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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SUBMISSIONS HEARING MEETING**  
**Dog Control Bylaw Deliberations**

held  
**9.30 am, Wednesday, 20 November 2024**

at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's website.

**Present:** Councillors C Hill (Chair), C Butler, J Ellis, B Maru and D Shallcrass

**In Attendance:** Community Policy Advisor (C Budai), Ecologist (M Moss), Group Manager – Environmental Assurance (K Drummond), Regulatory Manager (S Bruyns), Team Leader – Regulatory Support (S Green), Strategic Policy Manager (D Fletcher), Group Manager – Services and Strategy (J Ridd), Senior Community Policy Advisor (A Gerraty), Governance Manager (E Stephenson) and Executive Assistant and Advisor to the Mayor (R Scherer)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

The Chair, Councillor Chris Hill, welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered the opening karakia.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

### 3 REPORTS

#### 3.1 Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw - Deliberations

Community Policy Advisor, Cat Budai, Team Leader – Regulatory Support, Shannon Green, and Ecologist, Matt Moss, presented the report and answered questions.

Detailed maps were displayed on screen as Ms Budai went through the recommendations.

The following changes were made to the recommendations:

- clause 2. g. – was corrected from clause '20.2.a' to '20.2'
- a new clause 3. was added to remove the sentence 'They may also assist in surveillance in dog exercise and prohibited areas' in Section 6 of the Dog Control Policy
- a correction was made to clause 6.v. to correct 'the Great Taste Trail' to 'Tasman's Great Taste Trail'
- clause 6.aa. was added because an unintended consequence of the proposed bylaw had been identified for the prohibited section of the Great Taste Trail
- clause 7.jjj. 'Tadmor Valley Road to Quail Valley Road' was no longer required as a result of the addition of clause 6.aa., and was deleted
- clause 1.a. of the recommendation to the Tasman District Council was amended to include the words 'and management' after the words 'dog ownership'.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am and resumed at 11:02am.

Ms Budai advised the Hearings Panel that the new bylaw would come into force on 31 March 2025, which would give Council staff sufficient time to advertise and promote the new bylaw.

The Chair thanked the community who had submitted to the draft bylaw and the staff for their work on the bylaw.

#### **Moved Councillor Maru/Councillor Ellis**

#### **SH24-11-1**

#### **That the Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Submissions Hearing and Deliberations Panel**

1. receives the Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw - Deliberations report, RSH24-11-1; and
2. agrees to the following changes to the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, for the reasons set out in *Table 1: Clause changes in response to submissions of Attachment 1 of the agenda report*:
  - a. add clause 3.8 'To minimise risks to the welfare of wildlife'; and
  - b. add 'wildlife protection' to clause 6.1.2; and
  - c. add clause 6.1.6 Educate the public on the environmental impacts of dogs on local wildlife and ways to mitigate risks; and
  - d. add a definition for 'working dog'; and
  - e. correct clause reference error in clauses 17.2 and 17.3; and

- f. correct clause reference error in clause 18.4; and
  - g. adds 'or a disability assist dog' to clause 20.2; and
  - h. correct clause reference error in clause 20.3; and
  - i. change the location name in Schedule 4 from 'old library site' to 'Tākaka Memorial Reserve'; and
  - j. change the location description in Schedule 4 from 'Motueka Sandspit – south of a line drawn through the point NZ Map Grid 2512857.1 (easting) 6009560.9 (northing)' to 'Motueka Sandspit – south of latitude marker 41.1200'; and
  - k. add explanatory note 'Other parts of the Tasman District are also prohibited to dogs under different legislation, such as the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Bylaw 2016 and the National Parks Act 1980' to Schedule 4; and
3. agrees to remove the sentence "They may also assist in surveillance in dog exercise and prohibited areas" in Section 6 of the Dog Control Policy; and
  4. agrees to the following changes to the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, for the reasons set out in *Table 2: Clause changes in response to staff recommendations* of Attachment 1 of the agenda report:
    - a. remove 'registered for the first time in New Zealand after 1 July 2006' from clause 4.1; and
    - b. add that the bylaw is being made in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 in section 11.1; and
    - c. change the date the bylaw comes into force from a placeholder to 31 March 2025; and
    - d. change references of dog ownership to dog management in section 15.1; and
    - e. remove 'summer months' definition and include references to seasonal prohibitions alongside the relevant locations; and
    - f. add 'Time or Seasonally Restricted Areas' definition; and
  5. declines to make the changes suggested by submitters, for the reasons set out in *Table 3: Requested changes not recommended by staff* of Attachment 1 of the agenda report; and
  6. agrees to make the following changes to location zoning, for the reasons set out in section 5 of the agenda report and as summarised in *Table 4: Location Status and Staff Recommendation* of Attachment 2 of the agenda report:
    - a. change 'Tomatea Reserve to Shaws Creek Bridge' to 'Beach adjacent to Northern Boundary of Tomatea Reserve to the Shaws Creek Bridge'; and
    - b. change 'Pakawau Beach Northern end of Pakawau Beach campground to 1km south' to 'Pakawau Beach – Tomatea Reserve to 1km south of Pakawau Beach campground'; and

