

Attachment 3 - Animal Management Subordinate Local Law Amendments 2020 Submissions

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607	Mar 06, 2020, 02:05 PM	<p>Due to apathy and incompetency of Council staff it is becoming too dangerous to walk down a street, walk along a Council walking track or walk along a beach. Unrestrained and off leash dogs are everywhere and rarely does a dog owner abide by Council regulations or show any concern for the public or the wildlife.</p> <p>Dogs are a major environmental and social menace. Dogs have a major environmental footprint and consume large amounts of meat which means more bushland has to be cleared for cattle. Dogs are a major cause of pollution because dog owners leave behind so much dog feces in public areas such as footpaths and parks. Dogs are the most common cause of noise pollution, and the No 1 cause of complaint to council. The belief that dogs cure loneliness has also been proven a myth, and the majority of dog owners do not properly care for their dog and should not have one anyway.</p>	<p>Instead of allowing more dogs into public areas, the council should be encouraging less dogs in the towns. Rarely does a dog owner ever abide by Council regulations, and dogs become a major risk to the public and the wildlife. Ironically, the majority of dog owners rarely care for the dog properly are most dog owners are also a major risk to their own dogs. Council signs are a total farce, and rarely does a dog owner ever abide by those signs. The responsible dog ownership program of the council is a total failure. The dog owner education program of the council is a total failure, and numerous dog owners now proudly display of photo of themselves on social media breaking the Council regulation.</p>
609	Mar 06, 2020, 04:52 PM	<p>Better safety standards for dogs being transported on the backs of utes</p>	<p>Regularly seeing stressed, scared dogs in the backs of utes without cover</p>
612	Mar 06, 2020, 05:11 PM	<p>I wish to see the provision of animals used for commercial purposes such as camel or pony rides, etc excluded from the proposed changes.</p>	<p>The use of animals for entertainment is cruel and unnecessary. In an age where more people are rapidly becoming compassionate to the welfare of all animals, not just domestic pets, this proposal is pointless and a backwards step.</p>
647	Mar 11, 2020, 12:44 PM	<p>As I found it too difficult to find the full local law on GRC website on keeping of animals and how many, where, when & how they should be controlled - the following are my thoughts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT allow roosters on any property under the size of a large farm situation of many hectares/acres in size, and particularly not in areas classed residential rural. 2. No more than 2 dogs on a residential rural property and no more than 1 in a suburban situation. 3. No dogs off or on leash on a "main beach" situation in any township. Only in areas away from the main populated beach areas. 	<p>A lot of people are not considerate to their neighbours with regard to excess noise from roosters or dogs barking. Whether at home or pooping on a beach or generally invading other peoples space on beaches. Roosters cannot be stopped from crowing at any time of day or particularly at night hence should not be permitted at all in areas less than a farm situation. Dogs will generally always be a problem for someone, so reducing the numbers on the premises may give more control over the situation.</p> <p>We have previously owned dogs and cats so am not completely insensitive to people owning animals - however in close living situations and populated areas, many issues can arise and strict restrictions should apply.</p>

