

*Draft Dog Control
Bylaw & Policy
2021 Consultation*

Submissions booklet

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Submitter: Stacey Aldwin

Dogs should be kept on leashes at all times to eliminate potential dog fights at dog parks or on public property.

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	Would rather leave existing policy in effect
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	Would rather leave existing bylaw in effect (no change)
Do you have any further comments?:	
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Supporting Document:	No file uploaded
Personal Details	
Full Name:	Adi Avnit
Organisation:	
Address:	
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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: No

Let us know why:

Argyle Park :- The dog exercise area should extend right around the area, plus through the center as proposed as the majority of people use paved area now. North East Ash :- Since the council started enforcing the existing Policy there has been very little use for this huge area of kept land and paving sectioning off this small piece of land is stupid as there no area to park at Company Rd (most people drive to use) and to have to walk your dog from North Park Rd on a lead is just silly. The park Industrial sites are fenced and the area is kilometres from the major residential area (to far for untended children to access) I have never experienced any issues in the past so why make a drama of it. How many staff, how many incidents, and I fail to see the area of low visibility that is being referred to, the people of Ashburton are maintaining this area for very little benefit lets make good use of it.

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

Do you have any further comments?:

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Personal Details

Full Name: Lindsay Barnett

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: No

Let us know why:

7.3. Owners must ensure that dogs are wearing current registration tags while on any land that is not their own. I wish to comment on this item of the proposed new by-law. I agree in part to dogs having to wear the current registration tags while out but the fact that the tags are so difficult to attach to a collar and being the type of hard plastic make it extremely difficult for people to handle. Is it possible that a disc tag could also be introduced that could clip onto the dog's collar. I would happily use that but at the moment while I register my two dogs every year I do not have their tags displayed as I simply cannot put them on. I can imagine some older people must have the same issue. I would like to ask the Council to address this please.

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Full Name: Kathryn Barr

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	Yes
Let us know why:	We support the bylaw of prohibiting dogs and Lake Camp, Lake Clearwater and reserve and village areas
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	Yes
Let us know why:	
Do you have any further comments?:	We would like the bylaw policed, as hutholders and much more so visitors still bring dogs up here. It is well know and widely spread that the council don't do anything about it.
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Full Name:	Greg and Elaine Brake

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: Yes

Let us know why: The policy is reasonable and practical.

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: Yes

Let us know why: I support the extension of the prohibited dogs areas to include the shores of Lake Clearwater, in particular. This will mean there is consistency with DOC policy. It will be simpler for dog owners to understand that they are unable to bring their dogs into the settlement and whole foreshore area. It will help better protect the wildlife on the Lake and foreshore, especially the crested grebes which are special.

Do you have any further comments?:

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Personal Details

Full Name: Adair Bruorton

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 its to late when these people are bitten or frighten by the time the owners get there.

Its 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 foot paths 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 the 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 would 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



**A SUBMISSION FROM THE
CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

SUBMITTER: Central South Island Fish and Game
c/o Angela Christensen

This submission is made in reference to the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

Central South Island Fish and Game Council (hereafter referred to as 'Fish and Game') is the statutory manager of the sports fish and game resource as directed by the Conservation Act 1987. Fish and Game's legislative functions includes maintaining and improving access in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters (s26Q). Fish and Game's interest in the draft bylaw is focussed on the impacts it will have on our game bird hunters.

The purpose of the draft Dog Control Policy is to 'maintain a safe and healthy community, to protect children, and to provide the for the needs of dogs and their owners.' Section 7 'Prohibited and leashed areas' lists a number of locations where dogs are prohibited. However, this list differs to the prohibited areas identified in 'Schedule 1 Part A- Areas where dogs are prohibited' as Ashton Beach is listed in the Schedule but not in Section 7. Ashton Beach is of most interest to Fish and Game given the recreational game bird hunting opportunities undertaken in the riverbed at and near that location. This is discussed further below.

