In April 2018, Council asked the community to complete a feedback survey and hosted 12 drop-in sessions about proposed changes to dog exercise areas in Eurobodalla.

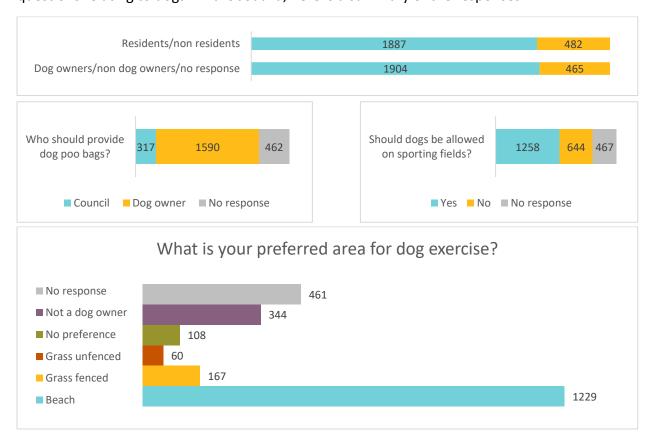


2,505 survey responses were received 2,369 (94.57%) identified at least one area of interest

(ie, 136 responses had completed or partially completed the first three questions: "are you a resident" "what is your post code" and "are you a dog owner" but did not go on to specify any exercise areas of interest or complete the survey any further)

- Of the 2,369 responses that identified at least one area of interest:
 - o 79.65% identified that they are Eurobodalla residents
 - o 80.37% identified that they are dog owners
- While the survey was open, Council received a total of 153 emails and letters that included feedback about dog exercise areas

As well as asking for feedback on proposed changes to dog exercise areas, we asked broader questions relating to dogs in Eurobodalla, here is a summary of the responses:



Some overall ideas and themes identified

Each survey respondent was asked to identify up to 3 beach or dog exercise areas in Eurobodalla that were important to them, whether they supported or opposed the changes proposed for that area, and why.

As well as feedback and preferences for specific areas, some overarching ideas and themes relating to dog exercise areas across Eurobodalla came up across many areas.

Comments indicate:

- that many survey respondents found it difficult to compare the current and proposed dog exercise arrangements for the areas they are interested in. Council could make this easier by providing current and proposed maps side by side, and a written explanation of the proposed changes.
- that many survey respondents were interested in why areas had been proposed as particular zones, and some comments indicate that respondents may have responded differently if they were aware of reasoning behind some of the proposed changes.
- that many survey respondents are not aware of the current arrangements for areas they are interested in.
- that many respondents find the current time share arrangements confusing.
- that where beaches have more than one dog exercise zone, beach users would benefit from signs on the actual beach where the zones change.
- a general interest in improved/more/clearer signage at dog exercise areas.
- a general interest or request for increased patrols/ranger presence.
- a general interest or request for more bins for dog poo at beach entry areas/carparks.

Summaries by area

Each respondent was asked to identify up to three areas that were important to them, whether they support or oppose the proposed changes for those areas, and why.

Comments about why respondents support or oppose changes to particular areas indicate a wide range of preferences; such as reduced or increased restrictions on dogs, preference for current arrangements and new suggestions.

The summaries provide an overview of feedback received about each area, including:

- how many survey responses identified the area they are interested in
- how many of those responses support or oppose the proposed changes for the area
- how many respondents were residents, dog owners or non-dog owners
- who should provide dog poo bags
- preference for dog exercise areas and on sporting fields
- a short summary of what the comments indicate as a preference

These summaries are an overview only and the written comments have provided context and assisted in understanding what respondents want. The sum-up of the comments is also included, which includes the main themes of the respondents' feedback for the areas.

Based on all the results (survey, feedback, comments, drop-in and roundtable sessions) we will be reviewing the Companion Animal Management Plan inclusive of the dog exercise areas, dog poo bag dispensers, dogs on sporting fields, responsible pet ownership, signage, education and compliance. These are all items that have been raised and where community feedback has been provided. Importantly a balance of dog exercise areas and dog free areas is required across the Eurobodalla.

The draft Companion Animal Management Plan 2018 will be presented to Councillors in late July and the community will have another opportunity to comment when this goes on public exhibition later this year.