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861	Mar 12, 2020, 05:21 PM	Abolish cat registration fees for 100% indoor kept cats.	Rewarding responsible pet ownership
864	Mar 12, 2020, 05:23 PM	Control of Cats both domestic and feral.	Loss of wildlife
869	Mar 12, 2020, 05:47 PM	Not to pay cat or dog registrations if you are a rate payer	We pay enough on our rates why should we pay more
879	Mar 12, 2020, 06:54 PM	Up to 3 dogs and 3 cats at detached properties.	As 2 dogs can be adequately housed in multi residential properties it's feasible for an increase to larger detached properties
881	Mar 12, 2020, 06:58 PM	Multi residential premises can have two dogs under application and I suppose a nice revenue raising fee attached, non refundable regardless of outcome? I think that the idea is great but no fee for application attached is the way it should be dealt with.	often people living in units etc are already under financial strain and should not be singled out because of their love for animals.
885	Mar 12, 2020, 08:04 PM	Dogs should be allowed at the beach, especially tannum esplanade	Families flock for events and beach days, pets are apart of the family
890	Mar 12, 2020, 08:47 PM	I don't agree with including the footpaths on this proposal. "That dogs be completely excluded from the Millennium Esplanade Parklands at Tannum Sands (except on the roadway). This exclusion to include the formed footpaths through the area."	If you have walked or road your bike on the pathways from canoe point right through to millennium esplanade or are going for a walk with a dog, the road in the millennium esplanade area is quite dangerous for people walking. Especially if you also have children in tow. I feel you should be able to walk in the footpath. I do agree that dogs should not be allowed in the grassed areas or playground and even the beach but on the footpath is a bit extreme.
895	Mar 12, 2020, 08:59 PM	I would like Council to consider local laws covering the keeping of birds on residential premises with a view to restricting the number of birds able to be kept, and requiring particular species of birds to have approval to be kept. I would like to see particular consideration given to the approval or restriction of birds considered to be "nuisance" birds such as cockatoos and other large parrots. As a template for these local laws Council could consider adopting the appropriate sections of the Rockhampton Regional Council Subordinate Local Laws No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 covering Nuisance Birds and the adoption of Schedule 13 Dictionary definition of Nuisance Bird.	I own a residential property in Benaraby and have adjacent neighbours who have a large number of aviary birds including "nuisance birds" as outlined above. I consider that the presence of these birds causes a disturbance to the neighbourhood.
904	Mar 12, 2020, 10:30 PM	Dogs not permitted on the beach during turtle season south of deep water national park to baffle creek. Must be on a leash all other times.	People currently bring dogs onto these beaches off leash and there seems to be no regulations

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905	Mar 12, 2020, 10:57 PM	Supply more fenced areas so they can have a good run tourists bring pets with them	These beaches should be designated clothing optional all so not that visitors or locals care
910	Mar 13, 2020, 01:35 AM	The council fee for animal impoundments and how and where impoundments take place be followed up on and reported	The impoundment on animal should be recorded as a feline in house boarderies should not be picked up in daylight hours and or animal trapping be used on vacant residential land close to houses
914	Mar 13, 2020, 07:13 AM	Better after hours phone lines for when pets are missing and not just a call centre in Brisbane.	Issues trying to find my dog who was unwell in past that was super scary and thinking me rego would help me if I ever needed this service
917	Mar 13, 2020, 09:18 AM	Chinamans Beach be off leash outside turtle nesting season	It is a quiet beach and not necessary to be on leash outside of turtle nesting season.
918	Mar 13, 2020, 09:18 AM	Swap the proposed changes between Chinamans and Springs beach.	<p>More people use Chinamans beach than do Springs beach so it makes no sense to have permanent off leash on Chinamans and permanent on leash at springs. Surely the beach with the highest number of users should be designated on leash and likewise, the beach with the fewest number of users should be designated off leash. This change would benefit the entire community, not just those who use Springs.</p> <p>There's still a huge problem with off leash dogs in the on leash and restricted areas of main beach Agnes, predominantly mornings before 9.30am, yet there seems to be very little enforcement action by rangers. In fact I have never seen a ranger on the main beach at that time of the day and on the rare occasion the ranger does patrol The main beach it is only ever at the Tom Jefferies entrance which is pointless. Why doesn't the ranger enter the beach at any of the numerous other entry points?</p> <p>There's no point enacting changes to local laws if there's no appetite for enforcing the laws.</p>