The purpose of the draft bylaw is outlined in Section 2. Of particular interest to Fish and Game is the purpose stated as follows:

- *minimise the potential for dogs to cause harm, distress or nuisance to the community, animals or wildlife*

Fish and Game supports the purpose stated above; however, the impacts on recreational opportunities that arise from dogs being prohibited in an area where there is little to no risk to community, animals or wildlife should be considered.

Section 8.1 of the draft bylaw designates prohibited areas for dogs as specified in Schedule 1 Part A. Ashton Beach has been added to this schedule. The consultation document states the reasoning behind adding this location to the schedule is to protect the breeding colonies of the threatened, black-billed gull. The black-billed gull is one of many braided river bird species that establishes breeding colonies at the Ashburton River. Other braided river bird species at the river mouth include wrybills, dotterels, oystercatchers, terns and pied stilts. Every spring, native river birds come to braided rivers to breed, which takes place from early September to late January.

A report commissioned by Environment Canterbury¹ details the black-billed gull population over a year-long period during 2018/2019 at the Ashburton River mouth. From this snapshot report, black-billed gull numbers drop in May and June as they move to other sites for feeding. An excerpt from the report states:

***Black-billed Gulls** dropped to <10 in May and June as birds moved to winter feeding habitat in farmland and they were replaced by unusually large numbers of **Red-billed Gulls** which peaked at 364 on 21 July 2018. Following their annual cycle, **Black-billed Gulls** returned en masse in late August when 4498 were counted. This almost doubled to 7130 in mid September when nest-building started but the first breeding attempts were subsequently washed out by a series of freshes. Many birds moved upstream and eventually formed a colony at the State Highway 1 bridge, but 2000-2500 remained at the rivermouth and bred between November and January. Up to 200 **Red-billed Gulls** were associated with this colony and 75 pairs bred in two sub-colonies on the edge of the Black-bills.*

¹ Andrew Crossland, “Ashburton Rivermouth Bird Monitoring Report for Year April 2018-March 2019”, prepared for Environment Canterbury (May 2019).

Black-billed Gull numbers declined through February as breeding was completed and birds moved away. As with last year, they were overtaken as the most abundant species in autumn by **Red-billed Gulls**, which had a stable flock of c.100 birds from January through March.

Game bird hunting is a valued recreational pursuit in the Central South Island Fish and Game Region. Riverbeds and ponds are popular sites to undertake this activity as they provide suitable habitats and food supply for game bird species. The game bird hunting season runs from the 1st Saturday in May through the last weekend in July. It is during this time that hunters have the opportunity to hunt game bird species as defined in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Act 1953. Fish and Game's Game Bird Hunting Code of Practice requires game bird hunters to retrieve all shot birds promptly and many hunters utilise specially trained dogs to achieve this.

As the river bird breeding season differs to the game bird hunting season, Fish and Game believes there is minimal risk for dogs to cause harm, distress or nuisance to wildlife at the Ashton Beach location from May through July.

Fish and Game seeks that a time period is applied to the Ashton Beach prohibited area for dogs. Fish and Game supports dogs being prohibited from that location from August-April inclusive to protect threatened river bird species. Fish and Game seeks dogs are permitted for game bird hunting purposes from May-July inclusive. This would meet the policy, continue to allow for recreational hunting opportunities, and minimise adverse effects on wildlife.

Hearing

CSIFG reserves the right to be heard in support and expansion of this submission.

Date: 28 June 2021

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission? No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented? Yes

Let us know why:

Thankyou to the ADC for acknowledging the concerns of responsible dog owners and proposing a new dog park off Company Road. This is particularly relevant given that the dog park on the river is out of action for the foreseeable future. Can you please consider 1. rubbish bins for dog poo bags 2. Drinking water available for the dogs (currently a home owner has put a small fresh water pump out for the dogs to use on their fence line) 3. Some identifiable parking area for dog owners. As many of the dog owners in this area are older, it would also be appreciated if there was some form of seating so they can rest. One final suggestion - I propose that this park be named the 'Tom Stapleton Dog Park'. Tom has been one of the most frequent visitors to that area - he travelled out from town on his mobility scooter with his 2 little dogs most days. Sadly he had to stop doing this after the 'dogs on leads' bylaw became strongly enforced - something he could not do from a scooter. Tom died last year, but it would be great to have him remembered as a great supporter of a dog park in that area, and for the respected man that he was within the Ashburton Community. kind regards, Heather Cullimore

