a horse) as long as it does not impact on other peoples rights that is why there are laws for these things.			14/06/2018 11:11
i101-c2	comment	Jade McKay	Well said, I agree.			18/06/2018 0:59
i102	idea	Maureen Robinson	The draft policy is a disgrace. Responsible dog walkers need more access, so why is Council cutting back on access to beaches & tracks? Overcrowded declared areas are unhealthy & prompt more conflict. Allow our 4-legged family to be part of an active, healthy family life, restricted only where absolutely necessary. Council's default position seems to be to ban dogs wherever possible. Let us share the beaches, parks & tracks more equitably as we pay our rates & registration fees - & the Council is elected to represent all of us, not just a vocal few.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-draft-policy-is-a-disgrace	11	14/06/2018 3:25
i102-c1	comment	Arnold	The Vocal Few????????? Anyone with any other opinion to the 25% households owning dogs (and not all of these) are allowed to have an opposing view without being shot down in flames. It appears the Dog Lobby have a very loud voice with their repetitive winge in the Mercury, on radio and on all other social media outlets!			14/06/2018 12:26
i103	idea	Voter	This is ridiculous. Council obviously already had an agenda going into this, especially since they have ignored the vast majority of recommendations from dog owners. The only place opinions will truly be heard is at the ballot box because the "consultation" is a farce.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/this-is-ridiculous	9	14/06/2018 19:14

i104	idea	Louise Mackintosh	<p>Community assets are indeed community assets that should be shared willingly and equitably- the community hall, the community garden, our beaches, walking tracks, parks and dog areas.</p> <p>A few ideas of mine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - install a fence around apex park / designated dog areas. This creates a suitable boundary to keep dogs and persons safe whether inside or outside the area. It indicates to people to consider entering the dog area at their own risk- as it may mean dogs may 'jump up' as dogs in their nature do. - allow dogs Taroona Beach access between certain times of day and further access in winter months. This will alleviate over use of Kingston dog beach which has reduced sand size due to the recent storm. Note that hinsby is just around the corner for people to use if they do not wish to come in contact with dogs. - beach access could potentially be linked to Apex park within access times. - allow dogs access to public places including Sports grounds, parks, school pick up areas, shops. Of course dogs must be well behaved and adequately controlled in these areas and would not be in a position to cause any harm to themselves or people. <p>Good dog ownership includes taking dogs for regular exercise (especially if you have limited yard space or can not use and/or travel to an adequate dog exercise area) - what better way to do this than walking to pick up kids, walk to watch/play sport, walking to buy something supporting the local shops, etc.</p> <p>Thanks, I do not wish to start any conversations (especially not retaliation). I am merely submitting my ideas for council to consider among all others.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/community-assets-are-indeed-community-assets-that-should-be-shared-willingly-and-equitably-the-comm	4	15/06/2018 4:54
i105	idea	Gemma Boyle	<p>Running with my two dogs (off lead) along the Alum Cliffs track is a daily joy in my life. Most of the people I see on the track are walking or running with their dogs (off lead). There are very few places I can run safely with my dogs and where they will be safe from traffic. They are well trained, stick to the track and with me. Running with two dogs on lead in any environment is dangerous, so Alum Cliffs (currently) lets us all run freely through a strip of bush alongside a populated area.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/running-with-my-two-dogs-off-lead-along-the-alum-cliffs-track-is-a-daily-joy-in-my-life	8	15/06/2018 12:13
i105-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	<p>I agree - there are very few places where the owners can get some exercise at the same time as the dogs. I would really miss our runs on the Alum Cliffs.</p>			16/06/2018 2:45

i106	idea	Rosie Severs	<p>We would like to commend the Council on the Draft Dog Management policy. We are particularly pleased that the proposal means that dogs are excluded from Taroona beaches. These are small area beaches definitely not suitable for having dogs raging around them. Dogs need large spaces, as they rage around totally uncontrolled - the example of this can be seen all the time at the north end of Kingston Beach - we have stopped walking at all on Kingston beach as the dogs and their owners do not seem to be in control. In the past we have been in the section of the beach that is supposed to be dog free but dogs just run past the relevant sign (instructing dogs to be on lead/not at all)but the dogs can't read! We also agree with the idea that dogs on the Alum Cliff walk should be on lead as we have been bailed up by uncontrolled dogs - their owner many meters away.</p> <p>The statement from dog owners that it is only a minority of dog owners that do the wrong thing is not evident if you consider the amount of dog shit that litters the path in Taroona - dog owners do not pick it up yet bags are supplied - even when they have bags and collect they then chuck them over the fence into our garden.</p> <p>Dogs should definitely be prohibited from shopping centres, schools and in and adjacent to children's playground on both health and safety grounds - guide dogs excepted of course.</p> <p>Residents of Kingborough would not put up with bad behaviour from kids so why do we have to put up with bad behaviour of dogs and their owners. After all if a child painted graffiti on the fence these very same dog owners would be the first to complain but dog shit on the path and in the land adjacent to my garden is considered OK. Should a child come barrelling towards you and bang into you on a bike people complain about out of control kids but this is the same as getting jumped up at by dogs.</p> <p>Yes we are both in favour of your Proposed Dog Policy, please withstand the assault by the dog owners who are not the majority of residents in the Council area.</p> <p>Mike & Rosie Severs 60 Channel Hwy Taroona Ph. 6227 9679</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-would-like-to-commend-the-council-on-the-draft-dog-management-policy	3	16/06/2018 2:10
i107	idea	Jill	<p>I suggest that Council take less draconian approach to this delicate matter of threatened species co-existence with humans and our pets.</p> <p>i) Dogs on the Tinderbox Track should be on a lead at all times.</p> <p>ii) Erect information boards at the start, and maybe also along the Track, educating and informing walkers of the presence of the birds and requesting their cooperation in ensuring both species can live peaceably together by adhering to the guidelines for using the Track.</p> <p>Other thoughts re the Draft Dog Management Policy as a whole:</p> <p>Off lead areas would be better fenced. This way both dog users and non dog lovers are safe and happy either inside or outside the areas as they choose.</p> <p>Irresponsible dog owners need education first, not punishment.</p> <p>Any Policy can be toughened or tightened but if itâ€™s not effectively policed and enforced, itâ€™s not worth the paper itâ€™s written on. Council, enforce the rules as they stand.</p> <p>One suggestion would be to require all dog owners when they first licence their pets to attend a short course which could outline what makes a responsible dog owner, where dogs can and canâ€™t go in Kingborough, where to get help with training your dog and so on in a friendly, helpful, educating atmosphere. Iâ€™m sure most owners would be happy to comply.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-suggest-that-council-take-less-draconian-approach-to-this-delicate-matter-of-threatened-species-co	4	16/06/2018 10:06

i108	idea	Skye Dayal	<p>I am writing in regards to the new proposed Dog Management Plan currently under review.</p> <p>I was alarmed from the notice and my recent research into the proposed changes there will be three major changes that will affect me, my toddler, my dog and hence my family's life quite radically.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No dogs within 10m of any playground 2. No leash free area on Tinderbox Hills 3. No leash free area along cliff walks <p>The first point most affects our family as we frequent Blackmans Bay Beach with our dog, and while he always remains on a lead, we tie him up within 10m of the slides located nearby to the beach. It is extremely difficult as a family to get outside with both the dog and our child. This is one of our few outings where I can, as a mother, enjoy both. The proposed changes would hinder me from exercising my dog whilst also caring for my child. It also deprives my child of being outside with his family pet, of whom was around before he was born.</p> <p>The second point will affect my ability to walk to the leash free park with my child. Keeping my dog on a leash to the park with a toddler in tow who is too heavy to lift and developmentally too young to be able to walk alone, as he could run off, is unfeasible. I require him to be in a pram or back pack and it is too difficult to keep my dog on a leash while I do this as he is a 38kg Labrador. This would require me to get in the car to the park, which defeats the tangible qualities of being outdoors and requires me to use fuel and carry a screaming toddler into the car for less than 3 mins. This seems to be a ridiculous adjustment to make considering how close I live to the park. The same arguments are also applicable to the third point which affects us.</p> <p>I strongly urge to consider young families that can and will be affected like me and my son from these policy changes. This impacts my toddler more than anyone else.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-writing-in-regards-to-the-new-proposed-dog-management-plan-currently-under-review	9	16/06/2018 21:08
i109	idea	Jan Moore	<p>Kingborough Council appears to have lost it way in trying to re-invent the wheel. Other Tasmanian Councils already have workable Dog Management policies that allow activities for all. Our Beaches: Deserted all winter, so why cannot we use them for exercise? In summer, How about restrictions during the day, say, No Dogs 9.00am to 5.00pm? Shops: No stopping for a coffee? No Post Office? No to collecting a paper? even, No to walking around the block if it has to include a strip down the main street. e.g. Margate, Snug, Kettering etc. Where's the encouragement to owners to Show RESPECT, BE RESPONSIBLE, Be aware of others, train our pets to behave in public places, have exercise and fun? Your proposal is all Don't, Don't, Don't</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/kingborough-council-appears-to-have-lost-it-way-in-trying-to-re-invent-the-wheel	6	17/06/2018 1:15
i110	idea	Jan Moore	<p>Kingborough Council appears to have lost its way in trying to re-invent the wheel. Other Tasmanian Councils already have workable Dog Management Policies that allow activities for all. Our Beaches: Deserted all winter, so why cannot we use them for exercise? In Spring, some areas restricted for nesting birds. so leads necessary. Summer use, between, 6.00pm and 9.00am Shops: No stopping for a coffee? No Post Office or Paper or milk? No around the block walk if it has to include the main Road, as is the case in our towns. Where is the encouragement to owners to show respect, be responsible, be aware of others, train our pets to behave in public places, have exercise and fun. Your proposal is all Don't Don't Don't</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/kingborough-council-appears-to-have-lost-its-way-in-trying-to-re-invent-the-wheel	6	17/06/2018 1:36

i111	idea	Matthew Denholm	<p>Taroona Apex Off-lead Area</p> <p>Our family - two voting adults, two children and two dogs - strongly opposes the proposed significant, unjustified reduction in Taroona's only off-lead dog exercise area (Apex Park).</p> <p>We have two large, friendly dogs and rely on the full run of this already relatively small area to give them the kind of regular, strenuous exercise they need as a basic requirement of a healthy life.</p> <p>There is no need whatsoever to shrink this area. The playground and community hall frontage are already well fenced off from the dog exercise area, as are the community garden and tennis courts.</p> <p>This is an unexplained and unacceptable theft of the precious little land available to the many Taroona residents who own dogs.</p> <p>If the justification is some regulation about distance between playgrounds and dog areas then change the regulation, or at least do not further enshrine it. We are not aware of any problems ever arising between children in the playground and dogs in the park, as the fence between the two appears entirely adequate for ensuring separation. In fact, some parents enjoy having their children in the playground on one side of the fence and their dog on the other side of the fence in the off-lead dog park.</p> <p>If there is evidence to the contrary, then let's see it.</p> <p>And what is the justification for the rest of the excision?</p> <p>Is the council proposing to fence off the new no-go area? That would surely be madness; a waste of ratepayers' money, an eyesore and a desecration of a precious open space. Equally bizarre is the notion of declaring areas of the park as restricted and not fencing them off: how will our pooches, enjoying the only</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/taroona-apex-off-lead-area	16	17/06/2018 5:38
i111-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>Hi Matt</p> <p>Much of the policy is based on the Dog Control Act 2000 and is not the councils decision to make https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2000-102#GS46@EN</p> <p>This includes definitions for : effective control , prohibited public places and playgrounds which you have taken exception to. The council has a responsibility to enforce the code and to ensure that areas sensitive for wildlife are protected.</p> <p>The council cannot simply ignore the law because it is unpopular with some constituents who threaten not to vote for them.</p> <p>It is not a matter of selecting areas that are less sensitive for wildlife , if an area is sensitive (such as beaches) then they need to be protected - that is the law. If there are not enough areas under the current policy I would suggest we need more dog parks rather than allowing dogs into sensitive habitats.</p> <p>A quick read through these notes will show you the issue has polarised the community (it is not a "smokescreen") so please appreciate some people do have other opinions to yours (including many dog owners).</p> <p>I am personally bitterly disappointed people are saying they "vote for their dogs" or are trying to threaten and demonise councillors who are making decisions in the best interest of the whole community . I would like to think people would vote for a council that does the right thing for the community as a whole not one that delivers a particular personal benefit to the individual (maybe I am too altruistic?)</p> <p>Anyway here's a link to a well researched submission to DPAC on the previous policy that may give you some background on why the recent changes needed to be introduced and the challenges faced by Kingborough Council in striking a balance.</p> <p>http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/336969/72._Anonymous.pdf</p>			17/06/2018 7:26