- c. **remove boat ramp and car park from 'Ruatahiwaha Inlet, including northern end of Collingwood beach round to Elizabeth Street car park'; and**
- d. **add an exemption for dogs contained on vessels in the Ruatahiwaha Inlet; and**
- e. **remove Collingwood Holiday Park from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- f. **change Parawhakaoho River Mouth to a Time or Seasonally Restricted Area, as set out in Schedule 3 (Attachment 3 to the agenda report); and**
- g. **change 'Rototai from western end of golf course to Waitapu Estuary foreshore (excluding Controlled Dog Exercise area in Rototai Recreation Reserve)' to 'Rototai from western end of golf course to Waitapu Estuary foreshore (excluding Controlled Dog Exercise area in Rototai Recreation Reserve and Motupipi Beachfront Reserve); and**
- h. **remove Rototai Closed Landfill from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- i. **change 'Motupipi Beachfront Reserve: Rototai Recreation Reserve to the headland' from a leash control to a controlled exercise area; and**
- j. **change 'Pōhara Beach from eastern camp boundary to Selwyn Street Reserve' from seasonally prohibited to seasonal leash control as set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report; and**
- k. **remove Pōhara Top 10 Holiday Park from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- l. **change Ligar Bay from a Time or Seasonally Restricted Area to a Controlled Exercise Area; and**
- m. **remove Awaroa Vehicle Access point from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- n. **remove Tonga, Adele and Fisherman Islands from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- o. **remove Tokongawha Reserve from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
- p. **change Little Kaiteriteri Beach from a Leash Control Area to a Time or Seasonally Restricted Area as set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report; and**
- q. **change Dummy Bay from a Leash Control Area to a Time or Seasonally Restricted Area as set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report; and**
- r. **change Stephens Bay from a Leash Control Area to a Time or Seasonally Restricted Area as set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report; and**
- s. **reduce size of mapped area for Riwaka River Mouth to Tapu Bay Reserve; and**

- t. **remove Mariri Closed Landfill from the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw; and**
  - u. **change the seasonal restriction at Lower Moutere Recreation Reserve from November–February to December–February; and**
  - v. **include Old Mill Walkway in the Schedule 5 of Tasman’s Great Taste Trail and change mapping to reflect that this section is a controlled exercise area; and**
  - w. **change description of Ruby Bay to remove reference to Old Mill Walkway; and**
  - x. **change mapping and description from ‘L.E.H Baigent Reserve and surrounding peninsula excluding campground’ to ‘Foreshore and Estuary around L.E.H Baigent Memorial Reserve’; and**
  - y. **change Hoddy Estuary Park from prohibited to prohibited on the vegetated margins of the Inlet and leash control for the remainder of the Park; and**
  - z. **change Railway Reserve from a leash control area to a controlled exercise area; and**
  - aa. **change the prohibited section of Tasman’s Great Taste Trail from ‘Tadmor Valley Road to Quail Valley Road’ to ‘From 4953 Motueka Valley Highway to Quail Valley Road’; and**
6. **notes that the following locations will remain as set out in the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, for the reasons set out in section 5 of the agenda report and as summarised in Table 4: Location Status and Staff Recommendation (Attachment 2) of the agenda report:**
- a. **Waikato Inlet; and**
  - b. **Beach from Milnthorpe headland to Collingwood (east of township); and**
  - c. **Kendal Street beach access, Milnthorpe: Pathway between Kendal Street and inclusive of Milnthorpe headland; and**
  - d. **Parapara Inlet; and**
  - e. **Tukurua Beach (camp frontage); and**
  - f. **Onekaka Estuary; and**
  - g. **Patons Rock Beach (Settlement to Creek adjacent to Grant Road Puramahoi); and**
  - h. **Onahau Sandspit, Wetland and Estuary; and**
  - i. **left of Rangihaeata Headland to Fraser Road; and**
  - j. **Rangihaeata Beach; and**
  - k. **Rototai Recreation Reserve; and**

- l. Pōhara Beach West – from Selwyn Street to Western end of the golf course; and**
- m. Tākaka Central Business Area; and**
- n. Tākaka Township locations: the Village Green, Pioneer Park, the old library site and adjacent playground (noting previous resolution to change ‘the old library site’ to ‘Tākaka Memorial Reserve’); and**
- o. Tata Beach; and**
- p. Otuwhero Estuary and Sandspit; and**
- q. Breaker Bay Beach; and**
- r. Kaiteriteri Beach; and**
- s. Alex Ryder Memorial Reserve; and**
- t. Memorial Reserve Corner Riwaka; and**
- u. Memorial Reserve Corner Footpath, Riwaka; and**
- v. Motueka Sandspit – Southern End (noting description change in previous resolution); and**
- w. Saltwater baths; and**
- x. Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve; and**
- y. York Park; and**
- z. North Street Recreation Reserve; and**
- aa. Batchelor Ford Road; and**
- bb. Faulkner Bush Reserve - excluding the Leash Control Area, as defined on the map in Schedule 1; and**
- cc. Faulkner Bush Reserve Picnic Area; and**
- dd. Baigents Bush Reserve (noting amendment to reflect official name: Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley, as per Attachment 3 of the agenda report); and**
- ee. Robson Reserve; and**
- ff. Kina Beach – exposed seaward side of the beach; and**
- gg. Deck Road Recreation Reserve and Easement; and**
- hh. McKee Memorial Domain; and**
- ii. Ruby Bay - Foreshore from Seaward boundary Māpua Leisure Park to Chaytor Reserve; and**
- jj. Rough Island; and**
- kk. Higgs Reserve; and**
- ll. Waimea Inlet Esplanade Reserve; and**
- mm. Apple Valley Road Esplanade Reserve; and**