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented? Yes

Let us know why:

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Heather Cullimore

Submitter: Len Doel

Hi There,

I would like to have clarification on dog fouling in Ashburton. Please make the wording is clear that dog litter is not dumped into inappropriate containers such as letter boxes. Dog owners do get creative!

Please clarify "dog control". The dog should be under human control on a short leash, not self-control, dropping body waste on public playing fields such as the domain.

How do ratepayers report unhygienic and poor dog control to the authorities?

Also please add the Ashburton District Council Wakanui Beach Reserve to the list of areas that are off limits to dogs, especially during the bird breeding season.

Yours sincerely,

Len Doel

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	<p>1 Having the dog wear a registration tag when not on your property has safety issues. My dogs regularly run through bush and having a tag on the collar could catch on the branches and injure the dog. Also my dogs compete in agility and dogs are not allowed to compete with a registration tag on the collar. This is to ensure the dogs safety so that the tag cannot catch on any of the equipment. The tags are also hard to put on the dogs collars. My dogs are micro chipped so why do we need both? How are you going to enforce this?</p> <p>2 What is the purpose of a rule making everyone carry a poo bag? Responsible dog owners already do this. How are you going to enforce this? What happens if you refuse to show your poo bag?</p>
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	
Do you have any further comments?:	The dog control policy needs to be practical, how many dog control officers do you need to ensure every dog off its property is wearing a tag? All non-working dogs are supposed to micro chipped - what is the compliance rate with this?
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Supporting Document:	No file uploaded
Personal Details	
Full Name:	Sharon Dron

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission? No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented? Yes

Let us know why:

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented? No

Let us know why:

There are already limited places to take dogs on family friendly adventures. Camping at lake heron is one of the last places left that we can actually enjoy spending time with our whole family. Yes dogs are family. Not all people or dogs enjoy going to dog parks, and no dog parks have water for dogs to swim. The ashburton River constantly had algae blooms making it unsafe to swim in and lake hood is revolting, not to mention that a lot of fig breeds are banned from the area.

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Jodene Galbraith

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission? No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented? No

Let us know why: Does carrying a bag ensure that the owner will use it? I don't think so. As an every day walker dog shit is common on the footpaths. It is impossible to police this issue and those owners who ignore the problem know it. All dogs should be compulsory micro-chipped.

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:

Let us know why:

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Allan Gardiner

Organisation:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Do you wish to speak in support of No
your submission?:

Do you support the draft Dog Yes
Control Policy as presented?:

Let us know why:

Do you support the draft dog No
Control Bylaw as presented?:

Let us know why: Opposed to New dog exclusions at lake Clearwater and lake
heron. Both of these areas are extensive and currently well
utilised dog owners. There is plenty of space for all users in
these areas. Our whole family especially the kids enjoy taking
the dogs for walks swims kayaking and fishing in these easily
accessible areas.

Do you have any further
comments?:

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are public documents and will be
made available on Council's
website with the names of
submitters included:

Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Ben Hallenstein

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: No

Let us know why:

Argyle Park .. The dog exercise area in Argyle Park should be extended right around the park, including the centre, along the footpaths. It is a great place to walk a dog and it would feel much safer to be able to have dogs unleashed so that they can socialise with other dogs more naturally. I agree that dogs should not be allowed onto playground areas, however, and should be under the control of the owner. Most people do use the paved areas.

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Carol Hall

Organisation:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Submitter: Charlotte Hoare

I have been reading your suggested updates to the Dog control by laws, I have to say that I agree for the most part with what is being suggested apart from banning dogs from Ashton Beach, Lake clearwater and Lake Heron.