i111-c2	comment	Venie Philips	Well expressed Matt. Totally agree with your sensible assessment of the flaws in the draft policy put forward by the council. I can only hope that the councillors are reading these posts. If they are unable to make reasonable changes to this draft they will face a battle to get re-elected in October.			17/06/2018 7:32
i111-c2-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	Exactly Venie.			23/06/2018 9:32
i111-c3	comment	Arnold	<p>Further to your query on evidence based research I draw your attention to the Feb 2017 meeting of the Kingborough Council and their thorough review of what constitutes a sensitive area for wildlife.</p> <p>I note council sought legal advice from E.R Henry, Wherrett and Benjamin regarding the interpretation of "area" and "sensitive habitat" for the purposes of declaring a prohibited area under section 22 of the Dog Control Act 2000 (the Act). The advice provided was that in defining an "area", the second reading of the Act gave examples of an "area" as being "places like parks, reserves or beaches".</p> <p>Noting also "it may include areas that do not currently support breeding populations of the species but that need to be maintained in order to ensure the long-term future of the species"</p> <p>I would appear to me our councilors take their obligations under law very seriously and have done extensive research and consultation, as required under the Act, to reach their current position regarding their dog management policy . I would suggest this is their "case backed with evidence, for changes such as these"</p> <p>I hope this makes you reconsider your threats to vote out councilors who have gone to great length to arrive at this outcome and consider what reasonable alternative position could have possibly be arrived at based on the facts provided (save to provide more access to non sensitive areas that do not impact human users which I think everyone would support.)</p> <p>https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Agenda-No.-3-14-February-2017-Public-Copy-Reduced.pdf</p> <p>Council Report Insert " Dog Management Policy Review 2017 Sensitive Wildlife Definition and Explanation NRM Coordinator Insert into Discussion - Council sought legal advice from E.R Henry, Wherrett and Benjamin regarding the interpretation of "area" and "sensitive habitat" for the purposes of declaring a prohibited area under section 22</p>			17/06/2018 8:55
i111-c4	comment	Arnold	<p>That last bit is critical and suggests the council has actually gone out on a limb to provide dog owners continued access to beaches (by retaining Tyndall beach and Clarks beach as off lead areas) even though they contain threatened species and beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs:</p> <p>The existing Dog Management Policy is not based on current knowledge or recent survey data of threatened fauna. Dogs are currently allowed off lead in areas that contain threatened species and beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs.</p>			17/06/2018 9:03
i111-c5	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>YES,YES,YES. I was going to write a submission after I had finished reading and commenting on other submissions but this one says perfectly what I feel, except that I want to be able to excercise my dogs on half of my local beach (Blackmans Bay).</p> <p>I understand that council elections are to be held soon. I call on all councillors to state their position in regards to thier support of both the 2017 and 2018 proposals. I think that some may find their votes have decreased significantly.</p>			23/06/2018 9:30

i112	idea	Lorna Robertson	Dogs should be banned from all beaches. I hate it that the beautiful northern end of Tyndall beach, which used to be my favourite beach to visit, has been taken over by dogs. There are usually DOZENS of them there - barking, defecating, fighting, harassing me and my grandchildren. it is a nightmare. Our precious shorebirds have no chance of survival while beaches are given over to dogs, and I am now reluctant to take my grandchildren to the beach because dog owners do NOT always clean up the dog poo, and it poses a real health risk to young children. Dogs do not belong on beaches. They should be restricted to specially designated grassy areas (which I believe they prefer to the beach environment anyway). Please, please get the dogs off our beaches - including beautiful Tyndall beach Northern end.. Lorna Robertson	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dogs-should-be-banned-from-all-beaches	5	17/06/2018 7:51
i112-c1	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	There are dozens of dogs at Kingston Beach because there is nowhere else for dogs to swim, for pleasure or rehab after injury. It is disappointing that many do not pick up after their dogs but at least you and your grandchildren have other choices.			21/06/2018 11:35
i112-c1-reply	comment	Judith	Exactly - the majority of beaches are dog-free.			22/06/2018 22:54
i112-c2	comment	Liesl Jacobson	In my dogs case, no, they do not prefer grass over the beach. My dogs are far more excited and engaged at the beach. Its softer, there is movement and stimulation and they can swim and wade in the water. There are plenty of beaches you can take your grandchildren to and may I also say that they would be safer as Browns River is often restricted for swimming due to bad water tests, which before anyone cries out, are not caused from dog faeces!			23/06/2018 9:17
i113	idea	HearHear	One question I'd like the council to answer is why do we treat dogs as criminals when in other civilised countries you can take a dog with you on eurostar, have a companion on a flight but in Kingston you can't even bring your poor pooch with you to buy a pint of milk? Are the dogs mutated breeds on this island that we should be scared of or is the council wasting money and time on insignificant issues? You probably get more chance of getting a disease from a filthy browns River that runs past dogs beach or your kid bringing in a virus from a childcare centre than from a poor pooch. Why not put speed thumb on beach road to slow the traffic down rather than restricting people to walk, exercise and spend time with their families which in 2018 includes animals being part of the family. The Salty dog is a champion for allowing families to bring their kids and dogs and be a part of a community. Kingborough let's plan for the future and embrace inclusion not seclusion.	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/one-question-i39d-like-the-council-to-answer-is-why-do-we-treat-dogs-as-criminals-when-in-other-c	11	17/06/2018 12:21

i114	idea	Jen Cormack	<p>I am very disheartened by Kingborough Council's proposal to further restrict the dog exercise area within Taroonna.</p> <p>Apex park</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This park is already small and sections of the uneven ground is quite difficult for people with limited mobility (wheel chair, aged, physical disability) to access whilst their dog is off lead. 2. By concentrating the dog activity along the back fence of those residents adjacent to Apex park you will find that the welfare of dogs contained in those yards is seriously affected. To help humans understand this....Imagine that there is a party going on in a room and suddenly all the party goers move closer to you, you may want to join them (insert "leave your yard"), you may wish to tell them to quieten down (insert"alert barking"), you may become anxious (insert "anxiety related behaviour"), 3. Dogs recovering from injury or with reduced sight or mobility will benefit from a flat surface where they and their owners can adequately oversee their exercise. The proposed removal of the flattest sections of the park from the available off leash exercise area will prevent this. 4. Reduction in the size of the declared dog area will concentrate the number of dogs exercising in the area and will increase the chance of accident and potential conflict. Once again to explain in human terms.... Imagine reducing the size of a child's playground and then expecting the same level of play and activity to occur. 5. Dog poo bins will need to be re-situated closer to where the greater use will be. 6. The fenced stormwater drain at the southern end of the proposed Declared Dog area creates a narrow corridor between the adjacent backyard fences where increased use and wet weather will impact on the stability of that soil. 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-very-disheartened-by-kingborough-council39s-proposal-to-further-restrict-the-dog-exercise-ar	9	18/06/2018 2:21
i115	idea	David	<p>Please could the council explain why their draft policy from April proposed allowing dogs on a section of Blackmans Bay beach and a section of one of the Taroonna beaches yet this proposal has been dropped from this new draft policy? In April the council stated that those proposed new dog beaches reflected the feedback received during the public consultation in 2017. The council also stated that they considered the creation of these two new off-lead areas to be a compromise between the two differing points of view within the community regarding dogs on beaches. Why has the council suddenly backtracked on their own proposals? What happened within the space of a few weeks for the council to remove their own proposals from the new policy and also add further restrictions for dog-walkers, eg more restrictions on trails, plus the significant reduction in the size of the Taroonna dog exercise area? I think that the council should explain the reasons behind their sudden change in attitude towards dog ownership.</p> <p>The population within the Kingston area is growing quite considerably. Dog ownership is on the increase. The council should be providing more dog exercise areas, not less. Some people have complained about dogs being off-lead in areas where this is prohibited., and that some dogs are noisy and causing problems for neighbours. Isn't it inevitable that this problem will only worsen if the council makes it harder for people to exercise their dogs? These proposals do nothing towards dealing with the few irresponsible dog owners who are not abiding by the rules. I'm sure most dog owners would support more enforcement and penalties for those few dog owners who are giving the rest of us a bad name.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/please-could-the-council-explain-why-their-draft-policy-from-april-proposed-allowing-dogs-on-a-secti	13	18/06/2018 3:00

i115-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>Hi David</p> <p>Allow me to explain re the beaches</p> <p>I draw your attention in particular to the Feb 2017 meeting of the Kingborough Council and their thorough review of what constitutes a sensitive area for wildlife.</p> <p>I note council sought legal advice from E.R Henry, Wherrett and Benjamin regarding the interpretation of "area" and "sensitive habitat" for the purposes of declaring a prohibited area under section 22 of the Dog Control Act 2000 ("the Act"). The advice provided was that in defining an "area", the second reading of the Act gave examples of an "area" as being "places like parks, reserves or beaches".</p> <p>Noting also "it may include areas that do not currently support breeding populations of the species but that need to be maintained in order to ensure the long-term future of the species"</p> <p>With respect to beaches I note that "the existing Dog Management Policy is not based on current knowledge or recent survey data of threatened fauna. Dogs are currently allowed off lead in areas that contain threatened specie sand beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs."</p> <p>Essentially this means that the beaches of Kingborough are all areas that contain significant habitat of threatened fauna that have been identified by threatened species experts as being at particular risk of disturbance from dogs. Therefore Kingborough have obligations under law to prohibit dogs from these areas.</p> <p>I believe council have arrived at the current compromise by allowing continuing the existing off lead beaches to remain despite them being habitat for threatened species not to further threaten sensitive habitats.</p> <p>I believe future generations will thank the council for acting to preserve and enhance the unique environment of Kingborough we are lucky enough to enjoy today and look forward to seeing more sea eagles and little penguins feeding and nesting on the Derwent shorelines. What a privilege it is to live in a paradise like this so close to the city - let's not spoil it.</p>			18/06/2018 13:13
i115-c1-reply	comment	T	<p>Thanks for the background information Arnold. I was pleased to see that Council decided not to allow dogs on BB beach. I'm very supportive of increasing off-lead exercise areas for dogs, but not through an expansion of the current beach areas.</p>			19/06/2018 4:18
i115-c1-reply	comment	David	<p>Thank you for your response Arnold and for the information from February 2017. I am still unclear about why Council proposed allowing dogs on sections of Blackmans Bay and Tarroona beaches in their draft policy in April 2018, then without explanation amended their policy just a few weeks later, omitting these new off-lead areas and introducing further restrictions to where dogs are allowed. Why the sudden change of approach to dog management?</p>			20/06/2018 0:07
i115-c1-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>David, the council backflipped because four or five councillors refused to vote if Blackmans Bay beach was included in the plan. Those councillors held the rest to ransom. Those same councillors may or may not get voted back in at the next election. Personally, they will never get my vote again , ever. A compromise was not considered by them. From memory, counsellors Fox and Winter were two but you can read about it and who refused to vote unless BB was taken off the plan on the Kingborough Chronicle Website where you can download past papers. It was reported about three months ago?</p>			23/06/2018 9:05

