

# Summary of submissions received and staff comments in response to Public Exhibition of: Draft Companion Animals Management Plan 2018

## Notes:

For ease of reading and identifying areas, these summaries of written submissions are arranged by the location mentioned in them.

Where the writer has mentioned more than one location, their summary will appear in all the areas they mentioned.

Where a writer has made multiple/identical submissions, these are grouped together with a note that the individual made more than one submission expressing their thoughts.

## Key:

Teal background: submissions where the correspondent expressed opposition for the plan in the area they mentioned.

White background: submissions where the correspondent expressed support for the plan in the area they mentioned.

Grey background: submissions where the correspondent posed a question or comment but did not express support or opposition, or was unclear

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## Area: Eurobodalla/general

### Common ideas/themes

As well as items relating to particular areas, many correspondents mentioned items that relate to Eurobodalla overall or broader areas for consideration:

- Need for increased/better/clearer signage/clearer wording/plain English/signs on beaches/signs at exact boundaries where rules change
- Need for increased ranger presence/punishment/enforcement/fines
- Doubt/concern that Council will/will be able to enforce proposed areas
- Concerns about dog owners not being responsible/do not follow rules/Council to consider education program for responsible dog ownership and understanding of “effective control”
- Dog poo is a problem
- General requests for shorter timeframe for timeshare over holidays
- General requests for fenced dog exercise areas
- General comments that most beaches are empty in winter
- General concern/preference that dogs be prohibited on sports fields/possibly allowed on sidelines on leash, well sign posted and enforced
- General concerns about having multiple access types/zones on single beaches
- General concerns that not every resident, non-resident ratepayer, visitor, school knew about community engagement in some areas/general comments about effectiveness/appreciation of community engagement in other areas
- Some misunderstanding that timeshare has referred in the past to when dogs are allowed on leash and off leash (rather than when dogs are allowed and not allowed)

## Eurobodalla/general submissions

Some correspondents did not specify a particular area, writing instead to express broader ideas, or general support of the draft plan. Items raised include:

- General support for draft plan
- Concern that there are no/few on-leash areas
- Some concern/comment about responsible ownership/education

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	No provision of on leash areas. Do not want to cope with unleashed dogs as the only option. Concerns about safety, dog poo.
Individual	Support	Proposed changes are great. Would like to see fenced dog park
Individual	Support	Pleased. Thank you for considering needs of dog owners.
Individual	Support	Support timeshare on and off leash.
Individual	Support	Congratulate Council on meaningful consultation process and resulting proposals/balance provided
Individual	Support	Support proposed changes
Group/informal	Support	We approve of the draft changes
Individual	Support	Love it. Detailed, fair and clear areas for dog friendly play.
Individual	Comment	Beaches need to be patrolled by well trained, motivated, well paid Rangers. Rules are flouted before 9am and after 4.30pm.
Individual	Comment	Question: are dogs allowed in water.
Individual	Comment	Owners should undertake training to ensure all know what "effective control" means. 'Companion Animal Management Plan' should be called 'Keeping a dog in Eurobodalla Shire' questions about dog ownership.

## Submission/advice from NSW Parks and Wildlife Service

### Broulee

**The South Broulee map includes Shark Bay and South Broulee Beach. Although no changes were proposed for this area, a large number of surveys opposed the proposed maps indicating that they would like to see access made available, particularly at Shark Bay to facilitate access via loop back to Broulee.**

NPWS response: The retention of Shark Bay as a prohibited area aligns with protection of threatened Sooty Oystercatcher habitat that extends from Broulee Island Nature Reserve and includes Shark Bay beach and the sheltered shoreline at the southern end of north Broulee Beach. The extension of the prohibited area out to Bayside Street beach access point would improve habitat protection for this species which often forages on the beach wrack washed onto these afore mentioned locations. Repeated incursions by dog walkers into the NPWS estate would be reduced by increasing this boundary margin also. North Broulee Beach from Bayside Street access point to just south of Candlagan Creek offers lower shorebird foraging/nesting opportunities and aligns with the ESC off-leash dog area.

### Coila Beach

**There were some comments questioning the shorebird nesting area at this location e.g. the area is incorrect, the birds nest on the sand spit at Potato Point not that area at Coila Lake. Additionally, at the community drop-in session it was suggested by a small number that the retention of the shorebird nesting area is based on 'old' observations and there has been no evidence of shorebirds in this area for some time.**

NPWS response: The Coila Beach shorebird area on ESC managed tenure offers abundant shorebird nesting and foraging habitat. The northern lake margins support foraging by migratory shorebird species, all of which are suffering population decline and many being threatened and listed within national Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 or state Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. Multiple shorebird surveys over the past 20 years conducted by NPWS, but also by local groups birdwatching groups identifies Coila Lake supporting foraging and nesting by Sanderling, Pied Oystercatcher, Fairy Tern, Little Tern, Hooded Plover, Red Knot, Curlew Sandpiper – which is critically endangered nationally (NPWS survey data, ENHS field surveys). The water levels and shoreline of this ICOLL vary annually however Coila Lake northern shoreline, but provides opportunity for shorebird foraging continuously and opportunistic nesting by Pied Oystercatchers, Little Terns and Fairy Terns – all endangered, in this locality of the lake. Its continued protection for shorebirds is advocated by NPWS. Added to this, support is given for access by companion animals to the ocean shoreline and beach north of Coila Lake entrance away from the shorebird breeding area. This ocean front does not support shorebird foraging/nesting and is the ideal fit for a dog access area.

### Lavender Bay – Tuross Head

**This area is currently signposted dogs prohibited and hence was included as a proposed map to formalise the arrangements currently in place at this location. The majority did not support the proposed map to prohibit dogs at Lavender Bay and the boat ramp thus removal of the prohibition is under consideration.**

NPWS response: The grassed area of Lavender Bay and its immediate (10 - 20m estimate) beachfront above the mean high tide mark would not be supported as a leash free dog area. The concern from NPWS is its proximity to the intertidal sandflats which run out from Lavender Bay and their importance for foraging habitat for the numerous pairs of nesting Pied Oystercatcher (largest number on South Coast) which nest within Tuross Lake annually. Tuross Lake is recognised nationally as an important shorebird site – Birdlife Shorebird 2020 program inclusion, NPWS/OEH shorebird management site, local naturalist groups for over 15 species of migratory/resident species (Curlew Sandpiper, Pied Oystercatcher, Little Tern, Fairy Tern, Sanderling, Bar-tailed Godwit, Sooty Oystercatcher, Lesser Sandplover, Great Knot, Red Knot, Lesser Sandplover, Hooded Plover, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, sanderling, Eastern Curlew, Whimbrel, Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Double Banded Plover). Dogs must be prohibited from all intertidal sandflats and islands within Tuross Lake to reduce the threat to these shorebirds.

### Lewis Island

**The proposal to prohibit dogs from Lewis Island was generally not supported. People want to continue to have dog access to Lewis Island.**

Lewis Island and all the intertidal islands within Wagonga Inlet support nesting Pied Oystercatchers. A pair's fidelity to this location annually sees them attempt to nest, always unsuccessfully, on Lewis Island. The vulnerability of this pair to dog attack is heightened by the small size of this island, as is predation of eggs and chicks laid on the ground. NPWS would strongly back a decision by Council to support Pied Oystercatcher conservation on Lewis Island through prohibition of dogs allowing this small island to realise its potential to successfully support shorebird breeding.