NORTH BATEMANS BAY AND SURROUNDS

Nelligen (off leash exercise area)

Proposed change: designate reserve at the end of Clyde Boulevard off leash at all times

- Summary: 23 responses (16 support, 6 oppose, 1 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support but strong preference for tennis court area
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further

South Durras (South Durras Beach, Cookies Beach)

Proposed change: removal of prohibited 100m section of beach to Durras Creek (increase off leash 24 hour exercise area by 100m).

- Summary: 53 responses (25 support, 21 oppose, 7 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas
- What next: consider proposed arrangement

Maloneys Beach and Long Beach

Proposed changes: timeshare on leash instead of existing timeshare off leash on Maloneys Beach, and 24 hour off leash instead of existing timeshare off leash on Long Beach.

- Summary: 140 responses (72 support, 58 oppose, 10 no response)
- Comments indicate: support for Long Beach off leash area, preference for existing off leash timeshare arrangement on Maloneys Beach
- What next: consider proposed arrangement for Long Beach, incorporate feedback and refine further for Maloneys Beach

Surfside and Myamba Parade

Proposed changes: 24 hour off leash instead of existing timeshare off leash on Surfside, no change to existing dogs prohibited arrangement on Myamba Parade.

- Summary: 66 responses (29 support, 35 oppose, 2 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preference for increased and decreased dog areas, overall support for 24 hour off leash, some concern about dogs negatively impacting on beachgoers, some preference for dogs allowed on Myamba Parade
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

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BATEMANS BAY AND SURROUNDS

Hanging Rock and Corrigans Beach (north)

Proposed change: dogs prohibited on breakwall to Yacht Club access point (instead of current time off leash all the way to the breakwall).

24 hour off leash from Yacht Club access to Corrigans car park (instead of current timeshare off leash)

Introduce new trial off leash area at Hanging Rock for dog training on Mondays.

- Summary: 104 responses (48 support, 53 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: support of 24 hour off leash area, mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas, concern about Joes Creek limiting access, some preference for dogs allowed on breakwall, some preference for existing timeshare
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Batehaven (Corrigans Beach)

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash from Corrigans car park north to the Yacht Club beach access at northern end of Corrigans Beach (instead of existing timeshare on leash north to Joes Creek)

- Summary: 160 responses (100 support, 45 oppose, 15 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for off leash area and maintaining existing dogs prohibited area, some concern about 24 hour off leash negatively impacting beachgoers
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Caseys Beach

Proposed change: no change (dogs prohibited on Caseys Beach)

- Summary: 68 responses (22 support, 44 oppose, 2 no response)
- Comments indicate: some preference for dogs allowed on Caseys Beach
- What next: consider proposed/existing arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Sunshine Bay Beach

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash (instead of existing timeshare off leash)

- Summary: 38 responses (25 support, 10 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Denhams Beach

Proposed change: dogs prohibited (instead of existing timeshare on leash)

- Summary: 196 responses (29 support, 162 oppose, 5 no response)
- Comments indicate: oppose overall, preference for existing timeshare arrangement, concerns about access to three connected beaches allowing people with dogs to walk from Denhams Beach to Wimbie Beach.
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Surf Beach

Proposed change: no change proposed (dogs prohibited on Surf Beach)

- Summary: 129 responses (32 support, 92 oppose, 5 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for dogs allowed and dogs prohibited, concerns about access to three connected beaches allowing people with dogs to walk from Denhams Beach to Wimbie Beach, suggestion of access corridor/walkway along Surf Beach Reserve to connect Denhams and Wimbie Beaches.
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Surf Beach grass reserve

Proposed change: introduce 24 hour off leash on grass reserve

- Summary: 34 responses (22 support, 10 oppose, 2 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support, concerns about dogs off leash on area used for Pony Club activities
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and safety relating to horses

Wimbie Beach

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash (instead of existing timeshare off leash)

- Summary: 153 responses (96 support, 49 oppose, 8 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash, concerns about Wimbie Creek, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers, concerns about access to three connected beaches allowing people with dogs to walk from Denhams Beach to Wimbie Beach
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

MALUA BAY AND SURROUNDS

Circuit Beach

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash (instead of existing timeshare on leash)