I understand that dogs can be a nuisance and bother nesting birds etc... but I think it is highly unfair to punish the respectful dog owners as well as the bad dog owners. Taking my dogs to the beach at the weekend for a nice run around is what I live for after a busy week.

May I suggest instead a compulsory dog on the lead law in these areas and not a total ban.

Thanks
Charlotte

Your views on the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy are important to us, and we encourage you to make a submission. Written submissions can be made to the Council up **until 5pm on 11 July 2021.**



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ashburtondc/haveyoursay

IN PERSON
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5 Baring Square West

EMAIL TO
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Your details

First name: Jacqui & David Last name: Howden

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard)

Yes: The hearing is expected to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 29 July 2021. Please note that hearings are live-streamed to our online channels.

No: I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Signature: J. M. Howden

Date: 9-7-21

Dog Control Bylaw & Policy is available from ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Have your
Say!

You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question.

1. Do you support the Dog Control Policy as presented?

Yes No

2. Let us know why:

we would like Dogs to be at
Lake Camp / Clearwater. We are
back holders and can see no

3. Do you support the Dog Control Bylaw as presented?

Yes No

reason for dogs not
allowed.

4. Let us know why:

5. Do you have any further comments?

There is no stock surrounding lake
Camp / Clearwater which is why
originally they were not allowed.
we always pay rates in town and
Back at lakes and would just like
same rules as town.



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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: No

Let us know why: Could the top end of Argyle Park (treeline along Farm Road and Middle Road) be included as a dog exercise area as well. This part of the park is very rarely used as a playing field and is a wonderful area for dogs to run, chase a ball and play. The creek also provides drinking water and a nice place for the dogs to cool off in the summer.

Do you have any further comments?: Thank you and appreciation to the people who keep the supply of poobags replenished and the rubbish bins emptied at Argyle Park. There are only a few dog owners that do not pick up after their dog otherwise it is a real asset to everyone.

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Annette Hunt

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: No

Let us know why: The further changes to Argyle park are good but why not include the area next to Farm Road as an area where larger dogs can properly exercise. This area has little or no sports field and therefore will not affect anyone. At present there is no rules for this space.

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Gavin Hunt

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: No

Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

The Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association supports the current policy for no dogs around Lake Camp reserve area, Lake Clearwater hut area and Lake Clearwater shores. This helps in protecting the wildlife in the area.

Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: Yes

Let us know why:

The Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association supports the current policy for no dogs around Lake Camp reserve area, Lake Clearwater hut area and Lake Clearwater shores. This helps in protecting the wildlife in the area.

Do you have any further comments?:

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Supporting Document: No file uploaded

Personal Details

Full Name: Joan Healey

Organisation: Lake Clearwater Hutholders Assn

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 20/6/21

You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question.

1. Do you support the Dog Control Policy as presented?

Yes No

2. Let us know why:

lake camp reserve & lake clearwater
hut area shouldn't be prohibited to
dogs

3. Do you support the Dog Control Bylaw as presented?

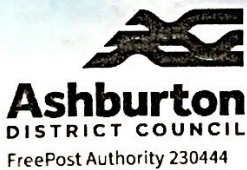
Yes No

4. Let us know why:

As above, I believe both these areas
should be open to dogs under effective control.
There is absolutely no risk in the hut area

5. Do you have any further comments?

to wildlife and if dogs under effective control
I feel there is no threat to wildlife at lake camp
It is supposed to be a family friendly area
and our dog is part of our family



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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: Yes
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?: No
Let us know why: Submission as per the uploaded file
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?: No
Let us know why: Submission as per the uploaded file
Do you have any further comments?:
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Supporting Document: MY SUBMISSION and supporting documents.pdf, type application/pdf, 146.5 KB

Personal Details

Full Name: Megan McAtamney

MY SUBMISSION- Otago Daily times article and Council Meeting notes appear in the pages following my submission.