### Mystery Bay

**Proposal to prohibit dogs from the sand spit received mixed views. There are some who would like to retain access to the sand spit area between the national park and beach. There were some who supported the prohibition from this area. Mystery Bay Beach will likely revert timeshare off-leash.**

The eastern extreme rock platform/sandspit supports annual foraging opportunities for migratory Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone and threatened Sooty Oystercatchers and critically endangered Hooded Plover. In recent years Little Penguins have hauled out at this location and wildlife carers and NPWS staff have taken public calls regarding Little Penguins at this location, often with concerns for the potential for negative interaction with dogs. Improvements to the management of this site now need to be undertaken in relation to protection of visiting bird species and this review presents an opportunity to strengthen the protection to these shorebird and seabird species that frequent the sandspit and rock platform. Ideally, the dog prohibited area could extend to the nearby boat ramp access to afford a large enough buffer for this purpose, given the northern portion of the beach will be timeshare off leash and enable time/distance for control of dogs nearing prohibited boundaries.

With reference to the prohibition of companion animals in intertidal zones the NPWS has an interest. Particularly in that the boundary of Eurobodalla National Park (and possibly other reserves north of Batemans Bay) generally includes the intertidal zones and, also, in areas both on and off park in relation to the protection of threatened species, particularly shorebirds.

The Companion Animals Act identifies wildlife protection areas as mentioned on Pages 9 and 15 of the Draft Companion Animal Management Plan 2018 (CAMP). NPWS would like to continue to work closely with Eurobodalla Shire Council in the seasonal identification and maintenance of such areas. It may be beneficial for the CAMP to include a definition of a wildlife protection area, including a summary list of sites or criteria e.g: shorebird nesting area; seal haul out site, etc.

## Submission/advice from NSW Department of Primary Industries relating to domestic animals within Batemans Marine Park

### 1) Regarding the reference to prohibition of dogs in intertidal zones in the CAMP

Pg. 9 - under Dog Exercise Areas; - 'Dogs and cats are prohibited in all National Parks, **Batemans Marine Park and intertidal zones**, and from some recreational areas such as sporting fields or other public places.' Within the marine park this is not the case. Domestic animals (including dogs) are permitted in most of the marine park except the following areas which are covered under Cl 7.27 of the Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulations 1999. This clause states;

#### *Cl 7.27 Restrictions on domesticated animals*

*Despite clause 1.29 (1) of this Regulation (Explanatory note: Cl 1.29 (1) prohibits bringing domesticated animals into marine parks), a person may bring a domesticated animal into the following parts of the marine park:*

*(a) tidal lands of the marine park if those tidal lands are not directly seaward of:*

*(i) a nature reserve, national park or Aboriginal area dedicated or reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, or (Explanatory note: Dogs and domesticated animals are prohibited in the marine park adjacent to these areas)*

*(ii) a place in which the animal is prohibited under the Companion Animals Act 1998, (Explanatory note: Dogs and domesticated animals are prohibited in the marine park adjacent to these areas)*

*(b) waters of the marine park that are not part of a nature reserve or national park dedicated or reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 if the animal remains confined to a vessel, (Explanatory note: Dogs and domesticated animals in vessels are permitted anywhere in the park)*

*(c) tidal lands of the marine park that are directly seaward of a nature reserve, national park or Aboriginal area dedicated or reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 if permitted under a plan of management under that Act. (Explanatory note: Dogs and domesticated animals are permitted adjacent to these areas if the relevant Plan of Management under NPWS Act allows it)*

*Note. Clause 1.29 of this Regulation makes it an offence, subject to certain exceptions (which are covered above), to bring a domesticated animal into a marine park except with the consent of the relevant Ministers.*

2) Pg. 12 - under goals in Impacts on Biodiversity - The comments referring the marine park in this section are reasonable.

3) Pg 15 - under Prohibited: General Conditions – The comments made regarding page 9 also apply here.

Once clarification of Cl 7.27 is provided, public concerns may be mitigated. The marine park restrictions are a continuation of the land based restrictions and therefore make sense in terms of providing continuity within intertidal areas with respect to boundaries between mean high and low tidal limits.

We recommend that Eurobodalla Shire Council consider the following points when finalising the new *Companion Animal Management Plan*:

#### **Buffer Zones:**

It is noted that many of the existing on leash and time share areas adjacent to National Parks are now proposed to be “dogs allowed off – leash at all times”. In view of the high conservation values of the national park tidal areas and the threats that unleashed dogs contribute to these values, particularly with respect to protected species under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, it is recommended that a buffer zone of at least 100 metres be established adjacent to the national park/tidal boundary of any proposed dogs prohibited area.

#### **Special Interest Zones – Dogs Prohibited:**

It is recommended that in some circumstances ESC have the ability to declare a dogs prohibited zone due to an area of conservation or public safety on beaches. An example of this would be a rare or endangered migratory wader, a nesting, stranding or haul-out event related to a species protected under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. (eg Marine Turtle, Seals, Whales & Dolphins and Shore Birds)

#### **Signage:**

It is recommended that consistent and multi-agency companion animal signage be established for the purpose of effective communication, education and compliance. It is envisaged that the key messages from clause 7.27 of the *Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999* would be incorporated into this signage. We would be happy to work with ESC and contribute to the design and cost of any future signage.

#### **Implementation and Review:**

It is recommended that Batemans Marine Park be involved in any current and future actions in regard to the implementation and review of this plan.

## Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Eurobodalla/general submissions and National Parks and Marine Park

- No/few on leash areas: Eurobodalla is an 'on leash' area at all times except when in an 'off leash' or 'timeshare' area or the prohibited areas and as required by the NSW legislation.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Enforcement: following education strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership
- Council has been working with both state agencies on the draft Plan and will continue to do so regarding signage and education
- Council will work with National Parks and where threatened species are identified restrict or prohibit dog access in accordance with conservation of the species
- Intertidal zones that are adjacent to National Parks only are prohibited area
- Specific site information about dog exercise areas from the agencies has been considered
- **Recommendation:** remove 'dogs prohibited Batemans Marine Park intertidal zones' (page 15 and 9).



## Sporting fields

While these correspondents identified their club name/area, their comments related to sporting fields in general, not one specific field. Items raised include:

- Preference for dogs banned on sporting fields, particularly during events.
- Safety concerns, training/games interrupted by dogs. Possibility of allowing dogs on sidelines only
- Ranger presence/enforcement on sporting days
- Dog poo/responsible pet ownership is a problem

Also see comments relating to [Hanging Rock](#) area for further community input about sporting fields.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Group/Club	Oppose	Dogs should be prohibited at all times on sporting fields where sports are played, allowed on-leash around sporting reserves (ie sidelines). Dog poo is a problem. Signage on sporting grounds. Enforcement on sporting days.
Group/Club	Oppose	Prefer dogs banned from sporting fields. Owners cannot be relied on to do the right thing. Dog poo is a problem. Training sessions are interrupted by dogs off leash. Safety concerns.
Group/Club	Oppose	Would like sports fields to be specifically excluded as dog areas. Sports activities and dogs are not compatible. The term 'Recreation area' is not specific enough, could be "recreation areas including sports fields and public bathing areas" or similar.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to sporting fields

- The draft Plan identifies that dogs are prohibited on the actual fields of play where formal community sports are played. Dogs would be allowed on leash around sporting reserves (i.e. dogs allowed on the sidelines, associated access tracks, non-playing field areas) while under the care and control of a competent person.
- Education and enforcement is recommended to ensure that responsible pet ownership is undertaken inclusive of picking up dog poo and dogs are on leash in permissible areas. Targeted information recommended to be provided to sporting groups that utilise fields and signage to be installed.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: North Batemans Bay

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### South Durras

Items raised include:

- Support of maintaining areas where dogs are prohibited/support for protecting shorebird nesting areas, support for 24 hour off leash area
- Preference for on leash access to the Main Beach dog walking area
- Uncertainty and need for rules for Durras Lake boat ramp area
- Request for policing/enforcement/ranger presence/education for dog owners and request for improved/unambiguous/more signage. On-beach signage at points where boundaries change and any points where people access the beach. Signage at South Durras entry with specific wording