i115-c1-reply	comment	David	<p>Thank you for that information Liesl. I was unaware of that.</p> <p>From Kingborough Chronicle 17th April 2018 -</p> <p>"Councillors Graham Bury, Dean Winter, Flora Fox and Sue Bastone all said they couldn't support the document while it proposed opening up the southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach. Once councillors hold the workshop to discuss the matter and a draft policy is passed by council, it will go out for public consultation for six weeks."</p> <p>So Council develop a draft policy they describe as based on public feedback from consultation. The above four councillors refuse to support Council's policy and therefore it isn't released for public feedback. A mysterious workshop is held (of which no details have been made available) and a new draft policy is released, with the previously proposed Blackmans Bay and Taroon dog beaches removed without explanation, and with the addition of further restrictions to where dogs are allowed. Unbelievable! How can Council state that this latest draft policy "reflects the feedback provided in the community consultation carried out in 2017" when they said the same about their very different draft policy from just a few weeks earlier?? It makes a mockery of the whole public consultation process.</p>			23/06/2018 23:47
i116	idea	Peta Sugden	<p>My idea is that there should be more off lead areas opened up. Based on the Council noting that there is a growing number of dogs coming to the area I cannot fathom why the response is that the area for off-lead should be almost abolished. It would appear to me that you could put better measures in place for the management of dog poo as well as increasing the punitive action for leaving it and that would be solving the issue to a large extent. At this stage there are few bins on the tracks that are being talked about moving to on-lead only which leads to the issue of people having to walk several kms with poo bags. this contributes to leaving bags and poo around.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/my-idea-is-that-there-should-be-more-off-lead-areas-opened-up	12	18/06/2018 3:10
i117	idea	Peta Sugden	<p>I would like all Councillors to advise which way they are going to vote as I would like to know who to vote for in the next round of elections.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-would-like-all-councillors-to-advise-which-way-they-are-going-to-vote-as-i-would-like-to-know-who	11	18/06/2018 3:11
i118	idea	Sue Henn	<p>Well done to the Council on producing a policy that meets the needs of the majority of people who live in the Kingborough community. Beach users can now have access to non dog beaches where they can relax without concern about dogs running loose or dog faeces on the sand or in the water. And dog owners have access to suitable off leash exercise areas and some dog beaches.</p> <p>The issue has obviously been polarising and it is understandable that dog owners are very attached to their pets. But it is not appropriate that dogs are allowed everywhere and the rights of others to be in dog free areas (including beaches) needs to be taken into account. I think this policy meets both requirements.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/well-done-to-the-council-on-producing-a-policy-that-meets-the-needs-of-the-majority-of-people-who-li	4	18/06/2018 12:07

i119	idea	Melissa Houghton	<p>We don't need further restrictions to off-leash dog areas. Good-sized off-leash dog areas provide a place for humans and dogs alike to get exercise and socialise, to free the mental load. Most of the off-leash areas provided here are small.</p> <p>Dogs are linked to improved mental and physical health in people and communities. Hobart Council and Clarence council recognise this, offering year-round shared uses of beaches and parks everyone. Even sports grounds! People are grateful to have these these shared zones. Particularly in winter, beaches are rarely used other than by dog owners. Why is the Kingborough Council so intent on being restrictive? Has the Kingborough council received feedback from Hobart and Clarence council before drafting their policy?</p> <p>There are many, many walks and parks in the Kingborough region which we can be grateful for. MOST of the these are no dogs allowed. Why place more restrictions on the few walks and beaches where dogs are allowed? Having just visited Europe and New Zealand, I can comment that in both cases, dogs are less restricted than here and there are no issues. Namely, dogs are allowed on-lead almost everywhere. Allowing dogs to get out and about with their owners makes for more normalised behavior in the animal. Dogs on lead are under full control, I see no reason why we cannot have dogs on lead on the Tinderbox Hills trail or any park, beach or shopping area here.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-don39t-need-further-restrictions-to-off-leash-dog-areas	11	18/06/2018 21:55
i120	idea	Ben Gourlay	<p>It's time to go back to the drawing board, Council.</p> <p>The proposed plan goes too far in restricting ratepayers to access areas of their community with their pets.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/it39s-time-to-go-back-to-the-drawing-board-council	11	19/06/2018 5:15
i121	idea	Jane Grace-Lesser	<p>I do not understand why the Council have banned dogs from the Tinderbox Hills walking track.</p> <p>As a resident of Tinderbox for the past fifteen years, I am aware that the Tinderbox area has conservation value, being classified as Grassy Blue gum forest. It is also home to the Forty spotted Pardalote and, in summer, to the Swift parrot. I honestly cannot see that the presence of a few dogs on this track will be any kind of threat to these birds. I have walked the Tinderbox hill for 15 years. Even now, there are very few people using the track. Most are just walkers. Some are mountain biking. A few walk their dogs. The track is steep, rough and perfect for off lead walking. Both the dog and I get what I call a "real" walk. (a good climb, a decent stretch and no cars whizzing by). Because of its steepness the track is not used by little children or fragile persons who are intimidated by dogs. Why then is it about to become illegal to walk a dog there? It does not make sense. The Council gives no reason for its change of plan for this area. Without a very good reason for change I believe this area should remain as it is,; an off lead area for dogs to walk/run.</p> <p>Jane Grace-Lesser</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-do-not-understand-why-the-council-have-banned-dogs-from-the-tinderbox-hills-walking-track	11	19/06/2018 6:37
i121-c1	comment	James	Agreed. There are so few tracks where dogs and their owners can get exercise at the same time. I too do not understand the reasoning behind this change.			19/06/2018 10:24

i122	idea	Darrel Stringer	<p>1. The draft policy with respect to the changes to the dog exercise area in Tarooma Park are illogical, impractical and unnecessary. The proposed boundary is a minimum of 20 m from the nearest gate which leads to the playground, it is probably 30-40 m from the playground proper. The Dog Control Act calls for a restriction of only 10 m from a playground. If the policy is to reflect the Act, then simply draw a line at 10 m from the very nice and effective fence separating the two areas. However, given the existing dog exercise area is clearly marked with logical boundaries and/ or good fences, I question the need for any change at all.</p> <p>2. The suggestion from an earlier draft policy that the northern end (past the boat ramp) of Tarooma Beach be made an off lead dog area is supported strongly. This would take some pressure off the Kingston Beach dog area. Any persons not wanting to interact with dogs could still have most of Tarooma beach dog free (as well as all of Hinsby Beach) and simply walk up the boat ramp and along the excellent track behind the beach for the northern section - seems like a reasonable compromise to me!</p> <p>3. The draft policy could be made to appear more even handed if the Objectives of the Policy were reworded to reflect the wording of the Act. S 7 of the Act starts with the Policy must include: " a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;". The authors of the draft policy have nailed their colours to the wall by referring firstly to "minimize nuisance" . I suggest deleting clause 2.1(a) and revising clause 2.1(d) as follows: "(d) allow for a cordial environment relating to the interaction of dogs, their owners, and non dog owners within Kingborough; and"</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/1-41	10	19/06/2018 12:16
i123	idea	Annie Leschen	<p>Hi, I don't agree that 'all beaches' should be considered restricted. Given the provisions of the 'code', I see no reason why dogs can't be on beaches. If necessary, they could be classified in the same way as restricted parks, reserves and trails, i.e. on a lead. Thanks, Annie Leschen and Henrik Wahren 5256 Channel Highway, Gordon</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/hi-29	6	19/06/2018 21:53
i124	idea	Heather Gluyas	<p>The objectives of the draft Dog Management Policy are articulated clearly with emphasis on minimising nuisance, responsible dog ownership, reasonable exercise and recreational needs for owners and dogs, a cordial environment for interaction of dogs within Kingborough and the protection of cultural significant areas and flora and fauna. However, I believe the draft policy is draconian in the interpretation of these objectives given that there are minimal off lead areas declared throughout the Kingston region, and the restricted areas are either totally restricted (beaches and sports grounds) or dogs must be on a lead at all times. Other councils are able to accommodate a sensible approach which allows off lead areas between certain times (usually early morning and late afternoon/ evening). This is well received by both dog owners and non dog owners. I am strongly suggesting that this approach is utilised in terms of beaches, parks and walking trails in Kingborough.</p> <p>In regards to sports grounds the Act requires that dogs are prohibited on any playing area of a sports ground on which sports are being played. However the Council has taken this a step further and restricted dogs on sports grounds at all times. I question the need for this and ask that this be reviewed as well.</p> <p>I can not help but feel that the harsh and restrictive draft policy has been formulated to address the small number of irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs or effectively control them when off lead. Given the recognised benefits to health, well being, companionship and social interaction that dog ownership provides, and the large numbers of households with dogs in Kingborough (nearly 50%) this draft policy needs to be changed to recognise and support responsible dog ownership.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-objectives-of-the-draft-dog-management-policy-are-articulated-clearly-with-emphasis-on-minimisin	9	20/06/2018 5:49

i125	idea	Peter McIntosh	<p>You can't play ball with a dog on a lead.</p> <p>Kingborough needs more off-lead dog exercise areas, including a fair share of beaches, and they should be close to population centres to avoid unnecessary car journeys.</p> <p>Kingston dog beach is a great start, but it can be too crowded for some dogs and their owners to relax and enjoy.</p> <p>Some 35-40% of Kingborough households own at least one dog. It is unfair that these households will be excluded from exercising with their dogs on almost all beaches.</p> <p>I ask you to make more off-lead exercise areas available to the large proportion of dog owners in Kingborough. In particular, please reinstate the off-lead beaches at Taroona east and Blackmans Bay south in your draft dog management policy, and find additional non-beach off-lead areas that can be fenced.</p> <p>(This idea has also been directly emailed to all councillors).</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/you-cant-play-ball-with-a-dog-on-a-lead	13	20/06/2018 7:05
i125-c1	comment	David	I completely agree.			20/06/2018 21:47
i125-c2	comment	James	Hear hear!			24/06/2018 5:53
i125-c3	comment	Sally	I agree totally			24/06/2018 6:11
i126	idea	Karen Johnson	<p>An approach to Dog Management</p> <p>Beaches Beaches are not prescribed in the Dog Management Act as prohibited areas, Council has decided to declare them in the prohibited areas. Therefore, restrictions are an action of Council, and do NOT have to be put in place by Council.</p> <p>Dog owners also find it disappointing that, given the budgetary status of Council, that Council is leasing beaches and areas off Crown Land Services only to now apply restrictions to these areas</p> <p>The justification for a blanket ban on all but two beaches appears to be based on "consistency" rather than genuine protection of natural or social values. "Popular family beaches" only tend to be "popular" in summer; there is opportunity for non- conflicting multiple uses.</p> <p>A generic, or "consistent" approach is not only un-necessarily restrictive, it is a missed opportunity to educate people on Kingborough's natural values and it is far from best-practice.</p> <p>Base restrictions on actual risk</p> <p>Council should use a genuine, scientific and evidence-based ecological risk-assessment approach to dog management and restrictions. (Most people are reasonable and will appreciate a logical approach to management being taken. A fact-based approach is also less divisive to our community.)</p> <p>This approach could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying areas of priority natural values that are susceptible to dog impacts" not all reserves in the Kingborough area have significant natural values • Identify the known and evidence-based risk factors that dogs pose to natural values e.g. off-lead dogs may pose a risk to some wildlife, however, I know of no evidence of dogs affecting rare plants. • Identify seasonality factors such as times of nesting shore birds and wedge-tailed eagle nesting times (noting that breeding pairs often have multiple nests so not all mapped nests will get used every year). • Follow the previous-draft approach of only restricting dog use on beaches (in particular) to areas outside 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/an-approach-to-dog-management	9	21/06/2018 2:39
i126-c1	comment	Trish Horinishi	So much yes Karen Johnson!			21/06/2018 7:59