I do not support the proposed changes to the current bylaw/policy. Please find included my reasons for this, and supporting documents referred to. I have photos and some examples to support my objection which I will bring to the hearing.

Reason: You have proposed a designated area for dogs not on leads, but without this area being fenced off, the space continues to be part of the public area currently used by many people with or without dogs. Regardless of their nature, dogs can be unpredictable given certain circumstances, and with no physical barrier between the proposed area and the rest of the Business Estate, safety for all cannot be guaranteed if a dog is not on a lead and under the complete control of its owner. If you cannot guarantee the reaction of your dog given any circumstance it may be faced with (and this would be most owners), then the commonsense and safe approach would surely be for dogs to be on leads or behind a fence.

As a frequent user of the Business Estate I witness the following wide range of activities on a regular basis (some of which you may not find in urban dog exercise areas):

- Walkers with other dogs
- Runners
- Family groups with small children
- Horse riders, and horse and carts
- Cyclists
- Livestock on neighbouring properties
- Rabbits/Hares
- Council mowers and maintenance vehicles

Point 1:

New proposals should not disadvantage users who are currently enjoying the facilities and abiding by the law. I believe this will occur as the proposal includes the current sealed pathway used by many people as part of the loop walking track. Dogs that are off-lead are not going to be any more under the control of the owner just because they will now be in a 'designated area'. With no fencing or physical change, this area continues to be in the same public space where complaints have been received for dog poo, dogs rushing and chasing, or attacking. (See Jane Donaldson's comments in the attached Otago Daily Times report).

Point 2:

I am confused as to why you are now referring to this overall area as two areas - the Ashburton Business Estate AND North East Ashburton - when they are one and the same. Paths, dogs on leash signs, grass maintenance etc are a feature of this whole area – and used as such by many. In the Otago Daily times article and the Council Meeting Notes combined there are 7 references made to the Business Estate.

Point 3:

From talking to several people who support dogs being off a leash, I believe that the proposed dog exercise area misses the brief. I believe the dog owners want the freedom to use the entire sealed pathway route for their own fitness at the same time as exercising their dog. Hence, not even FENCING an area will guarantee the correct use and therefore safety of everyone.

Point 4:

I believe it is unlikely that owners who are currently objecting to having their dogs on a leash will use a leash to get to and from the designated area. I believe it is no coincidence that the current signage has constantly been vandalised, and question whether those responsible for this damage will be prepared to obey the restrictions of the proposed policy.

Point 5:

Please refer to the highlighted notes from a recent [Council meeting \(19 May 2021, see below\)](#). All the 'conflicting activities' listed here currently occur in the newly proposed area because of the network of paths that you have created for this purpose – it is all used as one area. The concerns referred to in both the [Otago Daily Times article \(see below\)](#) and the [Council Meeting Notes \(see below\)](#) are still going to exist because it is all used as one area.

Point 6:

[Please refer to the recent Council meeting notes \(see below\)](#). It is stated that Officers have proposed this alternative location due to the high visibility and openness of the area, but there is a large percentage of established vegetation in that area - especially the area directly next to the pathway where dogs can appear without warning. I would also point out that high visibility can work in the reverse as this allows the dogs that are off-lead to see other dogs in the area and approach them, as I have had happen in this exact area on several occasions. [Many times, I have been put in a situation where I have needed to defend myself and my little dog. Please refer to the email sent to Jane Donaldson 25/11/2019 and her response, a copy of this email will be provided at the hearing.](#)

Summary:

I do not believe the proposal will minimise potential harm and I think the council more than enough provides for the recreational needs for dogs and their owners within the Ashburton boundary without extending to the Ashburton Business Estate.

It is my observation that the majority of the dog walkers who use the Business Estate drive there, so therefore those wishing to go off-lead have the choice to use one of the current dog exercise areas in town designated for this.

I acknowledge the petition received but would have to question whether the signatures were all from dog owners who currently use the area or even have done in the past.