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Group	Support	Prefer formalised on-leash dog access to the Main Beach dog-walking area from the headland at the southern end of Main Beach. Prefer more and clearer signage on the beach at the point of transition between the dogs allowed and dogs prohibited areas. Additional signage at entrance to South Durras indicating “(a) the area in which off-leash dog walking is allowed and (b) the need for dogs to be on leash in all other public areas.” Improve existing signage for clarity. Support dogs prohibited at Cookies Beach. Support dogs prohibited from area north of the entrance to Lakesea Caravan Park. Support dogs allowed 24 hour off leash beginning from Durras Drive bridge to the entrance of Lakesea Caravan Park. Acknowledge some group members wish for extended dog-walking areas (group overall supports proposed prohibited areas)
Individual	Support	Agree with small changes made for no dog areas. Need a policy for Durras Lake boat ramp area. Has a no dogs sign that is ignored and not policed. Clear, unambiguous signage required.
Individual	Support	Support proposed dog and no dog zones in Durras, reasonable compromise for dogs, birds and people. Lakesea Camping Area to the lake mouth is important area for shorebirds nesting, migratory and resident waders for feeding. Detailed observations about shorebirds sighted in area. Not happy with the conversion of 100m of dog prohibited area on the southern end of the Durras Main beach near Durras Creek to an off leash area. Monitoring and education of dog owners are vital. Needs better signage to delineate the dog prohibited area on the main beach. Sign at the car parking area near tennis courts is confusing; sign pointing to the off leash area is bigger and clearer than the sign pointing to dog prohibited area. Dogs prohibited sign needed on beach where the track from the carpark at the tennis courts at the start of the Lakesea camping area comes out on to the beach. Noticed improvement over the years in responsible dog owners, keeping dogs under control, picking up faeces.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments in relation to South Durras

- Overall support for the proposed dog exercise areas. Improvement of signage acknowledged and new signage to be investigated and installed at appropriate locations with the aim to simplify, consolidate and make clearer over the next 12months.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Long Beach

Items raised include:

- Safety concerns, specific Long Beach dog attack cited by many correspondents
- Some general support for trial and proposed 24/7 off leash area on Long Beach/Preference for timeshare (1 correspondent) on Long Beach
- Preference for dogs allowed (1 correspondent) at Bay Road end on Long Beach (proposed as a prohibited area)
- Concerns that dog owners to not follow rules/non-responsible pet owners/Dog poo is a problem/preference for more bins across shire
- Preference for clearer signage/Preference for increased enforcement/ranger presence/Council response to complaints

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Dog owners do not follow rules. Council does not enforce own rules/does not follow up on reports/requests from residents. Dogs on Long Beach make it unsafe for children, families, cited dog attack on 27 October 2017
Individual	Oppose	Timeshare should continue on Long Beach, dogs allowed outside of when children and families use the beach. Safety concerns. Dog poo concerns.
Individual (3 submissions)	Oppose	Concerns about dog attacks. Cited dog attack on Long Beach on 27 October 2017, attacks in Canberra, Sydney, Wollli Creek.
Individual	Oppose	Dogs should not be prohibited at Bay Road end of Long Beach. Means anyone who lives there cannot have a dog.
Individual	Support	Support the current proposals for Long Beach/Maloney's Beach. Benefit of walking our dogs each day is significant.
Individual	Support	Fully support Long Beach dog walking trial
Individual	Support	Thank you for trialling 24/7 area, highly valued. Clearer signage across whole shire. More bins on dog friendly beaches.
Individual	Support	Support off leash areas on beach.
Group	Support	Support new timeshare arrangements (location and hours).
Individual	Comment	Red zone at Long Beach not enforced. Regular offenders, info provided to Council. Council does not enforce its own policy
Individual	Comment	Safety concerns. Cited dog attack on 28 October 2017. Dog owners don't always follow rules. Council's enforcement ineffective at Long Beach.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Long Beach

- Mixed views received in the submissions. Some opposition to dogs on beaches due to safety concerns and lack of enforcement. Also some interest in removing prohibition the Bay Road area. Through the community survey results there appears to be overall community support for the trial and proposed dog exercise areas.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Batemans Bay

Hanging Rock | Corrigans Beach | Caseys Beach | Sunshine Bay | Denhams Beach | Surf Beach | Surf Beach Grass Reserve | Wimbie Beach

### Hanging Rock

Items raised include:

- Objections to trial of dog training area/dogs should not be on sports fields used by children/inconsistent approach by Council to allowing dogs on sporting fields/clear rules for booking and use of training area
- Dog poo is a problem
- Preference for dogs allowed on Hanging Rock breakwall
- Joes Creek limits available space for dog exercise at Hanging Rock

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Group/Club	Oppose	Oppose dogs allowed on Hanging Rock sporting field. Dog poo is a problem, sticks and debris dangerous for young players.
Group/Club	Oppose	Oppose dogs on soccer ground at Hanging Rock. Children have to dodge dog faeces when playing.
Group/Club	Oppose	Oppose the use of Hanging Rock soccer field for dog training. Contravenes Council's policy of no dogs on sports fields. More specificity surrounding trial/timing/rules required. Have other areas been considered? Dog poo is a problem. Requires community education to train dog owners on behaviour. Questionable if Council has resources to implement such a large education campaign
Individual	Oppose	Object to trial of dog training area, dogs should not be permitted on playing fields used by children. Inconsistent approach to dogs on ovals. Should be at Pony Club oval instead.
Individual	Oppose	Object to trial of dog training area. Inconsistent approach to dogs on ovals. Would like access to Gunday Oval for training.
Individual	Oppose	Timeshare has always worked well for us. Limited space available when Joe's Creek is running, will confine many dogs to a small space. Reconsider/reduce total ban at the Hanging Rock end of Corrigans Beach.
Individual	Oppose	Dogs should be allowed on breakwall at Hanging Rock.
Individual (3 submissions)	Comment	How do I book training area if not affiliated with a group? Dog poo is a problem. Dogs should be prohibited from playing fields when formal community sports are being played. Dogs should be allowed on leash around sporting reserves on side lines and associated tracks and on non-playing field areas. bins should be placed nearby for dog poo. Anyone undertaking Group dog training at Hanging Rock should be obliged to take out Public Liability Insurance as it is a mandatory requirement of Council.

## Submission from Eurobodalla Council's Recreation Services relating to Hanging Rock

[Eurobodalla Shire Council's] Recreation Services would recommend that the trial period should be limited to a 6 month period predominantly over the 2018/19 spring/summer months because:

- a. As the trial period is limited to Monday afternoons 3:00pm to 7:00pm, during the summer months, as under these hours during summer, artificial lighting will not be required. If operated over a twelve month period, field lighting would be required from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and this would need to be installed at a cost of between \$5k - \$20k (dependent on the wiring configuration if the existing tennis court lights on the Eastern side of the tennis courts) as there is currently no suitable lighting available on the trial site
- b. If the 12 month trial period currently proposed in the draft CAMP was enacted, this may impact on the ROSS Action N17 'Update the master plan for the Hanging Rock ...; and
- c. Recreation Services would not support the planning for a permanent dog training area to be developed at the expense of existing and future sporting facilities at Hanging Rock. The trial is seen by Recreation Services as an opportunity to establish the level of need and likely use of such an area in Batemans Bay area.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Hanging Rock trial of dog training area