- Summary: 20 responses (14 support, 6 oppose)
- Comments indicate: overall support, some concerns about difficulty accessing beach, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers
- What next: consider proposed arrangement

Lilli Pilli

Proposed change: no change proposed (timeshare on leash on Lilli Pilli Beach)

- Summary: 54 responses (19 support, 32 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas, some preference for off leash (rather than on leash) timeshare
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Mosquito Bay

Proposed change: timeshare on leash (instead of existing timeshare off leash)

- Summary: 38 responses (7 support, 23 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: concerns about safely walking dogs on leash on rocks, some preference for existing timeshare off leash arrangement
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Garden Bay

Proposed change: dogs prohibited within 10 metres of Garden Bay Playground (instead of dogs prohibited on reserve next to Garden Bay Beach) no change proposed to beach (Garden Bay timeshare on leash)

- Summary: 37 responses (3 support, 32 oppose, 2 no response)
- Comments indicate: some preference for dogs allowed access to the park, some preference for off leash, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers/attacking beachgoers
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Malua Bay

Proposed change: timeshare on leash on Malua Bay Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash), no change proposed to reserve area (existing dogs prohibited within 10 metres of playground and food areas)

- Summary: 165 responses (29 support, 124 oppose, 12 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas and times, some preference for existing off leash (instead of on leash) timeshare arrangement
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Pretty Point and McKenzies Beach

Proposed change: Dogs prohibited on McKenzies Beach (instead of existing timeshare on leash on McKenzies Beach), no change proposed for Pretty Point (24 hour off leash)

- Summary: 74 responses (18 support, 55 oppose, 1 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas and times, some preference for existing timeshare on leash arrangement on McKenzies Beach, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers, overall support for maintaining Pretty Point Beach 24 hour off leash arrangement, some concerns about difficulty accessing Pretty Point Beach
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

BROULEE AND SURROUNDS

Rosedale (North Rosedale Beach and South Rosedale Beach)

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash on North Rosedale Beach (instead of existing timeshare on leash), no change to South Rosedale Beach from the northern end of the beach to the car park access (timeshare on leash), dogs prohibited on South Rosedale Beach from the car park access to the southern end of the beach (instead existing timeshare off leash).

- Summary: 208 responses (29 support, 178 oppose, 6 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall oppose, some preference for off leash provision on South Rosedale Beach, some suggestions about rearranging areas, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers, concerns about accessing 24 hour off leash on North Rosedale Beach, concerns about dividing South Rosedale Beach into multiple zones
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further

Guerilla Bay (Stoney Beach and Guerilla Bay Main Beach)

Proposed change: dogs prohibited on Stoney Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash), 24 hour off leash on Guerilla Bay Main Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash)

- Summary: 70 responses (16 support, 54 oppose)
- Comments indicate: overall oppose, some preference for existing off leash timeshare arrangements, some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further

Tomakin (Tomaga River Beach, Cove Beach, Barlings Beach)

Proposed change: Timeshare on leash on Barlings Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash), no change to Cove Beach (dogs prohibited), no change to Tomaga River Beach (24 hour off leash)

- Summary: 305 responses (111 support, 170 oppose, 24 no response)
- Comments indicate: some preference for off leash provision/existing off leash timeshare
 arrangement at Barlings Beach, overall support for no change to/dogs prohibited on
 Cove Beach, overall support for no change to/24 hour off leash at Tomaga River Beach,
 some concerns about dogs negatively impacting beachgoers
- What next: consider proposed/maintain existing arrangements for Tomaga River Beach and Cove Beach
 - Incorporate feedback and refine further for Barlings Beach

North Broulee (Candlagan Creek and North Broulee Beach)

Proposed change: No change to Candlagan Creek (dogs prohibited), increase the area near Candlagan Creek where dogs are prohibited to Francis Street (existing boundary at Train Street), 24 hour off leash on middle of North Broulee Beach (instead of existing mix of 24 hour off leash and 24 on leash), increase area near National Park where dogs are prohibited to Bayside Street (existing boundary at National Park).