i126-c2	comment	Arnold	<p>Karen</p> <p>Council have already done what you have suggested and engaged relevant experts and lawyers to determine this policy regarding beaches.</p> <p>I draw your attention in particular to the Feb 2017 meeting of the Kingborough Council and their thorough review of what constitutes a sensitive area for wildlife.</p> <p>Council sought legal advice from E.R Henry, Wherrett and Benjamin regarding the interpretation of "area" and "sensitive habitat" for the purposes of declaring a prohibited area under section 22 of the Dog Control Act 2000 ("the Act"). The advice provided was that in defining an "area", the second reading of the Act gave examples of an "area" as being "places like parks, reserves or beaches".</p> <p>Noting also "it may include areas that do not currently support breeding populations of the species but that need to be maintained in order to ensure the long-term future of the species"</p> <p>With respect to beaches I note that "the existing Dog Management Policy is not based on current knowledge or recent survey data of threatened fauna. Dogs are currently allowed off lead in areas that contain threatened specie sand beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs."</p> <p>Essentially this means that ALL the beaches of Kingborough are all areas that contain significant HABITAT of threatened fauna that have been identified by threatened species experts as being at particular risk of disturbance from dogs. Therefore Kingborough have obligations under law to prohibit dogs from these areas. I believe council have arrived at the current compromise by allowing continuing the existing off lead beaches to remain despite them being habitat for threatened species not to further threaten sensitive habitats.</p> <p>I believe future generations will thank the council for acting to preserve and enhance the unique environment of Kingborough we are lucky enough to enjoy today and look forward to seeing more sea eagles and little penguins feeding and nesting on the Derwent shorelines. What a privilege it is to live in a paradise like this so close to the city - let's not spoil it.</p>			21/06/2018 9:14
i126-c2-reply	comment	Gerry	<p>No Arnold,</p> <p>That is NOT a risk or evidence-based approach. Council should release their consultation with the DPIPWE Threatened Species Section (dates, meetings, participants) to provide evidence this ACTUALLY occurred (DPIPWE employees may beg to differ).</p> <p>This evidence should also show how the decision process and how, for example, a beach, as opposed to the whole landscape (!) is considered to be 'significant habitat' for a wedge-tailed eagle AND how the actions of dogs pose a risk to NOT maintaining this habitat to ensure long-term persistence of the species.</p> <p>The tangible, evidence-based links to how dogs actually impact on these habitats needs to be established. These are ecological and scientific-evidence based questions that are not answered in the 'definition' provided. There are data any many studies around but I know (as a professional ecologist of many decades) that these do not support such a 'wide-spread' broad-brush approach.</p> <p>These data and a genuine risk- and evidence-based approach would really benefit all.</p>			22/06/2018 3:49

i126-c2-reply	comment	Arnold	<p>With due respect Gerry that is not councils job - they enforce the provisions of the Act. "The Dog Control Act 2000 (the Act) provides the legislative framework for the management of dogs in Tasmania. It primarily empowers the general managers of councils to enforce the provisions of the Act."</p> <p>If you read my comments above again this is exactly what council are doing.</p> <p>If people have a problem with the Dog Act ,or any of the other pieces of legislation referred to , the debate should be with the relevant State Government department not Kingborough. However, at the moment these Acts are the law and council must comply and enforce the law as interpreted by their legal counsel.</p> <p>I would imagine in drawing up the Acts significant and appropriate resarch has been conducted but any sensible person would fully support further research. I just do not think it would lead to the outcomes some people are looking for given "dogs are currently allowed off lead in areas that contain threatened species and beach nesting shorebirds that have been identified as at risk from the disturbance by dogs"</p> <p>Careful what you wish for!</p>			22/06/2018 4:30
i126-c2-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>Arnold, please show us what threatened species reside on Kingston and Blackmans Bay beaches. I would love there to be some but I doubt that ther are any. I don't thing common old seagulls are threatened. If there are little penguins nesting there I would be delighted. I would wholeheartedly support restricting use of the beach from people as well as dogs.</p> <p>Please stop using ficticious wildlife habitat to support banning dogs. Its not wildlife habitat if there is none there and that has far more to do with human influences than dogs.</p>			23/06/2018 8:35
i127	idea	S	<p>I have been a dog owner for more than 40 years, and have lived the last 5 years in Kingborough with our companion animals - and I SUPPORT the Council's proposed Dog Management Policy.</p> <p>I believe it to be a generally sound policy and one that aims to cater for the needs of all parties as best it can.</p> <p>I'm particularly pleased to see the policy demonstrates the need to protect our native wildlife. It's been found that bird and animal behaviour is adversely affected by dogs, even when they're on a lead, so the closure to dogs of the Tinderbox Hills track during the most critical months of the year makes great sense. Additionally, for these and other reasons, I endorse having our dogs on leads on the Kingborough tracks and trails. As we push more species closer to extinction we would, perhaps, do well to prepare ourselves to see more habitat areas become off-limits to our pets in the future.</p> <p>We have also been impressed with the generous number of designated Exercise and Training, or off-lead, areas across the whole Council area, particularly when compared to our previous council area in Victoria. As resident of rural Kingborough we have a choice of at least three such areas that are each less than 10kms from our home, and those people in or closer to Kingston have an even greater selection of nearby facilities, including the Kingston dog beach.</p> <p>A number of other dog owners are of the view that, as dogs are considered 'family', they should be allowed to go everywhere with them. My view differs - and even for the human members of our family, there are places that some of them may go, but others may not! It's not unreasonable therefore that, after our dog's given their regular daily exercise routine, we accept they might then have to stay at home should the family choose to go to the beach.</p> <p>I also feel it is fitting that of Kingborough's tracks and trails, those where dogs are allowed, will require the dogs to be on a leash.</p>	<p>https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-been-a-dog-owner-for-more-than-40-years-and-have-lived-the-last-5-years-in-kingborough-with</p>	3	21/06/2018 6:31

i128	idea	Trish Horinishi	<p>I feel that Council is attempted to take what is in the State Dog Control Act well past what is reasonable and necessary in a knee jerk reaction to what the Mayor referred to as "a few irresponsible dog owners". As with traffic infringers the main result is that the main population is restricted further and further and the irresponsible continue as always.</p> <p>Regarding beaches. Council has played a game of bluff for a long time as to their rights to control beach usage and to now lease beaches from the crown for the sole reason of restricting them to dogs is disingenuous at best and quite draconian. There are only about 3-4 months of the year in which beaches are well used and thus to allow access to the deserted winter beaches would be completely reasonable. During the last call for submissions I entered a video submission which showed the very limited use of the main part of Kingston Beach for a considerable amount of time even in the summer months. I think it would be entirely reasonable to allow on lead access to the currently non-dog area for at least some of the time. There are many days when I am walking my dogs to the dog beach along the footpath and the footpath is quite crowded with joggers, cyclists, walkers and children on scooters and other equipment "all of whom I feel obliged to make room for and get out of the way of, meanwhile, just beside there is an empty beach that I am not permitted access to. Many other Councils successfully manage a shared space.</p> <p>Base Restrictions on actual risk (and here I paraphrase from another submission): Council should use a genuine, scientific and evidence-based ecological risk-assessment approach to dog management and restrictions. Where reasonable people can see good and sensible reasons for management, they will generally behave reasonably however the shouty-shouty "because we say so" approach will not garner great co-operation. Here I quote directly from Karen Johnson's submission:</p> <p>"This approach could include: Identifying areas of priority natural values that are susceptible to dog impacts" not all reserves in the Kingborough area have significant natural values</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-feel-that-council-is-attempted-to-take-what-is-in-the-state-dog-control-act-well-past-what-is-reas	8	21/06/2018 8:46
i128-c1	comment	Lee-Anne Riddell	Well said Trish.			21/06/2018 11:08

i129	idea	Mark	<p>Dear Councillors of Kingborough,</p> <p>I submit the following feedback on the unnecessarily restrictive Draft Dog Management Policy.</p> <p>Protection of fauna values</p> <p>Given the above sections of the Dog Control Act 2000 (Tas), I believe Kingborough Council's proposed Dog Control Policy is unnecessarily restrictive. While I recognise that from a communications and administrative perspective it is easier to place a blanket ban on dogs using beaches (except for Kingston and Clarks Beaches) the rationale for such a broad scale ban is unclear. Any risk analysis with respect to potential threats to fauna values would highlight that not all beaches have fauna values threatened by dogs on lead or otherwise. Where such risks are present, they are seasonal (typically associated with bird nesting/breeding). Therefore, like many other jurisdictions, the Council should limit any restriction to those periods to manage those areas where such risks are present. This can also be used as an opportunity to educate the public on those values and promote the Council's work in protecting them through interpretive signage. This is also true for the natural areas managed by the Council.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Use a genuine, scientific and evidence-based ecological risk-assessment approach to dog management and restrictions. This approach would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying areas of priority natural values that are susceptible to dog impacts – not all reserves in the Kingborough area have significant natural values • Identify the known and evidence-based risk factors that dogs pose to natural values e.g. off-lead dogs may pose a risk to some wildlife, however, I know of no evidence of dogs affecting rare plants. • Identify seasonality factors such as times of nesting shore birds and wedge-tailed eagle nesting times (noting that breeding pairs often have multiple nests so not all mapped nests will get used every year). • Follow the previous-draft approach of restricting dog use on beaches (in particular) to areas outside the breeding and nesting periods for birds etc. • Exclude dogs permanently from penguin nesting areas also providing educational signage on penguin lifecycles. 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dear-councillors-of-kingborough	6	22/06/2018 1:56
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i129-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>Hi Dr Exactly how much evidence do you need?</p> <p>Shall we wait until the vulnerable species are all gone?</p> <p>Here's the research you were after re dogs impact on flora: http://agris.fao.org/agris-search/search.do?recordID=DE94U0449</p> <p>The effect of dog-urine on plants in urban areas was investigated. It could be demonstrated, that susceptible parts of a plant as leaves, roots and young stems will be damaged after a single contact. The resistance of plants is different and increases with the age. At first the urine causes on trees the damage of organisms living on the bark. Necroses of bark, bast and cambium are following, finally wood destroying fungi attack the trees. In the soil there is a concentration of the contents of urine especially nitrogen, phosphate, potassium, chloride and sulphur. The damage of the plants in urban areas is correlated with the concentration of dogs, the regional structure and the characteristics of the people and the dogs. Protection measures as stem-cuffs, resistant plants round the trees, wild plants or special dog-toilets do not work satisfactorily</p> <p>Here's one more local https://eprints.utas.edu.au/12310/2/whole.pdf</p> <p>Some authorities have suggested that predation upon keystone species may result in significant vegetative change over a large area, as such species may either control some plant species, or alternatively be the principal seed dispersal mechanism through faeces or carriage on their fur.</p> <p>This one is really good</p>			22/06/2018 8:48
i129-c1-reply	comment	Trish Horinishi	<p>There is no rabies in Australia. Additionally Isn't it amazing that on our rural property (far) outside Kingborough, we have a phenomenal bird population, including nesting eagles, tumour-free devils, many, many quoll and are a release location for rescued wombats. Also native orchids .And yet, there we are running sheep, riding horses, exercising and working dogs. Pffft to you.</p>			22/06/2018 9:22
i129-c1-reply	comment	Arnold	<p>In summary, people and their dogs disturb wildlife, and people are not always aware of or willing to acknowledge the significance of their own impacts.</p> <p>Dog walking caused a 41% reduction in numbers of bird individuals detected and a 35% reduction in species richness</p> <p>https://www.protectnatureto.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Impacts-of-dogs-on-wildlife-10-Aug-16.pdf</p>			22/06/2018 9:38
i129-c1-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>Wildlife in urban and suburban areas has already (and sadly) been decimated. Beaches that have nesting birds or vulnerable flora should be protected. BUT, urban beaches that have no nesting birds and no vulnerable flora should be open to access by dogs.</p>			23/06/2018 7:51