- Trial of Dog Training Area: opposition from three sporting groups and four individuals. Concerns raised about doo poo, dogs on sporting fields, and enforcement. Formal dog training would require to be booked and the relevant fees and insurance would apply.
- Council Recreational Services raised concerns about lighting, costs and long term viability of site.
- Recommendation to reduce the trial to six months on Mondays 3pm -7pm effective from November to April, so that lighting is not required to be installed
- Further consideration of this proposed dog training area to be undertaken as part of the review of the current Masterplan for the Hanging Rock Precinct due to commence in 2019. This would include a review of the usage of the trial, community support or otherwise and sporting aspirations for the precinct.
- **Recommendation:** amend proposal to 6 month trial of dog training area Mondays between 3pm and 7pm.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Hanging Rock

- Joes Creek opening limits space for dog exercise: there was overall support for the proposed dogs off leash from the Yacht Club to the boat launching area at Corrigans Beach car park. Much of this area is currently timeshare leashed so overall a significant increase in dog accessibility. There is a decrease in the length of the beach with proposed prohibition from the breakwall to the Yacht Club which also enables those who do not wish to interact with dogs and area. The Yacht Club entrance is a well delineated area and the proposed ability to walk dogs on leash in the Hanging Rock reserve area may assist dog owners when Joes Creek is open.
- Dogs on breakwalls: dogs are prohibited from breakwalls due to the restricted area and high usage for fisher persons and pedestrians. The breakwalls are also often areas of high native habitat.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal for Hanging Rock and Corrigans Beach.

## Caseys Beach

Items raised include: preference for dogs allowed on Caseys Beach.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Prefer dogs allowed on Caseys Beach. People voted for it, therefore dogs should be allowed.
Individual	Oppose	65% of people voted for Caseys Beach to have dogs allowed.
Individual on behalf of group (2 submissions)	Oppose	The majority (64.7%) of survey feedback for Caseys Beach was in support of dogs being allowed. Why engage the community if not taking into account wants and needs? Prefer timeshare on leash, fair for everyone, ensures dogs are under effective control. Can manage every person's concerns. Reasons for zoning beaches is inconsistent. No logical reason for Council to ignore the community feedback which says it wants dogs at Caseys Beach on a Time Share On Leash basis. There is no national park or protected bird sanctuaries at Caseys Beach.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Caseys Beach

- Three submissions received opposed to the prohibition of dogs on Caseys Beach. 44% of the 68 survey respondents did not support the prohibition also. Timeshare on leash requested.
- Considerations at this beach include: the limited beach area, children's play area. In the Batemans Bay and surrounds this is the only beach completely prohibited. Beaches close by that are off leash are Sunshine Bay and part of Corrigans Beaches. Dogs are permissible on public pathways on leash.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Sunshine Bay

Items raised include: general support for Sunshine Bay 24/7 off leash area.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	Support walking access between Denhams, Surf and Wimbie beach. Support 24/7 access for Wimbie and Sunshine Bay. Support access hours for Denhams and Wimbie beaches. Support continued timeshare on Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Mosquito Bay. Would like provision of two fenced exercise areas.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Sunshine Bay

- Overall support for off leash for Sunshine Bay Beach.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Denhams Beach

Items raised include: general support for Denhams Beach proposal.

Also see comments under the heading "Denhams, Surf, and Wimbie beaches" - many correspondents expressed opinions about these beaches as a group/set.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	Thank you, Denhams Beach rules are very liberal and should be adopted.
Individual	Support	Happy to see Denhams Beach still accessible for dogs.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Denhams Beach

- Overall support for timeshare for Denhams Beach.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Surf Beach

Items raised include:

- Support for revised on leash area through grass area
- Preference for on leash access to Surf Beach on the beach area
- Support for maintaining Surf Beach as a dog prohibited beach
- Concerns about safety, dog owners controlling dogs

Also see comments under the heading "Denhams, Surf, and Wimbie beaches" - many correspondents expressed opinions about these beaches as a group/set.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	Sensible revision. Council has listened to feedback. Excellent compromise.
Individual	Support	Fully support Surf Beach remaining dogs prohibited, and mapped areas as on leash only...(comments relating to Surf Beach Reserve/Pony Club Reserve, included under Surf Beach Reserve/Pony Club Reserve heading)
Individual	Support	Excellent outcome, fully support Denhams, Surf, Wimbie beach. Could Surf Beach be on leash between 5pm-9am?

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Surf Beach (beach area)

- Overall support for prohibition on Surf Beach which is a popular recreational swimming beach. One submission request for timeshare on leash which is not a proposed arrangement on beaches. The timeshare following community consultation has been changed from on leash to off leash.
- Eurobodalla is an 'on leash' area at all times except when in an 'off leash' or 'timeshare' area or the prohibited areas and as required by the NSW legislation.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Surf Beach Reserve (Pony Club Reserve)

Items raised include: Surf Beach Pony Club policy bans off leash dogs during horse riding activities

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	...(comments relating to Surf Beach including under Surf Beach heading)... Mixing dogs and children, elderly, vehicles could lead to accidents. Concerns about safety and dog owners controlling dogs. Council should adopt Surf Beach Pony Club policy banning unrestrained dogs during horse riding activities. Should have some fenced areas for dog exercise.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Surf Beach Reserve (Pony Club Reserve)

- The proposal is dogs are allowed off leash except during Pony Club and authorised events. Signage would be required to be installed and communication with the Pony Club.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Wimbie Beach

Items raised include:

- Safety concerns/many dogs in one area with families/beachgoers
- Dog poo is a problem/more enforcement/penalty/signage
- Preference for on leash at Wimbie Beach

Also see comments under the heading “Denhams, Surf, and Wimbie beaches” - many correspondents expressed opinions about these beaches as a group/set.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	24/7 off leash at Wimbie Beach will lead to an influx of all dog breeds, especially bigger dogs, inappropriate for demographic of older people, families, young children. Safety concerns. Concerns about owners controlling dogs. Dog poo is a problem. Signage about dog poo and penalties. Prefer leashed option at Wimbie Beach.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Wimbie Beach

- concerns raised about increasing usage of beach by dog owners, safety, signage, dog poo.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.



## Denhams, Surf and Wimbie Beaches

Items raised include:

- Support for on leash walk through area on Surf Beach grass reserve
- Request for 2 fenced areas, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	Support access between Denhams and Wimbie Beaches via grassed area behind Surf Beach.
Individual	Support	Encourage access between Wimbie, Denhams, Surf Beach. Support Mosquito Bay and Malua Bay maintaining timeshare.
Individual	Support	Support access between Denhams, Surf and Wimbie beaches; 24/7 off leash at Wimbie and Sunshine Bay; access hours for Denhams and Wimbie; continued timeshare on Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Mosquito Bay. Would like 2 fenced exercise areas.
Individual	Support	Support. Thank you for listening/acting on feedback.
Individual	Support	Pleased with revised draft.
Individual	Support	Approval and many thanks for new proposal. Allows Denhams-Wimbie walks.
Individual (2 submissions)	Support	I'm so happy with the proposed amendments for Denhams Beach, Surf Beach and Wimbie Beach, and in particular the access points at either end of Surf Beach via the reserve.
Individual	Support	Overjoyed to see concerns taken on board in revised plan.
Individual	Support	Support recommended off leash time share at Denhams Beach, on leash access to Surf Beach reserve.
Individual	Support	Proposed arrangements for these beaches are the best outcome. Thank you for allowing the public to have their say.
Individual	Support	Appreciate the way the process has taken on board community comment and suggestions. New proposal for Denhams and Surf Beach achieves a number of community benefits.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Denhams, Surf and Wimbie beaches

- Overall support for proposals for the beaches and appreciate the ability to walk on leash via the Surf Beach reserve area. .
- Fenced dog areas require further investigation and two off leash areas have been proposed: trial for Hanging Rock and Surf Beach Reserve. Whilst not fenced areas they are alternative areas for dogs.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Malua Bay

Circuit Beach | Lilli Pilli | Mosquito Bay | Garden Bay | Malua Bay | Pretty Point | McKenzies Beach | Rosedale | Guerilla Bay

### Lilli Pilli

Items raised include support for timeshare at Lilli Pilli

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Support	Support walking access between Denhams, Surf and Wimbie beach. Support 24/7 access for Wimbie and Sunshine Bay. Support access hours for Denhams and Wimbie beaches. Support continued timeshare on Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Mosquito Bay. Would like provision of two fenced exercise areas.