• Summary: 425 responses (82 support, 333 oppose, 10 no response)

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- Comments indicate: overall support for provision some 24 hour off leash area, concerns about increasing areas where dogs are prohibited at both ends of the beach, some preference for existing northern boundary at Train Street
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further

South Broulee (Shark Bay and South Broulee Beach)

Proposed change: no changes (dogs prohibited on Shark Bay Beach, dogs prohibited on South Broulee Beach)

- Summary: 280 responses (89 support, 178 oppose, 13 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for Shark Bay to remain as a dog prohibited area, mix of preferences for South Broulee Beach to remain as a dog prohibited area
- What next: consider proposed/maintaining existing arrangements and balance of nearby areas

MORUYA AND SURROUNDS

Bengello

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash on Bengello Beach from McNee Street access to North Head camp ground (instead of existing mix of 24 hour off leash and 24 on leash)

- Summary: 115 responses (72 support, 33 oppose, 10 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash area, some concerns about dogs off leash in the area used for horse training, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on the environment
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and safety relating to horses

Moruya Breakwall

Proposed change: no changes proposed (dogs prohibited within 300m of breakwall, on breakwall, and in North Head swimming hole)

- Summary: 32 responses (12 support, 16 oppose, 4 no response)
- Comments indicate: concerns about camping with dogs next to dogs prohibited area, some preference for provision of dogs allowed on breakwall
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Moruya Riverside Park

Proposed change: no changes proposed (24 hour off leash at Ryans Creek Reserve)

- Summary: 37 responses (17 support, 17 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for off leash areas, concerns about long grass, concerns about Moruya Riverside Park not mapped (dogs allowed on leash signposted)
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Moruya Heads

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash (instead of existing timeshare off leash), reduce off leash area to end at car park access (existing off leash boundary extends south of car park), no change to existing timeshare on leash from car park to National Park boundary at Pedro Point.

- Summary: 75 responses (39 support, 29 oppose, 7 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour area, some preference for increase of 24 hour off leash area, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Congo

Proposed change: Dogs prohibited from Point Parade to northern National Park boundary and 24 hour off leash from Point Parade to southern National Park boundary (instead of existing time share off leash between National Park boundaries)

- Summary: 32 responses (20 support, 10 oppose, 2 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour provision, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on the environment
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

TUROSS AND SURROUNDS

Coila

Proposed change: no changes proposed (24 hour off leash on Coila Beach, dogs prohibited in shorebird nesting area on dunes)

- Summary: 127 responses (67 support, 56 oppose, 4 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash area, some concerns about Coila being the only off leash option in Tuross, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on the environment
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Tuross Head (Plantation Beach, One Tree Beach North, One Tree Main Beach)

Proposed change: timeshare on leash on Plantation Beach and One Tree Beach North (instead of existing timeshare off leash on both beaches), no change proposed for One Tree Main Beach (dogs prohibited)

- Summary: 278 responses (34 support, 223 oppose, 21 no response)
- Comments indicate: preference for existing off leash arrangements on Plantation Beach and One Tree Beach North, concerns about Coila being the only off leash option in Tuross, concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers and environment, overall support for Main Beach to remain dogs prohibited
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further for Plantation Beach and One Tree Beach North, consider proposed/maintain existing arrangement for One Tree Main Beach

Lavender Bay

Proposed change: Dogs prohibited on Lavender Bay, boat ramp, and Boat Shed Park (no existing map but signposted on-site as dogs prohibited)

- Summary: 114 responses (23 support, 90 oppose, 1 no response)
- Comments indicate: some support of dogs not allowed in the park, but concerns about Lavender Bay being accessible for dog owners with limited mobility, some preference for dogs allowed at Lavender Bay
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Potato Point

Proposed change: no changes proposed to National Park area of beach (dogs prohibited) timeshare on leash on from National Park boundary to southern end of Potato Point Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash), no change proposed to Jemisons Beach (existing 24 hour off leash from headland at the northern end of the beach to National Park boundary, dogs prohibited from National Park boundary to southern end of Jemisons beach)

- Summary: 57 responses (12 support, 44 oppose, 1 no response)
- Comments indicate: concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers and environment, some preference for existing off leash timeshare arrangement on Potato Point Beach (instead of proposed on leash timeshare arrangement)
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

NAROOMA AND SURROUNDS

Dalmeny (Joshs Beach and Yabbarra Beach)

Proposed change: no changes proposed (existing timeshare on leash on Joshs Beach, dogs prohibited on Yabbarra Beach)

