Dog Control Bylaw 2017

About the Bylaw

The proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2017 was first adopted in December 2004 and was subsequently reviewed in March and October 2014 and October 2015.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to fulfil and regulate the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.

A survey was carried out in November 2016 and feedback indicated that our communities had a range of views on dogs not being permitted in town CBD areas. Tokoroa, for instance, wished to maintain a dog prohibited area in its CBD, compared to the Putāruru, Tīrau and Arapuni communities that wished to lift the CBD bans.

Council agreed to carry out pre-consultation with interested parties prior to bylaws being presented for public consultation. These parties included the Dog Steering Group, Tīrau Community Board, Pride in Putāruru, Putāruru Moving Forward and Tokoroa Business Association.

The important stuff

The pre-consultation phase revealed that towns within our communities have different views and needs. We’ve heard what our communities want and in light of this, the dog prohibited area in Tokoroa has been extended beyond the CBD area to include the wider commercial area as there has been problems with dogs, so we are proposing to put more controls in place.

The Putāruru, Tīrau and Arapuni communities were more in favour of lifting the dog prohibition so it is now proposed that dogs be permitted in the Putāruru and Tīrau CBDs and Arapuni Village.

Other changes see a proposed dog prohibition for Te Waihou Walkway and the Waikato River Trails due to concerns of proximity to stock on private land and dog waste not being picked up by some users. We need to protect these beautiful areas.

What you need to do

READ the Bylaw and Statement of Proposal
THINK about what the Bylaw means for you
WRITE down what you think in your submission

Have your say! Wed 13 September to Fri 13 October, 4pm