

**Submitter: Robin Burgess**

I would like to see dog parks, or areas for dogs to roam free are fenced off from the public so as not many owners leash their dogs when walking in these areas the dogs often run up to other users of these parks/ areas and frighten these people and it's too late when these people are bitten or frightened by the time the owners get there.

It's a lot easier to take this problem out of the way by fencing the areas off, like up in Cashmere – Christchurch.

I think the area either side of the you want of the main road/ Melcombe street in Tinwald could be fenced easily, We see lots of dogs running along the Melcombe street side up the Ashburton side of Crompton street free with their owners within 50 metres or so but when other users walk along the footpaths of the road on the other side do fear for their safety especially when they have young kids or very little dogs on a leash with family, then the dogs come up growling from the other side in the grassed area. A few times coming home or going away I have had to put my vehicle between dogs and growl at them and walkers along this grass area because of these problems and growl at the dogs.

I still think this side of the rail road is better than the main road side and should be signed if put this way from the main road but fenced the owners of dogs would also feel safer letting them go.

I have also heard similar comments from Argyle park that walkers would like to walk this park without FEAR.

Thank you Robin Burgess