

**Guidance for Submissions on
Auckland Council Dog Policy By-Law & Access Rules Review.
20th January 2025- 23rd February 2025.**

**Big Manly & Tindalls Dotterel Minders
Forest & Bird, Hibiscus Coast.**



This guidance is to assist those wanting to see an increase in protection for New Zealand dotterels, tūturiwhatu, at Big Manly and Tindalls Beaches through amendments to the Auckland Council Dog Policy, By-Law and Access rules.

The new option outlined in the guidance below is what we recommend you copy and paste word for word. This will demonstrate to Auckland Council that a large number of community members are supporting this option. Following discussions to work out a mutually acceptable solution, (which is different to that currently suggested by Auckland Council), Dog Friends Auckland and Rodney are sharing the same proposed option.

- You may also wish to comment on other aspects of this wider consultation, in which case please review all the other sections when putting in your submission.
- Please share this document with others and encourage them to submit as well.

Follow this link to access the AK Have Your Say Website to make your submission and follow the steps below, which take you screen by screen through our recommendations for your response. This will take approximately 10 minutes.

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dog-policy-bylaw-and-access-rules>

If you have any questions please contact dotterels@forestandbird.org.nz.



On the web page, scroll down to here, note the deadline

Have your say now

Feedback must be received by midnight Sunday
23 February 2025.

Give feedback now

If you accidentally do this, you will need to clear the “cookies” from your browser to start the form again, you can do this in Settings.

Please note, once you start providing feedback, you will not be able to go back to a previous section.

There will be an an opportunity to give other feedback at the end of each section if you want to add anything at that point.

Your feedback

(all questions are optional)

This form is separated into four sections.

You only need to give feedback on the issues, or areas, that relate to you.

Select the topic(s) you want to give feedback on to proceed

- Walking multiple dogs
- General policy and bylaw matters
(for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
- Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
- Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches

- Showgrounds, Glenbrook Road Recreation Reserve, Hamilton Estate Recreation Reserve, Karaka Sports Park, Massey Park, Matakawau Recreation Reserve, Navigation Homes Stadium, Patumahoe Recreation Reserve, Puni Recreation Reserve, Rosa Birch Park, Waiiau Pa Domain, Waiuku Sports Park)

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

- a. Big Manly Beach

- b. Tindalls Beach

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Current Policy rules

A **time and season rule** on Big Manly Beach from headland to headland prohibits dogs between 10am and 5pm, 1 December to 1 March (dogs allowed under control off a leash on the beach at all other times) (Schedule 2).

Proposed amended Policy rules

Apply current **time and season rule** to Big Manly Beach from the western headland to Cross Street (Schedule 2).

Dogs allowed **under control on a leash** at all times from Cross Street to the eastern headland connecting to Tindalls Beach (Schedule 1(4)(a)).

What do you think of this proposed change?

I support the proposed change



I do not support the proposed change

I don't know

B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

Apply a **bird breeding season rule** (Schedule 2).

Bird Breeding Season (1 September to 31 March)	Out of Bird Breeding Season
<input type="radio"/> Big Manly Beach between Cross Street to the headland connecting to Tindalls Beach	
 At all times Prohibited	 At all times Under control on-leash

Apply the current **time and season** restrictions on remaining areas of the beach.

Other (please explain below)

Tell us why

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART

As dotterels do not always nest in the same part of the beach, this option does not sufficiently reduce risk to the dotterels. It does not prevent people from getting too close to nests causing the birds to be flushed off and leaving eggs vulnerable to predation and the elements. It also does not prevent people walking their dogs directly up to a nest. The year round option in particular causes conflict with many dog owners.

The alternative option I support, agreed by Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird and Dog Friends Auckland is:

- The current time and season rule (a total ban of dogs on the beaches between 10.00am and 17.00pm from December 1st to March 1st) should remain.

During bird nesting season 1st September – 31st March:

- Dogs must be on a lead at all times within a zone of 200m around a marked dotterel nest.
- Dogs are prohibited from entering the 50m cordoned off zone around the nest itself.

**Repeat the same
steps for
Tindalls Beach
which will appear
next.**

Are there any dog access rules at other local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.

Please contact us (including by phoning 09 3010101) to report any dog-related incidents (e.g. incidents where a dog has caused a nuisance, distress, danger, injury to people, stock, poultry, domestic animal, protected wildlife, environment or property).

Would you like to comment on dog access rules at local parks and beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?

Yes

No

I don't know

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Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at local parks or beaches?

Next

In this section we recommend that you comment on the severe lack of enforcement of the existing by-law from your own perspective.

We suggest this includes both the lack of patrols and poor signage about the by-laws.

Your details

Your feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will not be made available to the public.

First Name:

Last Name:

Are you providing:

Your **personal** feedback

Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

You will then be asked to enter your details, don't forget to press **SUBMIT** at the end.

Thank you.