i129-c2	comment	Arnold	<p>Good news Waringah council have done the research for us</p> <p>file:///C:/Users/d670367/Downloads/8.12_Results_of_Study_with_a_view_to_trialling_dog_swimming_at_Curl_Curl_Beach_20120626.pdf</p> <p>In 2011 a study was undertaken on whether any beaches in the northern area of Waringah were suitable for allowing dog swimming and unleashed exercise. All beaches in Waringah from Dee Why north were reviewed and found not to be suitable due to environmental impacts primarily with regards endangered species. The results of this study were submitted to Council on 22 November 2011 (Item 9.9) The Environmental Sustainability Strategic Reference Group " on the 1 August 2011 made the following recommendation:</p> <p>"That Council does not support the dogs on beaches proposal as it is not consistent with sustainability principles and good environmental management practices such as impact on biodiversity, flora, fauna, nutrient load and social inclusion"</p> <p>Due to the large number of submissions regarding the non-compliance of dog owners in picking up after their animals (which included a number of graphic photos) it was decided to quantify the issue.</p> <p>On the 24 February the Projects Coordinator and a Ranger attended Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve to do a dog faeces count. On the day we covered an area of approximately 130 m x 30 m and picked up and removed 56 dog faeces.</p> <p>This would be deemed as unacceptably high given that both bag and bins are supplied in this area and it is a requirement under the Companion Animals Act to pick up after your dog and shows that many dog owners do not comply with regulations.</p> <p>One notable submission from a 13 year old student stated her concerns for the environment and whether future generations will be wondering why their "ancestors thought a dog's happiness was much more important than their children's future"</p>			22/06/2018 9:11
i129-c2-reply	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>Dear Arnold, the last time I looked, we were a long way from NSW. I doubt that their endangered species live on our beaches therefore a study that looks at the Waringa area is completely irrelevant. A study of OUR beach flora and fauna would be totally relevant. I would love to see if there is anything other than seagulls and introduced flora on both Kingston and Blackmans Bay beaches. As for dog faeces, I'm all for fining people who do not do the right thing, could be a nice little earner for the council, but I'm pretty sure that the bulk of environmental damage in the Derwent comes from humans, not a few dog turds!</p>			23/06/2018 8:00
i129-c3	comment	Melissa Houghton	<p>Thank you Mark. For your well-reasoned common sense argument</p>			22/06/2018 13:21

i130	idea	Ben Farrell	<p>I congratulate the Kingborough council on a strong, fair and equitable draft dog management policy.</p> <p>Time after time, my 3 times a week run along the beach is interrupted by an off lead dog unresponsive to its owner. Although the majority of these incidents are not aggressive, the fact the remains that I have the right to enjoy the beach without having my running interrupted by a dog jumping all over me. When I manage to speak to the dog owner (usually 50-100m on from the incident) I politely remind them that if they choose to have their dog off lead it must be 'immediately responsive to a person's commands'. Hence, jumping all over me, interrupting my running stride, and then returning to its owner at some later point of time would not satisfy this requirement. Too often the response is 'its okay, he/she is only playing'. Some more shocking responses have been 'well, it didn't draw blood did it? Or my favourite, after I requested the dog to be put on a leash " Well how about you fu*&king stop running so I can!?'</p> <p>In my opinion, the majority of dog owners I encounter either don't understand what effective control means or if they do choose to ignore it. Basically, off lead exercise areas result in conflict when there are different user groups. I therefore strongly support the Council in making the majority of beaches restricted areas, whereby when allowed, dogs must be on leash at all times. In recognition of the value of dog ownership to some members of the community, the council has provided for off lead exercise areas, including three beach areas, a good balance.</p> <p>One final point, to further strengthen council policy I recommend they consider inserting the following phrase which is incorporated into the Clarence City Council Dog Management Policy:</p> <p>Under effective control section: "Not allowing your dog to jump at, or lick people. This playful nature might not be accepted by all persons".</p> <p>Once again, congratulations on an excellent draft, I hope to see it come to fruition.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-congratulate-the-kingborough-council-on-a-strong-fair-and-equitable-draft-dog-management-policy	3	22/06/2018 10:56
i130-c1	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>I'm sorry, I'm not very sympathetic to your plight Ben. If dogs running with and around you upsetting your stide is so awful, maybe you could run the non dog end of the beach twice instead of running the full beach and having dogs who are legally on their end of the beach seeing you as a playmate. Or, you could run around the block, including the non dog half of the beach in your jog. You sound to me like the lycra wearing blokes who think that they are entitled to ride channel highway three abreast. My vote goes to your 'favourite' dog walker comment.</p>			23/06/2018 8:17
i131	idea	J Tu	<p>Kingston and Blackman's Bay esplanade areas are fine for dog walking on a leash, however, there should be a surveillance camera system, not only for walker safety but to identify dogwalkers who do not clean up after their animals. Current arrangements, other than the suggestion about surveillance should meet everyone's needs.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/kingston-and-blackman39s-bay-esplanade-areas-are-fine-for-dog-walking-on-a-leash-however-there	0	23/06/2018 1:12

i131-c1	comment	Liesl Jacobson	<p>There is surveillance of sorts at Blackmans Bay, a very zealous anti dog resident!</p> <p>Good Lord, should we all have ID and permits at the ready.</p> <p>I find walking my dogs along the esplanade to be stressful both to myself and my dogs and therefore dont do it anymore. Dogs on leashes can feel tense and distrustful towards other people and dogs as they can feel restricted and threatened. Not my dogs but I have seen it in others. The same dogs, allowed to run in an open area are relaxed and friendly. Also, the path is not wide enough therefore you have to stop and rein your dogs in to allow others past. Watching dogs play and interact together is such a positive experience. I call the dog end of Kingston beach dog heaven and tell anyone who is feeling down to go and spend some time watching the dogs play at the beach. I swear the dogs are all smiling and their joy is contagious.</p>			23/06/2018 7:36
i131-c1-reply	comment	James	Agreed.			24/06/2018 5:48
i131-c2	comment	James	I don't think that current arrangements do meet everyone's needs or there wouldn't be so many people requesting that dogs be allowed on a section of Blackmans Bay beach. Many dogs need off-lead exercise and, as Council themselves suggested in their previous draft policy, the south end of Blackmans Bay beach would be a very good location for an off-lead area.			24/06/2018 5:48
i132	idea	Peta Sugden	<p>Please add my vote to this as I am not a member of the association but I vote with this too.</p> <p>KC has demonstrated a lack of leadership and systemic organisational incompetence with respect to managing the development of policy and public consultation associated with this contentious community issue. Clearly, KC has no best practice project framework for the development of the DDMP , or understanding of how to manage contentious issues within the community to develop collaborative outcomes. Your policy lacks pro-active focus to service delivery and planning functions associated with responsible 21st century municipal dog management. Additionally, KC's understanding of transparency of process and honesty is lacking. The public deception caused by passing off Tarooma & Hinsby Beaches as being under KC's dog management jurisdiction " when the Crown owns the land " erodes the integrity of your brand.</p> <p>Our organisation was formed to challenge the mediocre performance by KC. Comments follow about the specific inadequacies of the current DDMP and associated consultative processes. Additionally, we make recommendations to withdraw the 2018 DDMP and restart development of a new dog management strategy using best practice guidelines for project management.</p> <p>1. KRAI formed specifically to challenge mediocre KC performance</p> <p>KRAI was formed out of concerns from ratepayers about inadequacies of the KC's administration. At our last public meeting held on 13/6/2018, the members voted to adopt a Charter that explained the group's driving influences and focused our activities. A copy of the Charter is attached.</p> <p>2. KRAI seek KC adoption of best practice project management and processes</p> <p>Our aims are driven by ratepayer demand that Council adopt "best practice" principles as a cultural norm for all governance, administrative, consultative and service delivery functions. By doing so, Council will be seen to abide by due process, good governance, transparent decision making, and open and transparent public consultative processes. KRAI see no evidence of best practice in the way this policy has been developed or in the way the 2017 and 2018 consultative processes have been managed.</p> <p>3. Respect submission writers/transparent outcomes</p> <p>KC should respect that many people you wish to consult are time-poor: they have full-time jobs, business, family and other commitments. It is important not to make unreasonable demands of people you wish to</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/please-add-my-vote-to-this-as-i-am-not-a-member-of-the-association-but-i-vote-with-this-too	5	23/06/2018 3:47

