



Please help us, our dogs, and our local democracy!

Our dogs are our fur kids

Our community is our collective home

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The BOI WatchDogs

Who Are We?



Started on 22 July, just 3 weeks ago, from panicked discussion post on Russell Noticeboard about proposed bylaw and dog policy, after last Community Board meeting



Now 650+ dog loving, mostly dog owning, members from all over Northland and beyond



Links to other groups and pages

What do we want? Pooches



Smart, relevant, and local science on when not to be on specific beaches, and how to protect endangered birds



Access to all beaches and parks to run, off leash, near our homes – open, unless agreed otherwise



Open up discussions about access to DOC and Council land for everyone to enjoy



Positive not punitive attitude towards dog owners from Council



At least 2 dogs allowed per household – don't over-regulate the good guys!



"Responsible Dog Owner" policy: research – does it work? Costs/benefits? If useful and fair, make it positive rather than punitive.



No long leash ban



Kind, dog friendly, local, no-kill (unless dire) pounds



Systems for compassionate handling of missing dogs



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What do we want? Process



A review of the consultation process, so those responsible are held to account, and this never happens again



Enough time for Council staff, Councillors, and local Community Board members, to consult properly with ALL stakeholders



Unbiased Council staff, from now on



Unbiased environmental science, from now on



A new draft of a human, dog, and wildlife friendly Dog Policy and Dog Control Bylaw to consider, with readable maps



Likely economic and social impact of actions to be assessed prior to proposal or implementation: e.g. dog numbers per household; anti-pet land zoning; wildlife introduction into urban areas



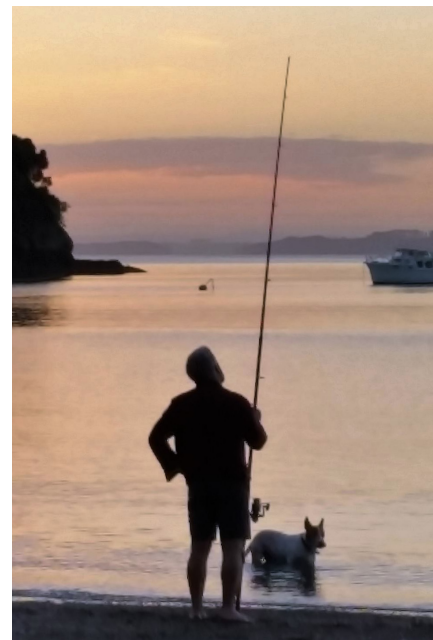
System for ensuring fair implementation of Dog Control Policy (Councillor oversight? Audit?)




Confidence that our Council really does represent our community



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