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Lilli Pilli

- Overall support for timeshare for Lilli Pilli Beach.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

### Malua Bay

Items raised include:

- Not enough off leash areas in general location/Preference for McKenzies to also be 24/7 off leash
- Support for proposed areas at Malua Bay
- Support for 'relaxing' timeshare (ie, on or off leash instead of on leash)

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	One off leash area in Malua Bay is inadequate. McKenzies should be 24/7 off leash.
Individual	Support	Support Mosquito Bay and Malua Bay maintaining timeshare. Encourage access between Wimbie, Denhams, Surf Beach.
Individual	Support	Support relaxing timeshare beaches to off leash
Individual	Support	Agree with prohibited areas, on leash footpath area, agree with timeshare. Sensible. Congratulations.
Individual	Support	Support walking access between Denhams, Surf and Wimbie beach. Support 24/7 access for Wimbie and Sunshine Bay. Support access hours for Denhams and Wimbie beaches. Support continued timeshare on Lilli Pilli, Malua Bay, Mosquito Bay. Would like provision of two fenced exercise areas.

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Malua Bay

- Overall support for timeshare for Malua Bay Beach. In the Malua Bay area there are two off leash beaches; Circuit Beach and Pretty Beach.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## McKenzies Beach

Items raised include preference for dogs allowed/timeshare at McKenzies Beach.

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	McKenzies beach is rarely used at all over winter. No reason why it can't be dogs allowed. Holiday makers in summer cause problems yet don't get punished.
Individual	Oppose	McKenzies should be timeshare. During winter it's very quiet. Please reconsider.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to McKenzies Beach

- Popular beach with visitors and locals and no other dog prohibited beach in the Malua Bay area. Nearby Pretty Point is off leash beach.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Rosedale

Items raised include:

- Preference for dogs allowed on entire length of Rosedale Beach/timeshare for entire length
- Preference for shorter month duration of timeshare
- Concern that traffic light system is already adopted and does not reflect local needs
- Concern that prohibited areas are bad for dog owners
- Concern that Council's mapped "North Rosedale Beach" is incorrectly named
- Question about rules/arrangements for unmapped areas: Nuns Beach and Tranquil Bay
- Both support and opposition for proposed Rosedale areas
- Questions about how dog owners access 24/7 off leash area without passing through prohibited area
- Concerns about multiple zones/access types on one beach

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Dogs should be allowed on entire length of Rosedale Beach. Boatshed Beach (northern end) is not busy during the day, no reason to be dogs prohibited. Propose timeshare for whole beach instead of part 24hr off leash, part prohibited.
Individual	Oppose	Rock shelf called North Rosedale Beach is unsuitable for exercising dogs or walking. Access to this area is via the boatshed (dogs prohibited). Access to South Rosedale Beach for dog owners who live on north side is via proposed prohibited area. Boatshed area should be timeshare, like southern Rosedale Beach. Timeshare should be 1 December to end of February.
Individual	Oppose	83% of Rosedale respondents oppose proposal. Proposal reduces amenity. Red signs are draconian and unnecessary. Timeshare is all Rosedale needs, in summer and Easter school holidays. Timeshare doesn't need to cover the same durations all across Eurobodalla. Rosedale should not be treated as Wollongong. Council officers have adopted the traffic light system.

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Individual	Oppose	Prohibited areas will have adverse effects on dog owners. Most days Rosedale and Guerilla Bay are devoid of people without dogs. Timeshare and off leash areas would be favourable.
Individual	Oppose	Of 208 survey responses relating to Rosedale, 173 opposed the changes or were in favour of reducing restrictions. Why seek feedback if not taken on board? Current time share arrangements are fair and balanced. Statistically, that means dogs only get 33% of the daylight and the zone remains 'dog-free' for 67% of the daylight hours during the six month window, which is when I visit most. Timeshare window (daily hours) too restricted, unnecessary. Oppose dogs prohibited on Boatshed Beach, prefer timeshare. Concerns about multiple zones on one beach.
Individual	Oppose	Timeshare is unnecessarily restrictive. Off leash timeshare is a marked improvement to on leash timeshare. Instead of times when dogs are not allowed, should be on leash instead as dogs are controlled when on leash. Prefer fairer division of daylight hours, eg before 10am and after 4pm or before 11am and after 3pm. Survey feedback shows 107 (of 173) responses relating to Rosedale indicated a preference for reduced restrictions on dogs. Incredibly frustrating that Council is now proposing changes counter to feedback. No reasonable argument for total exclusion of dogs in prohibited areas. No reasonable argument for exclusion of dogs 8 hours a day for 6 months in timeshare zones.
Individual	Oppose	If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Eurobodalla is different to Wollongong. Access to Rosedale Beach will be significantly reduced, with no clear justification for why the change. Prohibited areas on North Rosedale Beach (next to boat sheds) block access to areas where dogs are allowed. Consider allowing leashed dogs to transit prohibited areas. Timeshare will leave beaches deserted, Council should explore other time periods eg 15 December – 31 January or "during NSW school holidays"
Individual	Oppose	Proposed restrictions on dog access at both Guerilla Bay and Rosedale beaches were not justified. Strongly oppose large regions prohibiting dogs at all times and the proposed changes to what is meant by Timeshare zones. Council is proposing Timeshare on the Main Beach. To prohibit dogs from access for 8 hours a day, 6 months of the year, is a heavy-handed restriction relative to the potential impact that the presence of dogs may cause. Main Beach is sparsely populated even in peak times as it is not easily accessible by car. Timeshare zones should be in place when time is shared between times when dogs are allowed 'on-leash' and times when they are allowed 'off-leash'. This represents a much fairer balance for dog owners and their dogs than the currently proposed Timeshare zones where dogs are 'prohibited' from 9am to 5pm.
Group	Oppose	Oppose dogs prohibited on Boatshed area on North Rosedale Beach. Many residents enjoy walking their dogs along the beaches, around the headland, and through bushland to Guerilla Bay. Unnecessary and discriminatory. This attracted strong opposition in survey responses and previous submissions. Preference for timeshare along entire length of Rosedale Beach or on-leash 'walk through' along Boatshed area to get to 24/7 off leash area. Support timeshare on or off leash, reviewing signage for consistency and clarity, increasing visibility of rangers to enforce rules, educating dog owners of responsibilities.
Individual	Support	Pleased. Fair and covers all concerns.
Individual	Support	Happy to see plan for Rosedale... exactly what we need. Rangers need to police these proposals.
Individual	Comment	I like Council's proposals for dog areas in the shire. Question re: Rosedale, how do owners access North Rosedale without going on the prohibited area?
Individual	Comment	Question: what are rules/arrangements for non-mapped areas Nuns Beach and Tranquil Bay Question: how do dog owners access 24/7 off leash area north of boatshed area if the boatshed area is dogs prohibited? If intertidal zones are prohibited that would include the whole coast line as Batemans bay Marine park extends from Murramarang to Wallaga Lake.

## Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Rosedale

- Mixed views on arrangements for Rosedale Beach. Significant change to the initial proposal has been made based on community survey and feedback. A small area of the beach is recommended to be prohibited to allow those who do not wish to interact with dogs and the majority of the beach is timeshare.
- Timeshare arrangements: the timeshare following community consultation has been changed from on leash to off leash. For the cooler 6 months of the year 1 May to 31 October dogs are allowed on or off leash at all times. For the warmer 6 months of the year 1 November to 30 April dogs are allowed on or off leash before 9am and after 5pm. This time period and hours aligns with the patrols on beaches and increased usage of beaches by people in the warmer months throughout the Eurobodalla.
- Overall community support for this arrangement with some exceptions noted for Rosedale Beach and some other locations. The application of a consistent timeshare arrangement across the Eurobodalla is recommended.
- The current times are generally understood and acknowledged as reasonable by the broader community and the allowance for 6 months off leash 24/7 and restricted access for the other 6 months is a compromise for those who wish to exercise their dogs on beaches and those who do not want to interact with dogs on beaches.
- Eurobodalla is an 'on leash' area at all times except when in an 'off leash' or 'timeshare' area or the prohibited areas and as required by the NSW legislation. If there is no signage depicting requirements the area is 'on leash'.
- Batemans Marine Park intertidal zones are not prohibited unless this adjoins a National Park or is and area significant to threatened species. This is reworded in the Companion Animal Management Plan.
- Signage to be improved, education and Ranger presence to be enhanced.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Guerilla Bay

Items raised include preference for current arrangements/timeshare at Guerilla Bay:

- Concerns about reduced amenity/access/adverse effects on dog owners by prohibited dogs.
- Preference for shortened timeshare hours during the day
- Concerns that revised plan does not reflect survey feedback

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Prefer Guerilla Bay remain as is. Reduced amenity by banning dogs from the little beach.
Individual	Oppose	Prefer existing arrangements: off leash timeshare on Main Beach and Stoney Beach. Stoney Beach is proposed prohibited, which is where most usual dog walks are. Please alter plan to be time share on both beaches.
Individual	Oppose	Prohibited areas will have adverse effects on dog owners. Most days Rosedale and Guerilla Bay are devoid of people without dogs. Timeshare and off leash areas would be favourable.

Individual	Oppose	<p>Timeshare is unnecessarily restrictive. Off leash timeshare is a marked improvement to on leash timeshare. Instead of times when dogs are not allowed, should be on leash instead as this is controlled. Prefer fairer division of daylight hours, eg before 10am and after 4pm or before 11am and after 3pm. Survey feedback states that 25 (of 54) responses indicated a preference for reduced restrictions on dogs. Based on this, why has Council put forward a more restrictive plan for Guerilla Bay area? Proposal originally designated Guerilla Bay beach “off leash, dogs allowed at all times” but now proposed as timeshare. Similar concerns about Rosedale Beach. The total prohibition of dogs on the Stoney Beach at Guerilla Bay is particularly difficult to understand. Why ban when there is rarely more than a handful of people on this beach? No reasonable argument for total exclusion of dogs in prohibited areas. No reasonable argument for exclusion of dogs 8 hours a day for 6 months in timeshare zones.</p>
Individual	Oppose	<p>Proposed restrictions on dog access at both Guerilla Bay and Rosedale beaches were not justified. Strongly oppose the proposal of large regions prohibiting dogs at all times and the proposed changes to what is meant by Timeshare zones. The Main Beach at Guerilla Bay was proposed as Dogs allowed off-leash at all times. Of 70 submissions received, 54 did not support the proposals, 25 wanted reduced dog restrictions. Why is the opposite view of what most people wanted now being proposed? If the dogs are kept under control by the owners, it is hard to understand why total exclusion is necessary. Timeshare zones should be in place when time is shared between times when dogs are allowed ‘on-leash’ and times when they are allowed ‘off-leash’. This represents a much fairer balance for dog owners and their dogs than the currently proposed Timeshare zones where dogs are ‘prohibited’ from 9am to 5pm.</p>

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Guerilla Bay

- Mixed views on arrangements for Guerilla Bay. Following community survey and feedback significant change to the proposal has been made. Small area prohibited is a popular swimming area. The majority of the beach is timeshare. This accommodates those with dogs and for people who do not wish to interact with dogs.
- Timeshare arrangements: the timeshare following community consultation has been changed from on leash to off leash. For the cooler 6 months of the year 1 May to 31 October dogs are allowed on or off leash at all times. For the warmer 6 months of the year 1 November to 30 April dogs are allowed on or off leash before 9am and after 5pm. This time period and hours aligns with increased usage of beaches by people in the warmer months throughout the Eurobodalla.
- The current times are generally understood and acknowledged as reasonable by the broader community and the allowance for 6 months off leash 24/7 and restricted access for the other 6 months is a balance for dog owners and people who do not want to interact with dogs on beaches.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Broulee

Tomakin | Broulee (North/Main) | South Broulee

### Tomakin

Items raised include:

- Oppose dogs allowed along Tomaga River foreshore
- Oppose off leash, concerns about safety, attacks, liability in the event of an attack, and dogs being under control
- Prefer off leash area more specifically defined
- Prefer on leash at Barlings Beach
- Ranger presence, enforcement of dog prohibited areas, signage

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Oppose dogs allowed along Tomakin River foreshore. The narrow tidal beach limits the ability of bathers, fisherpersons and walkers to not be impacted by dogs (leashed or not). Would inevitably lead to more reported attacks. Concerns about responsible dog ownership/safety. Prefer off leash area be clearly defined as “an area accessed only via the beach path provided adjacent to the toilet blocks extending south to the river mouth incorporating the tidal flats opposite the mossy point jetties.” Need signage prohibiting dogs from this point and also at the boat ramp. Prefer on leash at Barlings Beach. Want frequent ranger attendance.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose off leash, oppose timeshare. Safety concerns, cited dog attacks in Tomakin and Melbourne, concerns about liability in the event of an attack. Concerns about owners controlling dogs, particularly off leash. People want to enjoy beaches without dogs. Concerns about adequate enforcement
Individual	Oppose	Oppose. Safety concerns. Cited personal attack on off leash area at Tomaga River and resulting injury, healing and distress. Concerns about child safety. Proposed dog prohibited Tomakin Cove Beach is connected to an off leash beach, reduces the probability that Cove will remain dog free, dog owners want to walk from one end of the beach to the other. Signage is poor, faded, illegible. Never seen a ranger patrol the Cove. Would like to think there is one beach in the area people can go without dogs. Who is liable for dog attacks – Council is planning to increase dog off leash and timeshare arrangements. Angry and dissatisfied that I cannot walk a beach in Tomakin safely.

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Tomakin

- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Signage: new signage to be investigated and installed at appropriate locations with the aim to simplify, consolidate and make clearer
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Broulee (North/Main)

Items raised include:

- Oppose dogs allowed on area used by families/children/elderly people/swimmers/surfers/surf school/recreational activities
- Preference for dogs prohibited on entire beach
- Preference for dogs on leash
- Preference for current arrangement
- Preference for not having any prohibited areas
- Preference for National Park boundary to be boundary for where dogs are prohibited/concerns and preferences for specific boundaries/access points
- Support for proposed areas, extended off leash area
- Support for prohibited areas
- Safety concerns
- Dog poo is a problem
- Visible/clearer signage at access points and on beach where boundaries change/at every trail leading to the beach to identify if people can or cannot take their dog down that access trail
- Concerns about dog owners not being responsible/effectively controlling dogs
- Preference for increased enforcement/ranger presence

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual (6 submissions, incl Bega MP copy)	Oppose	Oppose off leash between Train Street and Bayside Street. Area is used for swimming, surf schools, kayaking, other activities, families, young children and elderly residents use this safe and popular beach. Concerns about safety of dogs around young children. Dog poo is a problem. Proposal is not fair.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose 24/7 off leash area. Concerns about safety for local schools/children/elderly people using that beach all year round/dogs being attacked by off leash dogs. A lot of children are frightened of dogs. Surf schools use the area. Huge amount of people know nothing about draft plan or possible changes. Beach is very popular, especially in holidays. Dog poo is a problem. Concerns about adequate control of off leash dogs. Signs required at entry and exit points all along the beach (8 tracks). Penalties need to be enforced. Holiday/visitors need to be aware of the rules. Dogs and dog poo on beaches is bad for tourism.
Individual	Oppose	Prefer current boundaries/arrangements. There are off leash areas at Tomakin and South Broulee, why more? On lead ensures both dog and beachgoers can enjoy the beach. Concerns about out of control dogs/irresponsible dog owners. Safety/attack concerns. Concerns about children, beachgoers, aged population, and tourism/local businesses. Concerns about policing/ranger presence. Prefer better signage at access point so walkers can identify street boundaries for on/off lead.
Business	Oppose	Area between Train Street and Bayside Street should be ON leash. Area is used by surfers, swimmers, families. Concerns about safety, environment, dogs fighting, impact on surfing school lessons.