This is definitely a situation where the council does not have to make changes to placate a few just because they received a petition. Surely it is a HEALTH and SAFETY matter regardless of how many signatures are received. If the proposals go ahead, my opinion is we will continue to see a trend of serious incidents in the future. I believe this would lead to an increase of dogs off-leash, therefore increasing the risk factor for potential harm amongst the current users.

An article in the Otago Daily Times (13 January 2020):

Dog owners breaking local bylaws by running their pets off the leash at the [Ashburton Business Estate](#) can seek to have the area designated a dog exercise area when dog control bylaws are reviewed in 2021.

A petition signed by 139 "concerned dog lovers" was presented to the Ashburton District Council last year after a sign was erected in the [business estate](#) reminding owners their dogs must be leashed.

The existing bylaw says dogs must be leashed in all public places except areas designated dog exercise areas. There are nine in Ashburton, but many dog owners make use of the undeveloped area at the [business estate](#).

The dog control bylaws, which set out the designated areas, were last reviewed in 2016.

Council group manager environmental services Jane Donaldson said more education was needed so dog owners were aware of the rules.

"We put a sign up in areas with significant problems with dogs being off lead and attacking other dogs and people."

A report to councillors for their December meeting said complaints had been received from open spaces staff and members of the public regarding dog poo not being cleaned up, dogs rushing, cyclists being chased, a dog attack on a horse and dogs being off leash. The sign in the [business estate](#) simply communicated dogs needed to be restrained as per existing dog control bylaws.

Dogs had never been allowed off the leash in the [business estate](#), she said.

"I think we have to do more on the education front and we have just produced a dog owners' manual on the website. Anyone who registers a new dog gets a copy of that to make people aware of the rules."

Councillors received the report and acknowledged the concerns expressed by the petitioners, but decided the dog control bylaws would be reviewed as scheduled in 2021.

Cr John Falloon supported their actions. "It will come up in front of the bylaw committee next year so it is not too long to wait."

Ms Donaldson said the dog control bylaws applied to public places all over the district.

"If it is on a road, that is a public place, but running around a farm paddock is fine - it is private."

She said council's bylaws were not out of kilter with other local bodies and many had stricter controls on dogs. "When you see the results of dog attacks on children it makes you think twice about having lenient rules. We have had our share of dog attacks in this district."

Ashburton Business Estate – Taken from the minutes of a recent council meeting 19th May 2021.

7. In 2019 Council received a petition from community members opposing signage that was erected in the **Ashburton Business Estate** signalling that dogs should be on leads.

These signs were a reflection of rules that were already in place, which states that dogs must be on leads in all public places (except dog exercise areas and dog parks).

8. In December 2019, Council resolved to accept the petition and review dog exercise areas in 2021 as scheduled.

9. Officers believe that the **Ashburton Business Estate** is not suitable to be designated as a dog exercise area. This is due to the number of conflicting activities that occur in the area such as running, walking, and cycling, as well as other hazards such as low visibility and children often being present in the area. There have been a number of incidents that have occurred in this location.

10. However, nearby Council-owned land in the North East Ashburton area is proposed to be included in the bylaw and policy as a dog exercise area. Officers propose the alternative location due to the high visibility and openness of the area, reducing the potential for incidents.

11. The proposed exercise area has been included in schedule 1 of the bylaw and policy.

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	Yes
Let us know why:	
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	Yes
Let us know why:	Good to have more dog exercise areas
Do you have any further comments?:	
I understand that all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included:	Yes
Supporting Document:	No file uploaded
Personal Details	
Full Name:	Tessa McIntosh

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	The area for dogs at argyle park is set out incorrectly in my view. The only area dogs should be exercised at argyle park is from middle road to the bridge at the farm road side of the park. This will keep the kids play areas safe from unleashed and uncontrolled animals and also ensure the sports fields are kept free of dog mess.
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	As above.
Do you have any further comments?:	Greater education and enforcement of the rules within the policy need to be applied in future.
I understand that all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included:	Yes
Supporting Document:	No file uploaded
Personal Details	
Full Name:	Sam Prince

Your views on the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy are important to us, and we encourage you to make a submission. Written submissions can be made to the Council up **until 5pm on 11 July 2021.**



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Your details

First name: Maive Last name: Quinn

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard)

Yes: The hearing is expected to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 29 July 2021. Please note that hearings are live-streamed to our online channels.