i132-c1	comment	David	<p>I completely agree with your concerns about data analysis methods and the need for transparency within the development of policy and public consultation.</p> <p>I have just been made aware that Councillors Graham Bury, Dean Winter, Flora Fox and Sue Bastone all said they couldn't support the April policy document while it proposed opening up the southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach.</p> <p>So Council had developed a draft policy they describe as based on public feedback from consultation. The above four councillors refuse to support the policy and therefore it isn't released for public feedback. A mysterious workshop is held (of which no details have been made available) and a new draft policy is released, with the previously proposed Blackmans Bay and Tarooma dog beaches removed without explanation, and with the addition of further restrictions to where dogs are allowed. Unbelievable! How can Council state that this latest draft policy "reflects the feedback provided in the community consultation carried out in 2017" when they said the same about their very different draft policy from just a few weeks earlier?? It makes a mockery of the whole public consultation process. The points you have made will explain why Kingborough residents may feel less motivated to spend time and energy on future public consultations.</p>			24/06/2018 0:03
i133	idea	David Bonny	<p>Dear Counsellors</p> <p>Coningham and Lower Snug Community Association (CALSCA) has no agreed position on the draft Dog Management Policy. CALSCA leaves it to members to convey their views on the draft policy. However, as an indicator of community feeling on this issue, I provide the results of a survey of then CALSCA members undertaken in 2015 [relating to the walking of dogs on Coningham Beach]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22 people strongly agreed and 11 people agreed with early morning and evening dogs on the beach rule. - 1 person disagreed and 7 strongly disagreed with a potential new rule like this. <p>(They were mostly concerned about dog shit not being picked up, aggressive dogs and people taking their dogs to the beach all day long).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 person answered the survey question with 'unable to comment'. <p>David Bonny, President, CALSCA 23 June 2018</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dear-counsellors	3	23/06/2018 3:50
i133-c1	comment	David Bonny	Please note that, in the context of the previous draft (January 2017) the CALSCA Committee supported allowing dogs on Coningham and Lower Coningham Beaches at restricted times early and late in the day (although not necessarily the times proposed).			23/06/2018 4:31
i133-c2	comment	Phillip Gumley	Coningham association I believe is a perfect example where people sit , I would suggest that you would find that if the Council worked on reasonable solution that is "friendly" to both side you would end up with a policy that would work with most people . Why not looked at restricted ours say from 5.00 am till 8.00am dog exercising , during the day free of dogs then evening from 7 pm on . The policy as it stands is just plain negative . It does not work and actually forces people to actually go against the rules. Also as a rate payer what is the cost to have council staff running around threatening people with fines. How does that really help in a friendly cohesive society.			23/06/2018 7:12
i134	idea	David Bonny	Does 4.7 b) 'any shopping centre or any shop' mean that dogs can not be taken into premises where dog grooming is provided?	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/does-4	1	23/06/2018 5:10

i134-c1	comment	Kingborough Council	<p>Hi David, please note that this section is taken directly from the current Dog Control Act 2000, which is prepared by the State Government (Division 2 - Declared areas 28. Prohibited public areas. https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2000-102#GS28@EN)</p> <p>Council is unable to amend the legislation within the Act but is required to enforce it.</p> <p>Within the Act, there is a clarification that the section does not apply to the following:</p> <p>(2) This section does not apply to “</p> <p>(a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; or</p> <p>(b) a hearing dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially deaf person or is in training for that purpose; or</p> <p>(c) a pet shop; or</p> <p>(d) the premises of a veterinary surgeon; or</p> <p>(e) a pet-grooming shop; or</p> <p>(f) any other premises related to the care and management of dogs.</p> <p>We hope that clarifies the section in more detail. Many thanks.</p>			25/06/2018 1:01
i135	idea	Jenny Tayler	<p>As a member of the 56% of households without a dog, let me say that I very much enjoy living in such a dog-friendly neighbourhood and was happy to be part of the recent rally at Kingston beach. I love watching the dogs and their owners socialising at Brown's River - there's not much happier than a happy dog! Of course there is the occasional misdemeanor either by dog or (more often) by owner but the vast majority of the dog-owning and dog-walking fraternity/sorority have their dogs under control and pick up after them.</p> <p>I support those who refer to dogs as members of their family. I am encouraged by the number of elderly people out and about walking their dogs. Such activity is an antidote to the loneliness experienced by many of our older residents and helps to keep them healthy.</p> <p>I do not support further restrictions to off-lead exercise areas.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/as-a-member-of-the-56-of-households-without-a-dog-let-me-say-that-i-very-much-enjoy-living-in-such	8	23/06/2018 6:31
i136	idea	Phillip Gumley	<p>We seem to have a council that has ended up with a negative view on animals and listens to anyone that is against dog walking areas, two examples would be taroona beach and Coningham beach. We seem to have ended up with a policy now that the only way council can respond is by fining people.</p> <p>Why cant there be times as Sandy bay beach to have sensible walking times to exercise/swim on Taroona and Coningham beach. Coningham for instance approved their progress association a few years ago to allow such time , early morning and late evening, meaning there was clear time during the day for dog free areas. Sensible ! but no nothing came from that I presume due to a few local people saying no, even though the yes was in clear majority.</p> <p>Why do we have to be so negative , it is a easy fix , just have restricted times, work with the areas not against.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-seem-to-have-a-council-that-has-ended-up-with-a-negative-view-on-animals-and-listens-to-anyone-th	2	23/06/2018 6:50
i137	idea	David Bonny	<p>Does the draft policy mean that while I am waiting for a Margate wood fired pizza I can't walk my dog down the main street!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/does-the-draft-policy-mean-that-while-i-am-waiting-for-a-margate-wood-fired-pizza-i-can39t-walk-m	0	23/06/2018 7:02

i138	idea	Catherine Stringer	<p>It is a pity that more members of the Kingborough Council do not own dogs. If they did they might have a better understanding of dogs and dog ownership. This draft policy treats dogs as if they are some sort of invasive species or toxic pest.</p> <p>Dogs are part of the family. Dog owners want to share their lives with their dogs. They want to be able to walk, run, swim, play, go on picnics and outings and participate in family events with their dogs.</p> <p>This draft policy is extremely disappointing to put it mildly. It is divisive and discriminatory, and fosters the self righteous, officious paranoia of a small vocal minority.</p> <p>I do not own a dog. I have walked and jogged along the Taroona foreshore for over 30 years and I have never had a problem with dogs. There is heaps of shoreline in Taroona, and multiple beaches, yet dogs are not able to access any beach to go swimming. How can that be a fair and balanced policy?</p> <p>I hope that future candidates for council elections will be required to disclose their dog ownership and position on dogs, so that we can all know what we are voting for!</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/it-is-a-pity-that-more-members-of-the-kingborough-council-do-not-own-dogs	9	23/06/2018 7:56
i138-c1	comment	Arnold	<p>Reserach however has shown the impact of domestic dogs is as serious if not more serious than other invasive species http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UFE0044028/00001</p> <p>Domestic Carnivores as Subsidized Invasive Predators</p> <p>Domestic carnivores can be viewed readily as presenting the same conservation problems for native wildlife as introduced invasive predators. The close positive associations between people and domestic animals, defined by the services these species provide to their human owners (Serpell 1995), distinguishes the domestic species issues from those pertaining to invasive species more generally. Domestic carnivores provide people with protection, companionship, pest control and even food, whereas people provide them with food, shelter and sometimes medical care (Serpell 1995). The nutritional subsidies received by these carnivores from their owners generally insure they can be maintained at densities well above any naturally-defined carrying capacities of local ecological systems (Crooks & Soule 1999; Kays & DeWan 15 2004; Vanak & Gompper 2009b). This implies that high predator densities are possible even when the abundance of wildlife prey species is low enough to become relatively unprofitable for their wild predators to seek. In this scenario, even inefficient or uncommon per-capita impacts of domestic carnivores on endangered or rare prey could press such species to extinction (Crooks & Soule 1999; Kays & DeWan 2004).</p>			24/06/2018 4:35

i139	idea	Gary	<p>Some points on which I would like to highlight are as follows: Taroona Apex dog park. Loss of both available area and the inferior quality location of the accessible space under the proposed restrictions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area is reduced by at least half, and the newly proposed dog section is restricted to the less useful space. Rough and entirely sloping ground with large overgrown drainage area (with only partly fenced blackberry overgrowth) is not suitable for use. The existing flat area, from which dogs are proposed to be excluded, is actually the optimal place for exercise: grass gentle sloping and just the right dimensions for ball throwing and chasing. • In recent years dog off leash space has already been substantially reduced with the establishment of the Taroona Community Garden within this park. • A further reduced area will concentrate all present activities into a much smaller space. Additionally this concentration actually pushes dog activities closer to both Taroona Beach and the unfenced foreshore children's playground area, from which dogs are to be and currently restricted. • It is unclear which other users have been prioritised for this optimal area, as currently dog related activities constitute the vast majority of all access here. • All dogs will have to transit through the rest of the park in any case, as the proposed dog zone is an enclave within the boundaries of the Apex Park. • Access to the proposed enclave area is physically difficult and would preclude disabled and elderly people easily reaching the site. That area is extremely sloped, with no paved surfaces suitable for wet-weather access for the infirm. This would be in contravention of the Kingborough Council remit to provide access, or at least improve access, for these residents. Currently there is excellent accessible entry to the dog park from two points: adjacent to street parking with concrete footpath from Bachelor way, and the flat road entrance from Triton place. These will be cut off with new proposal for siting the closest entrance at the lower end of Taroona Crescent, which is very steep with both uphill and downhill unpaved pathways crossing the unfenced Rivulet. Not simply less than ideal for disabled or infirm access, but positively dangerous. Which would discourage or eliminate these users. 	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/some-points-on-which-i-would-like-to-highlight-areas-follows	2	23/06/2018 8:56
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i140	idea	Judith	<p>I would like Council to return to their previous draft policy from April which proposed allowing dogs off-lead on sections of Blackmans Bay beach and Tarooma beach. There is clearly a high demand for additional dog beaches within Kingborough and these two new locations would allow many more residents to have easier access to one of them. Large sections of the Blackmans Bay and Tarooma beaches would remain dog-free, as would the majority of beaches within the borough, so people who wish to visit a dog-free beach are still able to. NB: I think one thing that we can all agree on is that there needs to be greater enforcement of the rules regarding dog behavior and access - this policy does nothing to address this.</p> <p>In my opinion the reason that so many dog owners are objecting to this latest very restrictive policy is because Council has a real opportunity here to improve the quality of life for many of us (and their draft policy from April would have done just that). Dog owners walk their dog once or twice a day, every day. Many dogs need to have off-lead exercise so most of us are required to drive to a dog exercise area. This forms a significant part of daily life for many households. The new dog beaches would have made life easier and more enjoyable for dog walkers in Blackmans Bay, Tarooma and surrounding areas. Families and working people who may feel pressure to do everything they need to in a day would benefit from a closer and more scenic/enjoyable dog exercise area. It would also enable more people to walk to the place where they exercise their dog - more exercise for us, and less cars on the roads. I believe that Council should be encouraging people to walk, and avoid using the car, wherever possible. As well as the significant health and environmental benefits, walking within your own neighbourhood can lead to an increased engagement in community issues, a greater community spirit and more pride in where you live. As well as improving people's sense of well-being, this increases people's propensity to care for their environment. The most regular users of beaches are the ones most likely to look after them. I visit Kingston dog beach almost daily and I frequently see dog walkers picking up bits of plastic or other litter that the tide has washed in. Walking my dog there is such a positive experience for me and my children and there is a sense of community that I rarely experience elsewhere in my daily life. I believe that other suburbs would also benefit from this type of community space.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-would-like-council-to-return-to-their-previous-draft-policy-from-april-which-proposed-allowing-dog	9	23/06/2018 11:23
i141	idea	Regina	<p>I strongly oppose the draft dog management policy.</p> <p>My issue is that the policy provides no middle ground between restricted and off-lead areas on Kingston Beach. The previous draft policy did offer this with further restrictions around timing (season and time of day). I found the previous policy a much more balanced approach to dog management.</p> <p>While I appreciate that the forest fringing Kingston Beach and rocky headland do have natural values worthy of protection I cannot see what natural values require protection on the central section of Kingston Beach. The reality is that this is an urban beach on an estuary most famous for its pollution. If the council could provide some kind of scientific basis for the draft policy I might be a little more understanding.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-strongly-oppose-the-draft-dog-management-policy	1	23/06/2018 22:13
i142	idea	wunsch	<p>Have dogs on the lead in public places all the time, so people are save from dogs. Restrict length of the lead. Have a limit of two dogs per person. Ban dogs from all beaches.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/have-dogs-on-the-lead-in-public-places-all-the-time-so-people-are-save-from-dogs	1	24/06/2018 2:56

