

Dogs of Lease Review Analysis of Written Submissions

Attachment 3

Submission Number / Interest	Position Support/Objection	Comments in support / consistent with proposed changes ¹	Comments raising objection to elements of proposed changes	General comments / suggestions in relation to proposed changes ^{**}	Officer Comment on key objections / changes
1 Resident	Support	Expresses support for proposed changes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports changes in shopping, residential , playground, other heritage and popular open space areas as well as near outdoor dining areas and man made objects • Suggests dog obedience classes and signed declaration as part of dog registration 	Proposed additional changes are outside of the scope of the review
2 Business	Support	Currently operates a dog walking and training business and supports proposed changes. Expresses concerns if other dog walking businesses will abide by 4 dog rule		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
3 Resident	Support	Expresses support for responsible dog owners		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses concern about the lack of lighting , poor state of pathways, lack of facilities such as BBQ and toilets in Alma Park • Suggests fencing off the pedestrians and bikes to the path along the train line and upgrade lighting 	
4 Resident	Objection		Expresses concern over proposed ban of off leash dogs within 5 m of a bike or pedestrian path within Alma Park Observes low bike riding and commuter pedestrian usage rate and believes proposed change prioritises bike riders and pedestrians over dog owners who spend more time at the Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests more picnicking facilities to reduce conflicts between dos and other park users 	

¹ 1. Change to the definition of "Effective Control"; 2. Allowing temporary on or off leash areas; 3. Off leash changes to West Port Foreshore Reserve, Port Melbourne (Map 1); 4. Off leash changes to Garden City Reserve, Port Melbourne (Map 2); 5. Off leash changes to beach C, Port Melbourne (Map 3); 6. Off leash changes to beach A & B, West Beach, St Kilda (Map 5); 7. Off leash changes to Albert Park Reserve (Map 4), and 8. 0.5m off leash clearance zone from bicycle and pedestrian paths

^{**} May be referred to other processes if not able to be covered by this Review

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5 Resident	Support	Supports changes Suggests enabling access to the foreshore for dogs up until 9.30am in Port Melbourne as in Middle Park & Albert Park rather than confining the dogs to a set stretch of beach		•	
6 Resident	Objection	Objects to cyclists travelling at faster than walking speed on pedestrian footpaths at Alma Park		•	Proposed changes no 8 is to introduce off leash clearance zone from bicycle paths and not to allow cyclist to travel on pedestrian paths.
7 Resident	Partial Objection	Supports temp changes and dog walking number limits	Concerned about the changes to the dog off leash changes proposed for Albert Park	•	
8 Dog Advocacy Group	Partial Objection		Concerned about the potential reduction in off lead areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports encouragement of dog obedience training • Suggests investigation of fenced, off-lead play and interaction areas 	
9 – Resident and Dog Advocacy Group	Objection		Objects to the banning of dogs off leash within 5 m of bike and pedestrian path Concerned about the Council losing its dog friendly status	•	
10 – Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests moving the bike path in Alma Park to the path further to the east in Alma Park east 	
11 – Resident	Objection		General objects to discriminatory laws	•	
12 – Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests disallowing bikes from the off leash part of the Park 	

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13 – Resident	Partial Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests making eastern end of Elwood Canal between Wave and Foam Street an off leash area • Suggests making Alma Park East and south –western sections leash free or the central pathway area leash only due to landscape heritage considerations 	
14- Resident	Partial support Partial objection	Supports the additional off leash area in Port Melbourne	Requests further areas available prior to 9.30 am in summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests extension to summer am off leash area from Kerferd Rd to Bay Street to bring consistency with Middle Park conditions 	
15- Resident	Partial objection	Supports general proposed changes	Objects to removal of West Beach area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
16 – Resident	Objection	General objection to any restriction to dog movements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
17- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5 m rule and removal of West Beach as an off leash area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
18 – Resident	Support	General comments supporting the proposed changes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
19 – Resident	Objection			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see off leash areas between 5.30 to 9.30 am extended to 4 additional beaches • Suggests improved lighting at Gasworks Park to assist responsible dog ownership • Suggest installation of low fencing to make 5 metre boundary from children's playgrounds and bike paths 	

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20 – Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park	•	
21 – Resident	Partial objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park	•	
22 – Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park	• Suggests a shared user zone and corresponding signage	
23 – Resident	Objection		Objects to loss of West Beach area	•	
24 – Resident	Partial objection	Assume support of other proposed changes	Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park due the number of paths	• Suggests rearranging bike movement within Alma Park or posting signage for cyclist to be aware of off leash dogs	
25 – Resident	Objection		Raise a number of questions as to how the proposed changes would apply in Alma Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks clarification on which paths in Alma Park will be affected by proposed 5m clearance • Suggests restricting cyclist to Alma Park East or installing a low protective fence along the path in Alma Park West 	
26- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach	•	
27 – Resident	Not stated		Raises concern about the lack of communication about the proposed changes	Seeks opportunity for public discussion at a open public forum	The council will hear consider submissions and hear submitters on 16 th October 2009
28 – Resident	Partial support	Supports extension to Port Melbourne beach		Seeks further off leash beach areas in Port Melbourne in the summer months between 5.30 am and 9.30 am and suggests extending morning beach from Kerferd Rd to Port Melbourne Yacht Club	