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Individual	Oppose	Oppose 24 hour off leash, dogs are intimidating to young and elderly people. Prefer current arrangement.
Individual	Oppose	Do not agree with proposed changes. Safety concerns about dogs and children, scary when you want to relax at the beach, but need to protect children.
Individual	Oppose	Dog owners often have no control over their dogs when off lead. Make Bengello and Tomakin off lead, but North Broulee on lead with no time constraints.
Individual	Oppose	Dogs should be on leash.
Individual	Oppose	Many dog owners do not follow rules. No effective enforcement from Council.
Individual	Oppose	National Park should be boundary for where dogs are prohibited.
Individual	Oppose	Prohibiting dogs south of Bayside Street to Broulee Island is discriminatory against responsible dog owners. Council is assisting NPWS to control land beyond its authority. Propose timeshare between Bayside Street and the Island boundary on North Broulee Beach. Propose timeshare from Shark Bay to boat launching ramp on South Broulee beach.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose prohibited areas. Don't understand why prohibition is imposed. I walk my dog between 5.30-8am and rarely see other people. If a beach is empty, should be allowed to take a dog.
Individual	Oppose	Not all owners aware of the risk that an excited animal poses.
Individual	Support	Happy with proposed changes to North Broulee Beach. Keeps dogs away from nature reserves and family places
Individual	Support	Support off leash section on North Broulee beach and prohibition in other areas, particularly Shark Bay. More enforcement and stronger range presence ideal.
Individual	Support	Support extending off leash area, reflects community sentiment. Fair result. Thank you for listening.
Individual	Support	Support changes to Broulee beaches where dogs are prohibited. Dog poo is a problem. Want patrol, visible signage.
Individual	Support	Welcome compromise of prohibited and dogs allowed areas. Dog free area most needed where people swim at northern end. How to access walk around Mossy Point Headland? Currently very popular to walk dogs. Suggest timeshare.
Individual	Support	Support dog free areas around Broulee but doubts about monitoring/enforcement.
Individual	Support	Support off leash area on North Broulee beach. Majority of owners are responsible. Two other beaches and areas on North Broulee are dog free for those that don't want dogs where they are.
Individual	Support	This draft reflects our sentiments. Congratulations on a well run process of community consultation.
National Parks	Support	The extension of the prohibited area out to Bayside Street beach access point would improve habitat protection for this species which often forages on the beach wrack washed onto these afore mentioned locations. Repeated incursions by dog walkers into the NPWS estate would be reduced by increasing this boundary margin also. North Broulee Beach from Bayside

		Street access point to just south of Candlagan Creek offers lower shorebird foraging/nesting opportunities and aligns with the ESC off-leash dog area.
Individual	Comment	Need grassed areas as an alternate to beach exercise. Dog poo is a problem. Increased fines.
Individual	Comment	Dogs prohibited boundary at Bayside Street seems excessive. South of that is less crowded part where dogs would be least trouble to visitors. Clear signage required on beach.
individual	Comment	Many dog owners do not follow rules. Safety concerns. Set up a Hotline phone number for immediate complaints, authorised persons to respond to call. Implement fines and make it enforceable.

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Broulee (North/Main)

- Mixed community views and significant changes to the proposal based on community feedback. Broulee North is a popular beach for dog owners, swimmers, surfers, surf schools and walkers. Concerns raised about safety and popularity of the beach.
- Recommendation is that the 24 hour off leash area be from Francis Street to the National Park boundary. This increases the prohibited area from Candlagan Creek along the more populated surfing and swimming section of the beach. The shift of approximately the same distance to the National Park boundary for 24 off leash enables dog owners a significant length of beach for dog exercise areas.
- This is a compromise for those who wish to exercise their dogs on Broulee North beach and those who do not want to interact with dogs on beaches.
- Note that Eurobodalla is an 'on leash' area at all times except when in an 'off leash' or 'timeshare' area or the prohibited areas and as required by the NSW legislation. There is the ability to walk on shared footpaths, reserves and public areas in Broulee with dogs on leash.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Signage: new signage to be investigated and installed at appropriate locations with the aim to simplify, consolidate and make clearer over the next 12months. Council will work with National Parks to ensure signage is installed and to ensure prohibition is observed.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** amend proposal:
  - dogs prohibited from Candlagan Creek to Francis Street beach access
  - dogs allowed off leash from Francis Street beach access to National Park boundary

## South Broulee (incl Shark Bay)

Items raised include:

- Concern about increased dogs prohibited area/preference for National Park boundary
- Preference for fenced dog parks
- Dog poo is a problem
- Preference for increased enforcement/fines
- Support for dogs prohibited at Shark Bay

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Prohibiting dogs south of Bayside Street to Broulee Island is discriminatory against responsible dog owners. Council is assisting NPWS to control land beyond its authority...(comments relating to Broulee North/Main included under Broulee (North/Main) heading)
Individual	Oppose	Prefer fenced dog parks. People do not clean up dog poo. Dog prohibited areas are not enforced. Increase fines and enforcement.
Individual	Support	Support off leash section on North Broulee beach and prohibition in other areas, particularly Shark Bay. More enforcement and stronger range presence ideal.
National Parks	Support	The retention of Shark Bay as a prohibited area aligns with protection of threatened Sooty Oystercatcher habitat that extends from Broulee Island Nature Reserve and includes Shark Bay beach and the sheltered shoreline at the southern end of north Broulee Beach.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to South Broulee (incl Shark Bay)

- Shark Bay is proposed as prohibited due to popular protected and safe swimming area especially for children.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership. Fines are set by the NSW Government.
- Fenced dog areas require further investigation for Batemans Bay.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Moruya

Bengello | Moruya Breakwall | Ryans Creek Reserve | Moruya Heads | Congo

### Moruya Heads

Items raised include:

- Uncertainty about status/mapping for River Recreation area at Moruya
- Preference for fenced dog parks
- Support for Moruya Heads proposal
- Dog poo is a problem
- Preference for increased enforcement/fines

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Prefer fenced dog parks. People do not clean up dog poo. Dog prohibited areas aren't enforced. Increase fines, enforcement.
Individual	Support	Current plan for Moruya Heads beach is perfect. Many thanks. Congratulations on consultation
Individual	Comment	No map for River Recreation area at the end of Yarragee Road. Should be another off leash area in Moruya.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Moruya Heads

- Fenced dog exercise areas: currently there is a fenced dog exercise areas in Narooma, NATA Oval unless there are other unauthorised events. There is also to be a dog exercise area to be formally established at Moruya Showground. The draft Plan proposed a dog exercise areas for dog training at Hanging Rock. This trial will be reviewed to determine the usage and consider the suitability of a fenced dog park in Batemans Bay.
- Moruya Heads Beach: overall support for proposed arrangements
- Yarragee Reserve: is currently an on leash reserve and no changes were identified in the draft plan
- Eurobodalla is an 'on leash' area at all times except when in an 'off leash' or 'timeshare' area or the prohibited areas and as required by the NSW legislation.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Tuross

Coila | Plantation Beach | One Tree Beach North | One Tree Beach South | Main Beach | Potato Point Beach | Jemisons Beach

### Potato Point and Jemisons Beach

Items raised include:

- Preference for either Potato Point or Jemisons to be dogs allowed, not both
- Concerns about wildlife
- Preference for more enforcement/Ranger visits
- Preference for clear signage at boundaries where dog access rules change

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Dogs should not be allowed on both Potato Point AND Jemisons, just one. Concerns for wildlife near both areas. Better signage clarifying points of where dogs are prohibited, using maps. More enforcement/more visits by Rangers.
Individual	Comment	Require signage of National Park boundaries to indicate location to beach users.