i143	idea	Elke Bobenhausen	<p>Dear Kingborough Council,</p> <p>In my opinion your draft Dog Management Policy is too restrictive on dog owners. I am particularly concerned about the proposal to not allow on-leash dogs onto beaches unless they are expressly declared as dog beaches.</p> <p>For beaches where there are particular concerns about breeding birds, I understand that there may be a need to not allow dogs onto these beaches. Although I would question that if on leash dogs are a concern in such a case, if humans should be allowed on this beach.</p> <p>For beaches where there is no such or similar concern due to the existing human use which already impacts environmental values, and at times where there is no conflict with bathers - early in the morning, and later in the evening in summer and throughout winter - the proposed policy restricts use by dog owners for no obvious benefit. I feel that this is bordering in discriminatory.</p> <p>I support a mixture of on-leash and off-leash dog exercise areas.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/dear-kingborough-council-1	3	24/06/2018 5:14
i144	idea	Sally	<p>Can I ask where does the Howden Forehore (Wingara Road) fit into the Draft Policy? I am unable to see any information about this.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/can-i-ask-where-does-the-howden-forehore-wingara-road-fit-into-the-draft-policy	1	24/06/2018 6:42
i144-c1	comment	Sally	*Foreshore			24/06/2018 6:46
i144-c2	comment	David	<p>I also wondered about this. I could only find Howden referred to in the current dog management policy. I can't see any mention of it in the new draft policy. I did however note the final page of the current policy document which listed all the amendments to the policy in June 2017. These amendments included four off-lead exercise areas reclassified as either on-lead only or prohibited at certain times of the year. 'Stinkpot Bay Reserve' in Howden was one of the areas reclassified as a prohibited area. Not sure which part of the Howden foreshore that is? There were also many other areas reclassified as either restricted or prohibited. This Council is so obviously anti-dog.</p> <p>https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Policy_4_3_Dog_Management_Policy-2017-v1.0.pdf</p> <p>(The amendments - with all the new restrictions - are on the final page)</p>			24/06/2018 8:27
i144-c2-reply	comment	Sally	<p>Stinkpot Bay Reserve is on Howden Road and is further north of Wingara Road so it is a different area of Howden. Howden Foreshore/Wingara Road leads to the boat ramp. It is a lovely quiet area of Kingborough to take a dog.</p>			24/06/2018 8:49
i144-c2-reply	comment	David	<p>So do you think we will be able to walk our dogs there? I can't work it out. I know the area around the boat ramp well and I agree that it is a great place to take a dog - it is very quiet and seldom used by anyone other than dog walkers in my experience.</p>			24/06/2018 10:32
i144-c2-reply	comment	Michael Bonny	<p>Just watch out for the Oyster Shells on the rocks. They can cut up the paws badly.</p>			25/06/2018 3:24

i145	idea	Lynne Uptin	<p>We appreciate that you have given consideration to exempting Middleton Beach from the blanket ruling that applies to dogs on beaches. Sadly, the exemption as it stands does not go far enough to accommodate the needs of our residents for the following reasons:</p> <p>â€œMiddleton Beach is a high usage dog walking area because it is one of the loveliest, quietest and most accessible parts of the Channel and is very suitable for our older residents to walk and play with their dogs, throwing sticks into the water for their swimming dogs to retrieve. This is not used as a swimming beach because of very shallow water for 100 metres out and low water temperatures.</p> <p>â€œThe Beach is subject to tides and storms that, at times, sweep away much of the sand. This often means that the part identified in the draft policy for dog walking does not exist at all for many days throughout the year and often at high tides on a daily basis.</p> <p>â€œOn the positive side, these tides serve to keep the Beach very clean. Dog walkers are very diligent in removing any deposits from their dogs, respecting and valuing the cleanliness and access to this beautiful Beach.</p> <p>â€œApart from hot days in summer, we have noted that the only children you see on the Beach are those with families exercising their dogs. By far the greatest users of the Beach are adults exercising themselves and their dogs.</p> <p>â€œMiddleton beach serves as a communal space for residents from far and wide and dogs are important in fostering community interaction as well as providing an exercise incentive.</p> <p>â€œI am led to believe that some of our valued elderly residents will defy the policy if it is introduced in its current form.</p> <p>I request that Council reconsider the draft policy to remove the restriction that provides access to only part of Middleton Beach so that our community and their dogs can continue to enjoy this healthy activity and give owners the opportunity to continue to enjoy their time together on this beautiful Beach without fear of reprisal from Council.</p> <p>Lynne Uptin OAM</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-appreciate-that-you-have-given-consideration-to-exempting-middleton-beach-from-the-blanket-ruling	1	24/06/2018 8:38
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i146	idea	Arnold	<p>I support the Kingborough council's Draft Dog Management Policy 2018</p> <p>Some of my reasons</p> <p>1. Protection of sensitive wildlife habitat</p> <p>Areas of sensitive wildlife habitat need to be protected if not for us then for future generations. There is an abundance of research locally nationally and internationally recognising the impacts of domestic dogs on the environment (see references below). We are lucky enough to have have unique and endangered flora and fauna right on our doorstep in Kingborough and have a responsibility to protect this.</p> <p>This applies in particular to the beaches and reserves which are particularly sensitive and important for several threatened species in Southern Tasmania including the Swift Parrot, White Bellied Sea Eagle and Forty Spotted Pardalote</p> <p>https://www.protectnatureto.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Impacts-of-dogs-on-wildlife-10-Aug-16.pdf "The evidence that dogs negatively impact wildlife is overwhelming"</p> <p>file:///C:/Users/d670367/Downloads/8.12_Results_of_Study_with_a_view_to_trialling_dog_swimming_at_Curl_Curl_Beach_20120626.pdf</p> <p>"That Council does not support the dogs on beaches proposal as it is not consistent with sustainability principles and good environmental management practices such as impact on biodiversity, flora, fauna, nutrient load and social inclusion"</p> <p>https://eprints.utas.edu.au/12310/2/whole.pdf</p> <p>Banks and Bryant (2007) found that walking dogs in bushland resulted in a reduction of up to 35% in diversity of bird species, whilst abundance of birds was reduced by 41%. They suggested that even dogs on leash can result in bird displacement, and proposed that dog walkers should not be permitted in sensitive conservation areas. Humans walking without a dog resulted in about half the disturbance effect of a dog being walked on</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-support-the-kingborough-councils-draft-dog-management-policy-2018	1	24/06/2018 9:49
i147	idea	Rhonda Weber	<p>I agree with parts of the policy but I support more allowance for dogs in beaches - on lead. Too many people do not have adequate control of their dogs even though they would dispute that. Keep them on lead and a lot of issues the general public have would go away.</p> <p>Also I believe the council should do surprise supervision of off lead beaches especially Kingston and issue on the spot fines for people who don't pick up, after their dogs. Do random times and random days and the issue of dog waste would be reduced. I've been disgusted by people not picking up after their dogs but I'm sure they are the first to complain about these changes.</p> <p>Don't penalise the good people. Penalise those who don't keep control of their dogs in public and don't clean up. Be vigilant and the good people will benefit.</p> <p>I agree with the person asking for more clarity about around a shopping centre. What about those shops that are dog friendly? Are you saying now we can't take our dogs with us when we go for a coffee? Visit the Main Street of the Mornington Peninsula and you will see how dogs fit into their community. That's what we need and want.</p> <p>Again penalise the bad, reward the good and let us enjoy our dogs in a responsible way.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-agree-with-parts-of-the-policy-but-i-support-more-allowance-for-dogs-in-beaches-on-lead	1	24/06/2018 12:30
i147-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree.			25/06/2018 4:55

i148	idea	David Bonny	<p>The draft Dog Management Policy is too restrictive on dogs and their responsible carers / owners. Dogs need adequate on and off-lead exercise areas, especially if they are not to become a nuisance to the community. Responsible owners are aware of this.</p> <p>Dogs require good socialisation opportunities both with other dogs and humans (other than their owners) to ensure they know how to behave.</p> <p>The Council should be giving every encouragement to dog owners to both train and exercise their dogs responsibly.</p> <p>The restriction on off-leash dogs to declared areas is not unreasonable, as long as they are of sufficient area, safe and accessible.</p> <p>Well behaved on-leash dogs should be allowed in more areas, such as beaches and outdoor areas of cafes and near shops. This is the case in Scandinavia.</p> <p>Many Councils, both in Tasmania and on the other island, allow on-leash access to beaches, particularly in winter, during early and late daylight hours varying the times according to the season.</p> <p>I understand the concerns about areas where there are breeding birds or that are environmentally sensitive. Off-leash dogs should definitely not be allowed. But on-leash dogs would be less of a concern, if with responsible owners.</p> <p>I respectfully request Councillors not to take the backward step that this draft policy would be. Rather, put your best paw forward and support improved on-leash and off-leash dog exercise areas in Kingborough.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-draft-dog-management-policy-is-too-restrictive-on-dogs-and-their-responsible-carers-owners	1	24/06/2018 13:48
i149	idea	John Tabart	<p>I believe dogs should be able to be walked/exercised during restricted hours (seasonally adjusted) on main Coningham Beach. For example in winter before 1000 and after 1500, and in summer before 0800 and after 1800. As a responsible pet owner, I always take care to pick up our dog poo (& any other dog poo I find), it is no worse than the human rubbish that is left on the beach (which within reason I usually pick up too). Please allow the small community of Coningham residents/shack owners to engage in this positive social and community building activity.</p> <p>Yours sincerely John Tabart 293 Coningham Rd</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-believe-dogs-should-be-able-to-be-walkedexercised-during-restricted-hours-seasonally-adjusted-o	2	24/06/2018 22:47
i149-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree			25/06/2018 4:54
i149-c2	comment	Jane Richardson	<p>I agree with John , as residents of Coningham we have responded to many surveys in the past which resulted in voting for relaxing regulations rather than tightening them</p> <p>Surely common sense should prevail! We see the beaches empty for most of the year so why would dogs be prohibited at these times.</p> <p>The allocated dog beach Clarks Beach is useless at high tide when there is no beach, it has only one official entrance off busy Coningham Rd and parking leading up to a blind corner. Also a habitat for breeding shore/wading birds!</p> <p>A query - how does a dog owner with a crown lease for boat shed get his dog from foreshore over prohibited beach to his leased property??</p> <p>A suggestion- allocate a responsible dog owner card with dog registration . Conditions could include effective control, times of the day/year and be policed by existing dog control officers.</p> <p>Jane Richardson, Bob Skinner</p>			25/06/2018 6:51

