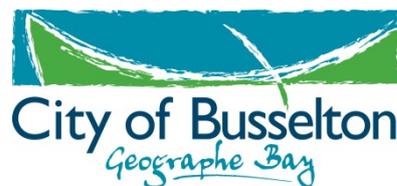


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Community and Sporting Groups  
WITHIN THE CITY OF BUSSELTON

**via email**

Dear Sporting and Community Group Members,

**MANAGEMENT OF DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES (INCLUDING BEACHES) – FURTHER CONSULTATION ABOUT REVISED PROPOSALS FOR SMITHS BEACH, EAGLE BAY AND OLD DUNSBOROUGH**

On 22 April 2015, the Council considered a comprehensive set of proposals relating to the management of dogs in public places, including beaches, across the City of Busselton. That followed a consultation process that ran from 30 January to 9 March 2015, as part of which over 1,200 submissions were received. As one would expect given the level of response, there was a great diversity of opinion expressed.

The Council considered the proposals in light of the submissions received and the issues raised, and adopted the proposals for final approval, subject to a small number of changes. The City has now commenced more detailed planning so that the proposals can be implemented prior to the coming summer, and will review and refine the controls as necessary over time.

The Council also, however, felt that in some areas more significant changes were appropriate, and that it would be appropriate to undertake further consultation before making any final decisions in relation to those particular changes. Those changes relate to Smiths Beach, Eagle Bay and Old Dunsborough, and relate to the actual beach only (i.e. from the limit of ephemeral vegetation or the toe of a seawall or similar to the low water mark), and may be summarised as follows –

- The identification of Smiths Beach (from Gunyulgup Brook to the rocks at the western end of the beach) as a ‘Seasonal’ Area (which means dogs are allowed, including off lead, other than between 9am and 5pm, 1 December to 28 February inclusive, when dogs are not allowed) – the earlier proposals did not make any recommendations in relation to Smiths Beach, the effect of which would be that dogs would be allowed at all times, but only on a lead at all times;
- The introduction of an ‘Exercise’ area (which means dogs are allowed, including off lead, at all times) at Eagle Bay, extending from the beach access path immediately to the east of the Eagle Bay urban area, and then extending to the north to Jingarmup Brook, and then further north for a distance of 450 metres (essentially to the northern extent of the Eagle Bay urban area) – the earlier proposals had identified most of this coast as a ‘Modified Seasonal’ area (which would mean dogs would be allowed off-lead, other than during the period 1 August to 30 April inclusive, when they would be allowed, but only on a lead);

- The introduction of an 'Exercise' area (which means dogs are allowed, including off lead, at all times) at Old Dunsborough, extending from a point parallel with the end of Vincent Street north to a point parallel with the end of Bay View Crescent – the earlier proposals had identified this section of the coast as a 'Seasonal' Area (which would mean dogs are allowed, including off lead, other than between 9am and 5pm, 1 December to 28 February inclusive, when dogs are not allowed); and
- The identification of a 'Prohibited' Area (which means dogs are not allowed at any time) at Old Dunsborough, extending from a point parallel with the end of Bay View Crescent to a point 50 metres north east of the Old Dunsborough Boat Ramp - the earlier proposals had identified this section of the coast as a 'Seasonal' Area (which would mean dogs are allowed, including off lead, other than between 9am and 5pm, 1 December to 28 February inclusive, when dogs are not allowed).

Community feedback is now being sought in relation to the proposals set out above only. Broad-based community groups with a particular interest in the areas in question have been written to directly, as have landowners within proximity of the areas in question. Further information in relation to the proposals can be found at [www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs](http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs).

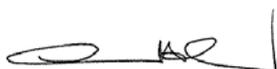
Submissions need to be in the form of a completed questionnaire via the online link at [www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs](http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs) or by printing and completing the hardcopy questionnaire also found at [www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs](http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/furtherconsultationsdogs).

Hardcopy submissions may be lodged in writing, by mail, by emailing the form as an attachment to [city@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:city@busselton.wa.gov.au); or by facsimile to 9752 4958.

Please note that the closing date for lodgement for all submissions is by COB on **19 June 2015**.

If there is any further information I can provide please do not hesitate to contact the City on 9781 0474 or email: [angeline.dewson@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:angeline.dewson@busselton.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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