- Summary: 48 responses (13 support, 31 oppose, 4 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for dogs allowed and dogs prohibited on both beaches, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Dalmeny (Duesbury Beach and Kianga Main Beach)

Proposed change: no changes proposed (existing 24 hour off leash on Duesbury Beach, existing timeshare on leash on Kianga Main Beach)

- Summary: 101 responses (39 support, 54 oppose, 8 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for arrangements on these beaches, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Dalmeny (grass reserve)

Proposed change: designate 24 hour off leash area on the grass reserve next to the Mort Avenue and Thompson Street roundabout (not currently mapped/designated)

- Summary: 55 responses (24 support, 24 oppose, 7 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash area, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on others
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Kianga/North Narooma (Kianga Reef Beach, Carters Beach and Bar Beach)

Proposed change: timeshare on leash on Kianga Reef Beach (instead of existing 24 hour off leash on Kianga Reef Beach, no changes proposed to Carters Beach or Bar Beach (dogs prohibited on Carters Beach, existing 24 hour off leash on Bar Beach until 100m from the breakwall, dogs prohibited within 100m of the Bar Beach breakwall.)

- Summary: 85 responses (42 support, 38 oppose, 5 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for dogs prohibited to continue on Carters Beach, overall support for dogs allowed on Kianga Reef Beach, some preference for off leash provision on Kianga Reef Beach, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on other beachgoers, some preference for dogs allowed on Bar Beach breakwall
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Netted Beach

Proposed change: no changes proposed (dogs prohibited on Netted Beach and on breakwalls)

- Summary: 34 responses (16 support, 17 oppose, 1 no response)
- Comments indicate: some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on environment, some preference for dogs allowed on Netted Beach and breakwalls
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

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Lewis Island

Proposed change: designate dogs prohibited on Lewis Island (not currently mapped/designated)

- Summary: 21 responses (8 support, 13 oppose)
- Comments indicate: some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on environment, some concerns that dogs do not impact negatively on environment, some preference for dogs allowed on Lewis Island
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

NATA Oval

Proposed change: no changes proposed (existing 24 hour off leash except during authorised events)

- Summary: 28 responses (23 support, 2 oppose, 3 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Narooma Main Beach

Proposed change: introduce 24 hour off leash area on northern end of Narooma Main Beach to the walkway, maintain existing dogs prohibited from walkway to southern headland

- Summary: 85 responses (38 support, 38 oppose, 9 no response)
- Comments indicate: mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas, some
 concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers, some preference for
 timeshare instead of prohibited area, some preference for maintaining dogs prohibited
 on whole beach
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas

Handkerchief Beach

Proposed change: 24 hour off leash from northern headland to Handkerchief Beach's main entrance (instead of current timeshare off leash), extend dogs prohibited area from the mouth of Nangudga Lake to Handkerchief Beach's main entrance (currently prohibited from the mouth of Nangudga Lake).

- Summary: 52 responses (27 support, 21 oppose, 4 no response)
- Comments indicate: overall support for 24 hour off leash provision, mix of preferences for increased and decreased dog areas and times around Handkerchief Beach and Nangudga Lake, some concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers and environment
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Mystery Bay Beach

Proposed change: introduce 24 hour off leash area at northern end of Mystery Bay Beach adjacent to campground (instead of existing timeshare off leash), timeshare on leash on southern end of Mystery Bay Beach (instead of existing timeshare off leash), extend dogs prohibited area to the end of Mystery Bay Road (existing dogs prohibited area begins further south at the National Park boundary)

Summary: 143 responses (15 support, 121 oppose, 7 no response)

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- Comments indicate: concerns about multiple arrangements on one beach, some
 concerns about dogs impacting negatively on beachgoers and environment, mix of
 support and concern about 24 hour off leash provision, some concerns that proposed off
 leash area is too small, some preference for existing arrangements
- What next: incorporate feedback and refine further, consider balance of nearby areas

Mystery Bay campground

Proposed change: no changes proposed (dogs allowed 24 hours on leash within Mystery Bay camp ground)

- Summary: 53 responses (2 support, 45 oppose, 6 no response)
- Comments indicate: concerns about access to Mystery Bay Beach rather than camp ground
- What next: consider proposed arrangement and balance of nearby areas