i150	idea	Helen Hussey	<p>I thoroughly support your dog management policy.</p> <p>Dogs running loose at Tinderbox beach stray into farmland where there is stock. They also run along the cliff where the tussocks shelter betongs and bandicoots.</p> <p>There are also responsible dog owners, whose dogs have a swim and then take them away.</p> <p>My two small Irish donkeys were severely attacked while on agistment on a property on Tinderbox Road West. A visitor to the property let their dog run loose. I had thousands of dollars in Vet and Farrier bills over the next 10 months as a result. The council was informed at the time.</p> <p>Information about the management of dogs visiting country areas should be addressed, as it is a problem.</p> <p>I tried to submit this a while ago, but do not think it went through. I apologise if you have had it twice.</p> <p>Helen Hussey.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-thoroughly-support-your-dog-management-policy	0	24/06/2018 22:51
i151	idea	Katrina McIntosh	<p>Can someone please explain to me how an area can be important habitat to a shorebird that has migrated to Siberia for winter?</p> <p>Habitat is both a place and a time. The previous draft (and other Councils) recognise this by allowing dogs on lead over winter/non-nesting periods.</p> <p>Our area is a natural jewel and needs sensible protection and balance.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/can-someone-please-explain-to-me-how-an-area-can-be-important-habitat-to-a-shorebird-that-has-migrat	1	24/06/2018 23:35
i152	idea	Margie Murray	<p>I am a Cygnet resident who frequents Dru Point off leash dog park, and Kingston Beach ditto, on a regular basis.</p> <p>I note that Council's draft policy prohibits dogs entering any shopping centre or any shop (Para 4.7(b) Prohibited Public Places).</p> <p>Council exceeds its legislative power in so formulating its policy.</p> <p>Sub-sections 28(2)(c-f) of the Dog Control Act 2000 clearly list exceptions to the general prohibitions against dogs entering shopping centres or shops.</p> <p>Council does not have the power to excise these exceptions from its dog policy.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-am-a-cygnnet-resident-who-frequents-dru-point-off-leash-dog-park-and-kingston-beach-ditto-on-a-re-1	1	25/06/2018 1:09
i152-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree.			25/06/2018 4:50
i153	idea	Laura Blake	<p>We would like to see an approach in the Kingborough area similar to the one in Clarence Council have to Dog management policy and have restricted hours in summer and full access to beaches in the winter months .e.g. Dogs are not permitted on the beaches, between 10.00am and 6.00pm, from 1 December to 1 March each year and at all other times dogs must be under effective control.</p> <p>Clark's beach at Coningham is very small beach and when it is high tide is not accessible at all.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/we-would-like-to-see-an-approach-in-the-kingborough-area-similar-to-the-one-in-clarence-council-have	2	25/06/2018 1:31
i153-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree.			25/06/2018 4:49

i154	idea	Kate Lucas	<p>Some of what is in the proposed Kingborough Council Dog Management Policy can't be changed as it is part of the Dog Control Act 2000. Although one area that is lacking in the Act itself is the exemptions for guide and hearing dogs. This exemption should be extended to assistance dogs in general. Something council may like to add to its own policy.</p> <p>Under the current policy the council provides a number of suitable areas to exercise dogs both on and off lead. An interim draft policy earlier this year even included off lead access to some more beaches like parts of Blackmans Bay and limited evening and morning access to others. This policy was considered acceptable to the dog community of Kingborough. But this policy was scrapped by the council in the hope that amendments to the Dog Control Act would allow the council to ban access to all beaches it controlled. And this is what has happened as the extended beach access has been removed from the latest draft policy.</p> <p>The Alum Cliffs Walk and Maranoa Heights Reserve are currently off lead areas but under the new policy have now been restricted to on lead only. Taroona Park is still off lead but the area has been reduced. No reason has been given for these changes although under Section 24 (a) iii of the Dog Control Act the council must notify the public of the reason for making this decision. If the council can't provide a valid reason for these changes to the current off lead areas they should remain in the policy as they exist now.</p> <p>The Dog Management Policy should also include more access to beaches such as Blackmans Bay and Snug particularly in the early morning and evening when the beaches have little use. The dog access hours should be increased during the colder months because of very little use of beaches at all. Other councils in Tasmania and around the rest of the country provide this type of limited access to beaches under their control so the Kingborough Council would not be setting a precedent by allowing this type of access.</p> <p>Dogs and humans have had a close relationship for thousands of years. They currently provide companionship to families as well as people living alone. An important part of this relationship is exercise. The walking of a dog is not only healthy way for humans to get exercise it also good for the dogs. A dog that is regularly exercised is usually more settled and is less likely to cause a nuisance to neighbours by barking in their own yard. So it is important for both humans and dogs to have adequate areas for dogs to be exercised.</p> <p>Kate Lucas, Coningham</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/some-of-what-is-in-the-proposed-kingborough-council-dog-management-policy-can39t-be-changed-as-it	4	25/06/2018 3:11
i154-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	I agree!			25/06/2018 4:00
i154-c2	comment	David Bonny	Agree			25/06/2018 4:46
i154-c3	comment	Judith	I agree also.			25/06/2018 6:22

i155	idea	Michael Bonny	<p>I have major concerns with the conduct of the process and development of the Dog Management Policy and the draft of May 2018 as presented for comment.</p> <p>Specifically the summary exclusion, without transparency of the two proposed Dog Exercises on sections of Blackmans Bay and Taroona Beaches in the May version, despite being included after much "community consultation" and being declared (along with other changes) as a "reasonable compromise" by the Manager Governance and Property when presenting the April Report.</p> <p>In Summary I am concerned about: The exclusion of the Blackmans Bay Beach and Taroona Beach proposals and lack of explanation or reasoning; the lack of options for usage at restricted times of the day or year for off leash usage in any areas in both drafts (despite this being a common practice in other Tasmanian Councils): the lack of off-leash areas within reasonable walking distance from major population centres: and the summary inclusion and particularly exclusion of areas that do not seem logical.</p> <p>My Points are therefore:</p> <p>1. It is not reasonable to argue, as was the point raised by councilors Bury and Winter in April, that council would be negligent in its duty of care in opening that section in the southern part of Blackmans Bay on the basis of "children and dogs do not mix" when, in fact, that is what is happening regularly, especially in summer, around Brown's River. What's the difference?</p> <p>Also, in both areas water pollution levels are often of concern so it could be a counter argument that water pollution and children do not mix.</p> <p>Should we ban children from Brown's River where there are signs that declare that eating fish from the river is not recommended?</p> <p>Can this be used as an excuse to ban children from other beaches?</p> <p>Surely this a judgement and responsibility for parents (some of whom want to bring their dogs as part of the family) knowing full well that other safer areas (more hygienic) exist for children at a beach.</p> <p>2. It is not clear, but perhaps likely, that Taroona Beach was also excised from the 4.3 Exercise Areas by a similar reasoning. However, given both beach areas were in the April Draft as the "compromise" it is not unreasonable to expect that an explanation is due from the secretive workshop as to why they have now</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-major-concerns-with-the-conduct-of-the-process-and-development-of-the-dog-management-policy-a	5	25/06/2018 3:17
i155-c1	comment	Jo Taylor	Hear hear! I agree with every word.			25/06/2018 3:59
i155-c2	comment	David Bonny	Agree. Well said.			25/06/2018 4:47
i155-c2-reply	comment	Arnold	You agree with your own post LOL Bravo			25/06/2018 8:43
i155-c2-reply	comment	David Bonny	Mr Arnold Anonymous. No. I agreed with my brother's comment. Regards, David Bonny			25/06/2018 8:55
i155-c3	comment	Arnold	I disagree. Childrens safety takes precedence over dog owners convenience in every situation.			25/06/2018 5:52
i155-c3-reply	comment	Michael Bonny	Of course it does. Tell it to the parents.			25/06/2018 8:05
i155-c3-reply	comment	Arnold	It's OK I told it to the council :)			25/06/2018 8:44
i155-c4	comment	Judith	I couldn't agree more.			25/06/2018 6:20

i156	idea	David Chopping	<p>The Kingborough Council's draft Dog Management Policy appears to be at odds with what is being implemented by local government elsewhere. Over the past few years I have traveled to many areas in Australia, and overwhelmingly, Councils are in fact improving dog recreation areas as well other measures to integrate dogs into the community more and more.</p> <p>In relation to dog exercise areas, whilst beaches should not be the prime focus for these spots, they do seem to be a favourite. We recently took our dog to the exercise area at Dru Point. Whilst small, it is an excellent facility, and maybe more of these could be set up, say, on the fringe of Peter Murrell Reserve, or other such locations. This may take the pressure of beach based spots.</p> <p>On the mainland there are many, many examples where dogs are allowed around (the outside of) cafe's, shops, bars etc, and they are encouraged to socialise in a restricted but permitted way. I agree that dogs should not be allowed inside of shopping centres, but on street frontage businesses, access should be allowed in a controlled fashion, with the business owner having the discretion. I expect some of the businesses in the Kingborough area may have views on this, but I would suspect banning dogs from these areas may have a detrimental effect on these businesses viability.</p> <p>It is disappointing that with the population in Kingborough increasing, and about to increase further, along with the flow on effect of the number of dogs in the area, and together with the Council fees for dogs increasing that in fact the services and facilities for dogs is reducing.</p> <p>I sincerely hope the Council will review its draft plan. Conducting more surveys, like the one for the Kingborough Beach Traffic flow to gauge public opinion, not just the opinions of marginalised groups (on both sides of the fence) would be ideal.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/the-kingborough-council39s-draft-dog-management-policy-appears-to-be-at-odds-with-what-is-being-i	0	25/06/2018 5:55
i156-c1	comment	Katrina Smith	Well said. There are some excellent points made here. Hopefully the Council will listen to everyone and not just the vocal few.			25/06/2018 8:54
i157	idea	Dianne Gumley	<p>I have read through your Draft Dog Management Policy document and the map of declared dog areas. I am upset that there are no opportunities for dogs to be walked on beaches during restricted hours, i.e. early morning and evening, and there is no difference between use in Summer and winter.</p> <p>As a regular visitor to Coningham for example I am aware that the beach is very quiet all day in winter and early morning and evening at all times of the yea. I can see no reason why a restricted hours approach to the beaches in this area would cause inconvenience or difficulty for other users of the beach. I fully respect the need to restrict access during the day when families are likely to use the beaches but I feel strongly that dog owners should have at least restricted access to walk their dogs on beaches throughout the year.</p> <p>As you say in your draft policy it is recognised that 'Dog ownership has proven benefits to the community through better health, well being, companionship and social interaction.' and support for families and dog owners to be able to enjoy and provide good care for their pets.</p> <p>Dianne Gumley</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-read-through-your-draft-dog-management-policy-document-and-the-map-of-declared-dog-areas	1	25/06/2018 6:13
i157-c1	comment	David Bonny	I agree.			25/06/2018 7:00

i158	idea	Delia Richards	<p>I do not beleive dogs being allowed on Coningham Beach during restricted hours purely for residents is a positive solution to appease the limited number of dog owners in the area</p> <p>If allowed i am sure Council would not have the resources to monitor every dog movement on the beach, especially should certain hours be implemented</p> <p>There are a number of great walking tracks in and around the Coningham area that is quiet sufficient for dog exercise, also there is a dog beach off Coningham Rd designated entirely for dogs</p> <p>Even during the summer months there are dogs illegally playing on the beach around small children, who is monitoring this and why isnt there penalties applied to those dog owners, some residents of Coningham</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-do-not-beleive-dogs-being-allowed-on-coningham-beach-during-restricted-hours-purely-for-residents	0	25/06/2018 6:49
i159	idea	Karen Kelley	<p>I have no objection to dogs using the beach when no-one else is there.</p> <p>I do object however to times when there are people using the beach and dog owners bring their dogs against the rules . Council needs to enforce their rules and dogowners need to respect them.</p>	https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/dog-management-policy/i-have-no-objection-to-dogs-using-the-beach-when-no-one-else-is-there	0	25/06/2018 6:56