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Potato Point and Jemisons Beach

- proposals overall supported and one submission suggesting only one of these beaches should be for dogs. The proposals are consistent with the current arrangements and no dogs are permissible in National Parks.
- Signage: new signage to be investigated and installed at appropriate locations with the aim to simplify, consolidate and make clearer over the next 12months. Council will also work with National Parks on signage requirements to better delineate boundaries.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Area: Narooma

Josh's Beach | Yabbarra Beach | Duesbury Beach | Kianga Main Beach | Dalmeny Reserve | Kianga Reef Beach | Carters Beach | Bar Beach North | Netted Beach | Lewis Island | NATA Oval | Narooma Main Beach | Cemetery Beach | Handkerchief Beach | Mystery Bay Beach and Camp Ground | Wallaga Beach

### Narooma (Main Beach)

Items raised include:

- Preference for dogs prohibited on Narooma Main Beach
- Support for plan proposed for Narooma Main Beach
- Dog poo is a problem
- Concerns about dog owners not being responsible/disregarding different access rules on one beach

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Dog poo is a problem. Family beach with children, no owner will obey half a beach only. Please take Surf Beach Narooma off the dog beach list.
Individual	Support	Full support for revised Narooma Beach plan. Appropriate area for off leash. Support education campaign for owners picking up after dogs/rubbish

### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Narooma (Main Beach)

- The introduction of an off leash area on Narooma Main Beach supports community feedback. The majority of the beach is prohibited.
- Responsible pet ownership: an education program is to be instigated to improve dog ownership responsibility. Council should work with the Narooma Surf Club also.
- Enforcement: following education, strategic and increased Ranger presence in identified areas with the aim to improve responsible pet ownership.
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.

## Mystery Bay

Items identified include:

- Oppose dogs prohibited on rocky arm/uncertainty about how this will be enforced/preference for existing timeshare arrangement
- Do not understand/agree with reason for proposing dogs prohibited on rocky arm/birds not sighted in the area
- Timeshare duration is too long, preference for shorter timeframe eg December to February
- Oppose dogs on beaches/concern that there is no “dogs prohibited” beach area at Mystery Bay for people to use without dogs around
- Oppose dogs prohibited on beaches
- Support for proposed arrangements
- Concerns about owners not controlling dogs/not following rules
- Changing signs is a waste of ratepayers money
- Signs are confusing
- Preference for increased enforcement

Correspondent	Oppose/support	Comment summary/issues
Individual	Oppose	Do not agree with prohibited rocky arm (Boat Harbour Point). How will it be enforced? Plenty of National Park nearby for wildlife.
Individual	Oppose	Do not support prohibiting dogs from the end of Mystery Bay Road to National Park boundary. Existing timeshare should remain. Proposal is overcomplicated.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose rocky area prohibited to dogs. Leave Mystery Bay as it currently is. Existing plan is reasonable.
Individual	Oppose	Do not understand why changes are proposed. Changing signage is a significant cost/waste of rates. Are proposed to be prohibited is often underwater but when usable is a wonderful area for dogs and owners without disturbing holiday maker activities.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose dogs prohibited on Mystery Bay point, studies show there have not been bird sightings in the area. Enforcement/regulation required.
Individual	Oppose	Beach is for humans, not dogs. Council signs are too confusing, use plain English.
Individual	Oppose	Oppose any times that dogs are not allowed (ie summer daytime timeshare). Mystery Bay conditions still not right. Timeshare too long in duration, prefer 1 Dec - 1 Feb. Most Mystery Bay dog owners walk and exercise their dogs on the beach during this period and during these hours on lead, clean up after dogs, ensure dogs behave appropriately. Concerns about clearly identifying rocky area/specific boundaries as dog prohibited area
Individual	Oppose	Concerns about dog owners not being responsible/not following rules. Concern that there is no beachfront area for people to use without annoying/uncontrolled dogs. Rules need to be clearer and simpler. Concerns about enforcement/compliance.

Individual	Oppose and support different items	Support current timeshare off-leash arrangement to remain. Oppose dogs prohibited from Mystery Bay road to National Park boundary. It's mainly dog owners who use this stretch of the beach, not swimmers. Natural cliff wall prevents dogs or people venturing into the national park from the beach. Car park at this end of the beach is also safest for dogs getting in/out of the car, used by locals daily. There is no reason to prohibit dogs from the end of Mystery Bay road to national park boundary. Overcomplicated rules. Prefer existing timeshare off leash, prefer existing boundaries.
Individual	Support	Much fairer than original proposal. Thank you for reconsidering. Timeshare allows all to enjoy the beach. Photographs of beaches make rules clearer.
National Parks	Support	The eastern extreme rock platform/sandspit supports annual foraging opportunities for migratory Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone and threatened Sooty Oystercatchers and critically endangered Hooded Plover. In recent years Little Penguins have hauled out at this location and there are concerns for the potential for negative interaction with dogs. Ideally, the dog prohibited area could extend to the nearby boat ramp access to afford a large enough buffer, given the northern portion of the beach will be timeshare off leash and enable time/distance for control of dogs nearing prohibited boundaries.

#### Eurobodalla Council staff comments relating to Mystery Bay

- Mixed views for and against proposal. The majority of the beach is recommended as timeshare and the rocky arm to be prohibited.
- Timeshare arrangements: the timeshare following community consultation has been changed from on leash to off leash. For the cooler 6 months of the year 1 May to 31 October dogs are allowed on or off leash at all times. For the warmer 6 months of the year 1 November to 30 April dogs are allowed on or off leash before 9am and after 5pm. This time period and hours aligns with the patrols on beaches and increased usage of beaches by people in the warmer months throughout the Eurobodalla.
- Comparison of timeshare arrangements in Eurobodalla and other LGAs include:

	Eurobodalla Off leash	Shoalhaven Off leash	Wollongong On leash
Warmer period	1 Nov - 30 April 5pm - 9am	1 Oct - 30 April 4pm - 8am	Sept school holidays (Sept/Oct) - 25 April 6pm - 9am
Cooler period	1 May - 31 Oct 24/7	1 May - 30 September 3pm - 10am	25 April - Sept/Oct 4pm - 9am

- Overall community support for this arrangement with some exceptions noted for Mystery Bay and some other locations. The application of a consistent timeshare arrangement across the Eurobodalla is recommended.
- The current times are generally understood and acknowledged as reasonable by the broader community and the allowance for 6 months off leash 24/7 and restricted access for the other 6 months is a compromise for those who wish to exercise their dogs on beaches and those who do not want to interact with dogs on beaches.



- The prohibition of rocky platforms and tidal areas is recommended for wildlife protection. This area also abuts National Parks and supported by state agencies
- Comparisons of timeshare arrangements include:
- **Recommendation:** adopt proposal.