

My submission is (state why you support or oppose (in full or in part) the proposed Dog Control Bylaw:

(Please use one page for each topic you wish to submit on)

I oppose in part the proposed Dog Control Bylaw because:

- 1) I enjoy the areas along the Taylor River Reserve that allow me to let my dog off-leash that are available under the current bylaw. It allows me to vary the area I walk, run, & swim my dog so that it always seems new to her each time we go.
- 2) the ~~choice~~ choice of path (concrete footpath or grass) to walk on is excellent and means that all dog owners (fit, ~~able~~ a disabled/handicapped) can still exercise their dogs easily off-leash.
- 3) The current off-leash area allows all dog owners to easily access the area. This is due to the central position (it is within walking distance of approximately 20 minutes from anywhere within the town boundary).
- 4) I have never seen any incidents or close incidents of disruptive behaviour by dog owners or dogs in the times I have used the off-leash areas of the Taylor River Reserve.
- 5) I have seen more incidents of cyclists racing along the paths ~~expecting~~ expecting walkers to get out of their way without giving the walkers any indication that they are there.
- 6) Changes to the current bylaw to limit the off-leash area to south of the Bulleigh Bridge, will make it harder for dog owners that do not have the resources (eg own a car to travel to that area) to exercise their dogs off-leash.

The decision I seek from Council is:

That the Council leaves the Taylor River Reserve off-leash areas as they stand.

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