- nn. Bronte Road East Esplanade Reserves; and**
- oo. Westdale Road Esplanade Reserves; and**
- pp. Hoddy Road Esplanade Reserves; and**
- qq. Maisey Road Esplanade Reserve; and**
- rr. Research Orchard Road Esplanade Reserve; and**
- ss. Sand Island, Waimea Estuary; and**
- tt. Shell bank by Bell Island; and**
- uu. Waimea Estuary Esplanade Reserves; and**
- vv. Pearl Creek Reserve; and**
- ww. Pearl Creek Esplanade Reserve; and**
- xx. Rabbit Island (noting name amendment to Moturoa / Rabbit Island);  
and**
- yy. Washbourn Gardens; and**
- zz. Jimmy Lee Creek Walkway; and**
- aaa. Bill Wilkes Reserve; and**
- bbb. Hunter Avenue Walkway; and**
- ccc. Jimmy Lee Creek Walkway North (Hill Street North Entrance to  
Cushendell Rise); and**
- ddd. Jimmy Lee Creek Walkway South in between Cushendell Rise and the  
Grassy Saddle; and**
- eee. Will's Gully walking track to Grassy Saddle; and**
- fff. Dellside Reserve including track up into Richmond Hills; and**
- ggg. Borck Creek; and**
- hhh. Hope Recreation Reserve and Hall; and**
- iii. Bryant Road carpark to the bridge to Pugh Road; and**
- jjj. South side of Quail Valley Road Bridge to entrance to 437 Wakefield-  
Kohatu Highway; and**
- kkk. Edward Street entrance to 320 Higgins Road; and**
- lll. 35 Sandeman Road to Lansdowne Road; and**
- mmm. western end of Lower Queen Street to eastern end of Redwood Road;  
and**
- nnn. Rabbit Island, starting from western end of causeway to the ferry  
landing; and**
- ooo. Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve; and**

7. agrees to replace title page information about when the Dog Control Bylaw is made with a table on the following page documenting the bylaw's review history; and
8. in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002:
  - a. agrees that the proposed Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, including the changes in resolutions 2-7 above, is the most appropriate form of bylaw for addressing perceived problems relating to public safety related to dog behaviour, the protection of wildlife from disturbances caused by dogs, the promotion of responsible dog ownership, and ensuring that shared public spaces are safe and enjoyable for all community members in relation to dog use and access; and
  - b. notes that the proposed Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, including the changes in resolutions 2-7 above, does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990; and
9. recommends that the Tasman District Council considers discounted dog registration fees for working dogs in its fees for the 2025/2026 year; and
10. notes that staff will propose increases in the dog registration fees in the 2025/2026 year to fund proactive education and compliance activity; and
11. notes that staff will continue to explore the development of a dog park within the Tasman District and report progress to the Environment & Regulatory Committee by June 2025; and
12. delegates authority to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Submissions Hearing and Deliberations Panel Chair and the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor changes or minor editorial amendments to the proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw, prior to being submitted for consideration by to Tasman District Council; and
13. confirms the [minutes](#) of the 25 September 2024 Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Submissions Hearing meeting as a true and correct record.

#### Recommendation to the Tasman District Council

That the Tasman District Council:

1. in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002:
  - a. agrees that the proposed Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy & Bylaw 2024 is the most appropriate form of bylaw for addressing perceived problems in relation to public safety related to dog behaviour, the protection of wildlife from disturbances caused by dogs, the promotion of responsible dog ownership and management, and ensuring that shared public spaces are safe and enjoyable for all community members in relation to dog use and access; and
  - b. notes that the proposed Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy & Bylaw 2024 does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990; and



2. pursuant to section 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act and section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996, makes the Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy & Bylaw 2024 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) with effect from 31 March 2025; and
3. authorises staff to publicly notify the Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2024 and the date it has effect from; and
4. notes that the Tasman District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2024 will need to be reviewed before 11 December 2029; and
5. confirms the minutes of the 20 November 2024 Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Deliberations meeting as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

The Chair offered the closing karakia and the meeting concluded at 11.38 am

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 11 December 2024.

**CN24-12-2**

**confirms the minutes of the 20 November 2024 Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Deliberations meeting as a true and correct record.**