

## Summary of Proposal

### DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2018

#### Introduction

The Whakatāne District Council (the Council) has reviewed Part 6: Dog Control of the Consolidated Bylaw 2008 that is due to expire in 2018.

The Whakatane District Council seeks your views on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2018.

#### Proposal

The Council proposes to revoke Part 6: Dog Control of the Consolidated Bylaw and replace it with a stand-alone Dog Control Bylaw.

The Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2018 is being released for consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure as outlined in section 86 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

In accordance with section 86 (2) of the Act, Council is required to include the following in a Statement of Proposal:

- A draft of the proposed bylaw;
- The reasons for the proposal; and
- A report on any relevant determinations by Council under section 155 of the Act.

The attached copy of the proposed Whakatane District Council Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2018 forms part of this Statement of Proposal.

#### Reasons for the Proposal

Under sections 158 to 160 of the Act, the Council is required to review all bylaws within five years of their adoption and every ten years thereafter.

Council staff have reviewed Part 15: Dog Control Bylaw 2008 and consider that overall, the bylaw is fit for purpose.

The key change to Draft Bylaw is the removal of a requirement that in the current bylaw that dangerous dogs wear a reflective collar. Our Council is the only one with this requirement and the public does not understand what a reflective collar signified.

The key changes made to the locations where dogs are prohibited include:

- All dogs will be prohibited from going into Burma Road. Forest and Bird monitoring cameras have shown dogs in the Burma Road Reserve being allowed to run off their leashes and at times attacking birds; and
- All dogs will be prohibited on the Opihi and Ōhope Spits to protect endangered wildlife.

## Consultation and Submissions

Council invites the community to give us feedback on the proposed Bylaw to assist it in the decision-making process.

The formal consultation process will take place between **12 March and 12 April 2018**. Council will hold a hearing in May 2018.

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2018. The Council take into account all submissions when it decides on the final content of the bylaw.

Copies of the Statement of Proposal are available on Whakatane District Council's website <http://www.whakatane.govt.nz>

Hard copies are available from:

- Whakatane District Council 14 Commerce Street, Whakatane
- Whakatane Library 49 Kahahoroa Drive, Whakatane
- Edgecumbe Library 38 College Road, Edgecumbe
- Ohope Library 4 Harbour Road, Ohope
- Murupara Library / Service Centre Civic Square, 48 Pine Drive, Murupara

Formal submissions may be made:

Online: <http://www.whakatane.govt.nz>

Post to: Dog Control Bylaw, Private Bag 1002,  
Whakatane 3158.

Deliver to: Dog Control Bylaw, Whakatane District Council, 14 Commerce Street,  
Whakatane.

Email to: [submission@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:submission@whakatane.govt.nz) Attention Bylaw Review

Informal submissions can be made by commenting on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil>

### **Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 12 April 2018.**

Submitters should note that their submission will be copied and made available to the public after the submission period closes.

Your submission should include your name, address, telephone number and email address and should state if you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission. The Council will contact in writing, all submitters who wish to be heard to advise the confirmed time, date and venue of the hearing.