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922	Mar 13, 2020, 09:46 AM	<p>. Bring back the shower/wash basin that was taken away from surfclub entrance (off leash dog area)</p> <p>. Make off leash area from sandcastles north again, as the beaches are pretty much without people along that stretch most of the time. Owners should just carry leashes and when people are approaching, dogs can be put on lead again</p>	If the only chance to walk my dog offlead (let her get a proper run and swim/enjoyment) is at the surfclub.. and I have to drive there from my house very close to main beach entrance, please reinstall the shower or a wash basin for our dogs so our cars are not getting wrecked with the amount of sand that our pooches bring into the car. I don't understand why it was taken away in the first place.
1049	Mar 14, 2020, 08:54 AM	review the way dog noise complaint evidence is collected from neighboring areas , if the council just leaves a letter in mailboxes & no one bothers to reply that does NOT mean there is not a problem, it's bad when dogs bark all day when most residents are away from their homes ,	
1053	Mar 14, 2020, 11:16 AM	To consider a local subsidized desexing programs and regular micro chipping clinics (to allow those who are less fortunate to be able to do the responsible thing when owning an animal). Owning an animal gives a lot of comfort to many people and shouldn't be based on income levels	As above
1056	Mar 14, 2020, 11:23 AM	Limit of 1 pony, horse, sheep, goat, donkey, pig on acreage less than 5 acres. And not one of each (one only). I currently live beside 3 stinking ponies with a "temporary" enclose and yards built less than 20 metres from my kitchen, dining and main living area - the stench on most given days is such that dry reaching occurs and no windows on the north and eastern sides of the house can be open. Similar noise rules to apply to horses (particularly stallions who "scream" and "squeal" 24/7) as nuisance barking dogs. Also stricter regulations around runoff from such mess! E.g blocking up of drainage which forces ALL horse shit, chooks shit and dog shit into neighbours yard.	I am charged rates as prestige rural living but instead I live in a sticking, noisy place where apparently I have no rights. Can not sell my property because it is devalued by surrounding neighbours. There is increase of flies, rats, mice, foxes, cockroaches and snakes. My dog barks and I get notice but horses, chooks, sheep, pigs and peacocks can carry on all day and night with no consequence. And don't get me started on roosters.
1059	Mar 14, 2020, 01:27 PM	Animals dogs to be allowed off leash while in the confines of Spinnaker Park.	This complex is used for dog walking and exercise area and it is a lot easy for dogs to have a little freedom in this confined space.
1069	Mar 14, 2020, 08:37 PM	Cats being required to stay in the owners property! Cat enclosures, registrations..	We do not own a cat but continually have to pick up cat poo in our yard.

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1075	Mar 15, 2020, 08:42 AM	<p>I'm in favour of the proposed rules for the Agnes water beaches that will protect the nesting turtles and hatchlings.</p> <p>Although it's not mentioned, the Agnes area needs greater animal control, on the beaches and in the area. It's not right that people are too scared to walk the beaches or even around town due to roaming dogs and badly behaved dogs.</p>	<p>I am a volunteer with the old turtle conservation project and I know how important it is that our endangered turtles have a safe area to nest and emerge, for the survival of the species. Agnes water is incredibly fortunate to have nesting turtles and the area and the animals need to be protected.</p> <p>Unfortunately the local area also has a high number of irresponsible dog owners who lack control over their dogs and council can not rely on them to control their dogs on the beaches that have turtles or nests so a ban from the beach during turtle time is necessary essential</p>
1076	Mar 15, 2020, 12:28 PM	<p>In relation to proposed change: That dogs be completely excluded from the Millennium Esplanade Parklands at Tannum Sands (except on the roadway).This exclusion to include the formed footpaths through the area;</p> <p>My understanding was dogs were already excluded from the northern end of the Esplanade to just south of the playground. Many people walk or run with their dogs south of Creek Road on the Millennium Esplanade/Wild Cattle Creek Road along the walkway to the boat ramp and returning to give their dogs a drink at the newly located shower/taps. I see no issue with this at all.</p>	<p>Clarification on where in the Millennium Esplanade Parklands dogs will be excluded.</p> <p>For years people have been walking their dogs along the pathway at Millenium Esplanade south of Creek Road (opposite Wild Cattle Island)to the boat ramp. We are there most Sunday afternoons to watch the sunset and enjoy the view and we have never seen any issue with people walking their dogs on leash. If your change includes this area then I would like that to be reconsidered as there does not seem to be any reason to exclude dogs from this area.</p>
1079	Mar 15, 2020, 04:31 PM	I would like to see the millennium esplanade to still allow dogs to access the foot path.	The foot path allows access to boat ramps and further paths/ areas that become dog friendly. Blocking off access via footpaths makes it difficult to walk dogs to the other access points.
1088	Mar 15, 2020, 07:55 PM	Millennium esplanade needs to stay pet friendly; on-leash.	So many people walk their dogs that it will become under utilised if you prohibit dogs. Take a leaf out of GPC's book where they still allow dogs on-leash