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29- Resident	General comment			Concerned about the behaviour of some dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs and requests further enforcement	
30 - Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach		
31 – Resident /Dog Advocacy Group	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park, objects to favouring cyclists over other park users. Concerned about the 4 dog rule and impact on professional dog walkers who provide a valuable service.		
32- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions. Makes point that after it rains it would leave dog owners in a difficult position with regard to walking their dogs	Suggests fencing to protect the sensitive vegetation.	
33- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach	Suggests year round off leash access to beach between Langridge and Armstrong Streets Suggests allowing full winter off leash access and summer of leas access until 12 noon as there are few other beach users during these periods.	
34- Resident	Partial Objection		Objects to proposed changes at off leash beaches in St Kilda	Suggests education program and promoting shared pathway messages, signage promoting safe and considerate behaviour Suggests enforcement of inappropriate dog owner behaviour	
35- Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Alma Park as resident uses a walker (on wheels) to walk her dog as it is easier for her than walking on the grass		

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36- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach as this is the only area that dogs can be walked at both low and high tides		
37- Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach		
38 – Resident	Objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions and impact on Garden City Reserve		
39- Dog Advocacy Group (not local)	Response to the survey and objection		Objects to 5 metre clearance restrictions due to the difficulty of enforcement Concerned that the information in the maps on Albert Park Reserve and West Beach is incorrect????? Objects to proposed changes at West Beach	Promote dog training Recommend the adoption of a resolution that the Animal Management Officers adopt a friendly and supportive approach aimed at improving relations between the council and dog owners??include??	The maps provided reflected the current Council order No 2. Many users of West Beach mistakenly believe that they can access the entire beach currently, which is not the case. Likewise the maps of Albert Park Reserve reflect the correct areas as indicated by Parks Victoria.
40 – Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach		
41 – Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path. Objects to limitation of 4 dogs per walker as it will impact professional dog walkers.		
42 - Resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path. Objects to limitation of 4 dogs per walker as it will impact professional dog walkers.		
43 - residents	Petition		Petition requesting Hewinson Reserve be made an off leash park		The potential change to Hewinson Reserve shall be considered separately after an appropriate consultation process.
44 – non-resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path. Objects to limitation of 4 dogs per walker as it will impact professional dog walkers.	Suggestion of a fence along the shared paths at Alma Park, "as imaginary lines only create a false sense of security".	

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45 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Suggests more education around sharing the space between dogs and cyclists instead of restricting dogs.	
46 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Wants fencing to keep dogs safe in the park.	
47 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Wants further restrictions on bicycles instead of dogs.	
48 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path. Objects to proposed changes at West Beach.	Raised concerns about the April survey and the survey process, describing it as a sham.	The survey was the final stage of consultation, after extensive internal review of the issues. The survey was not the sole basis for any of the proposed changes.
49 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Suggests cyclists should only cycle at walking pace through Alma Park.	
50 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach.	Believes the council should be providing more services as the registrations are the highest in Victoria. Concern that changes are proposed all year.	Restrictions for beaches are between 1 November and 31 March and there is no plan to extend this.
51 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach. Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.		
52 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach. Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Concerned that Beach Cleaning supervisor Darren Findlay and Hobson's Bay Dog Club had not been surveyed. States that Port Phillip Council has highest dog ownership per capita for any Shire and dog owners should be given access to the beach. Wants consideration given to evening beach access during the summer months.	Surveys were sent to all Port Phillip Council staff via an all users email. Key stakeholders were contacted via email, including Hobson's Bay Dog Club. Dog registration rates are very low for Port Phillip Council compared to other councils.

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53 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Specifically related to Alma Park	
54 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach.	Refers to the beach as Middle Park beach.	
55 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach. Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Wants further discussion re the environmental sensitivity of West Beach.	
56 - resident	Support	Supports the proposed 5m clearance to bike path.		Suggests further space at Albert Park Reserve. Suggests consistent approach to restrictions around children's playgrounds.	Discussion with Parks Vic illustrated that many of the areas are unsuitable because of wildlife or current lease arrangements.
57 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach.	Provide access to all beaches in the morning during summer.	
58 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to bike path.	Cyclists should be banned from the park.	
59 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed changes at West Beach.	Concerned that changes will create year round restrictions on the Middle Park beach. Improve signage. Concerned that no-one knew about survey in April.	Restrictions only apply from 1 November to 31 March, except for prohibited areas, which are year round. These are not being considered to change.
60 – resident	Objection		Objects to proposed 5m clearance to foot path.	Notes that Garden City will be affected.	Proposed change only affects designated bicycle paths, not footpaths, and does not impact Garden City Reserve.