No: I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Signature:

Date:



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1. Do you support the Dog Control Policy as presented?

Yes No

2. Let us know why:

3. Do you support the Dog Control Bylaw as presented?

Yes No

4. Let us know why:

to keep people safe. most dogs are nice but not all. shame that the few spoil it for everybody. than

5. Do you have any further comments?

a small fenced dog park would be great. I ~~am~~ have to small dogs and when I have been at dog park I have

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been given a fright by big dogs running up to my dogs. despite the owner calling the dog, I am over dog parks.



I want to enjoy my walk as well. there are lots of small dogs in ashburton.



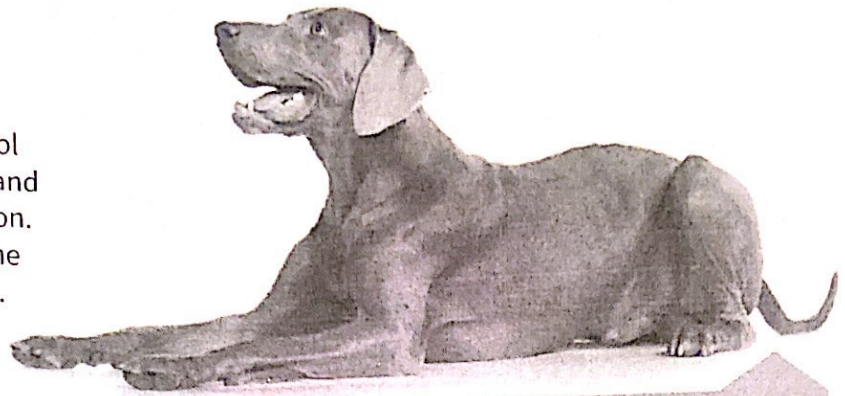
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Submitter: Hannah Ruth

Thank you for your email. I found this information interesting to read and very useful. I am looking forward to the new changes that will be made.

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?:	No
Do you support the draft Dog Control Policy as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	Yes Dogs are prohibited at Lake Clearwater and Camp.
Do you support the draft dog Control Bylaw as presented?:	No
Let us know why:	People are still bringing up dogs past the clear sign entering the area. Dog owners are ignorant and ADC cannot manage the current Law. So the proposed change will allow for dogs to be in the village, not at lake edge? How will ADC manage this, as proven historically with dog control...poorly!!!
Do you have any further comments?:	
I understand that all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included:	Yes
Supporting Document:	No file uploaded
Personal Details	
Full Name:	Duane Trotter

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Your details

First name: Rachael Last name: Hicks

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No: I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Signature: Rachael Hicks

Date: 20/06/21

You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question.

1. Do you support the Dog Control Policy as presented?

Yes No

2. Let us know why:

lake camp reserve & Cleamwater hut area should
be allowed dogs

3. Do you support the Dog Control Bylaw as presented?

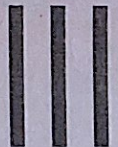
Yes No

4. Let us know why:

As above both areas should ~~be~~ allow dogs
under lead control

5. Do you have any further comments?

When you have you dog under lead control
there is no risk to the wildlife



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Dog Control by laws.

We wish to ask for the dog signs in the Ashburnton Domain to be enlarged dramatically. They need to be displayed at every entrance.

My husband walks our small dog in the domain most days and there are always dogs running free across the Walnut Ave Sports grounds. It seems that people think large dogs can run free.

It wouldn't hurt for a ranger to sit on the side of the road and observe the activities of some of the owners. There are also a lot of owners that do not pick up their dogs droppings. Admittedly, quite often there are no bags in the dispensers, as they are not replaced very frequently.

Regards Diane Elms