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1153	Mar 18, 2020, 07:30 AM	<p>Permitting requirements for more than allowable relaxed a little. The need to have many neighbours including across the road sign for permission to keep your dogs/cats is ridiculous. I've not come across any other council that does this.</p>	<p>People shouldn't have to know you have more than two dogs/cats on property and coming from a policing family I find it very dangerous people having to knock on peoples doors that are unknown to them just to then have to tell them your living arrangements. Gladstone has a high rental turnover meaning neighbours are generally unknown so it's not as simple as talking to your neighbours who you have known for years. Rangers inspect the property and meet the animals so they should be able to determine whether the house and family are suitable to keep more than allowable animals on property not random strangers.</p>
Email	Mar 31, 2020, 10:25 AM	<p>I understand that there is a consultation going on about no dogs at Springs Beach at Agnes Water. I think dogs should be allowed at Springs Beach at least during the day time. They do not hunt down turtles and dig up eggs. Never seen that in my life. Some common sense would be good for all here. turtles only hatch night normally and the beach should be left as everybody has enough things to deal with in the cities let alone in the country where you hope you can have a normal life. Thank you</p>	<p>No reasons provided other than those included in the submission.</p>

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1210	Mar 31, 2020, 10:22 AM	<p>In relation to clause (h) and (i) we request that the Springs and Chinamens beaches only be closed at night to dogs as the turtles lay and hatch at night. At all other times dogs under control of their owner.</p>	<p>A case for commonsense suggests that this approach would be a win for all parties. Dog owners who are mostly responsible when walking their dog would never allow their dog to dig up a turtle nest. This is done by wild dogs, dingoes and goannas. The council should concentrate on the Wild dogs. Turtles lay at night, turtles hatch at night therefore having the beaches closed at night to dogs should protect the turtles from domestic dogs. The environmental committee have figures to show that 2 years ago more turtles layed on main beach in the dog off leash area. Therefore it is clear that domestic dogs are not an issue to the turtles. Further to this we have walked our dog over numerous turtle tracks every morning on the dog off leash area and she is not even aware or curious about them much less venture up to a nest. Please do not pointlessly close a beach to responsible dog owners without clear evidence that domestic dogs are the issue- they are not. We are having more restrictions placed on where we can walk dogs because of a few very loud voices.</p>

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1355	Apr 17, 2020, 08:45 AM	<p>I have just been made aware of the proposed changes allowing dogs south of Springs Beach. Please allow me to have my say as I am heavily invested.</p> <p>For 8 years I have been involved in a turtle conservation and research program on the beaches south of Springs Beach to Deepwater National Park. This program has been running for 15 years and reports directly to Dr Col Limpus at Mon Repo.</p> <p>The unique location south of Springs Beach is bordered by a National Park, Bush Heritage and Marine Park. The beach itself is a designated Turtle nesting sanctuary. The residential developments along that section of coast have a strict "No Pets" policy in order to protect the wildlife. These beaches are ideal located as they are free from pets.</p> <p>By far the biggest problem we have in protecting the wild life, and in particular the endangered Loggerhead Turtles, is foxes and dogs. Dogs can expose and destroy a nest in minutes. This year we lost 10%, more than 500 hatchlings to nest exposures.</p> <p>I know the proposal is only for 6 months, outside turtle season but the reality is, dog walkers will just keep coming. As recently as Apr 6th, 2 days ago, I confronted a couple with a dog on Red Rock Beach. They had walked past 4 signs prohibiting dogs, but yet they felt they had every right to be there. Allowing access for 6 months is an invitation for all year round. We have a team of 8 volunteers trained in turtle conservation. Members of our group have had confronted dog walkers from time to time, its not a present experience. We are not the police I fear this proposal, if allowed to pass, will be the too much for the volunteers and the end of the sanctuary.</p> <p>The Red Rock Trail that gives access to these beaches was established, and is maintained in part by Bush Heritage and the residential developments of Rocky Point and Sunrise at 1770. Because of their commitment to wildlife, none of these organisations allow pets on their property. This trail was established to give access to nature lovers, not dog walkers. At the very least, these organisations should have some say in how it is used.</p> <p>Please excuse my ramblings, I am very passionate about this natural setting and the research being done here. I fear it will end with the introduction of dogs.</p>	Email Submitted: 8th April 2020

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1356	Apr 8, 2020, 08:42 PM	<p>Good afternoon , I do apologise for the late interaction regarding the proposed amendment regarding Springs beach and South to Deep water national park for Proposed Prohibited area for Dogs.</p> <p>We are south of springs beach and are heavily involved with the turtle research during the months of Nov- April/May and welcome this proposal 100%, but would like to see South of springs beach remain Prohibited all year round</p> <p>We have always been under the impression for the last 14 years since we have been here that dogs were PROHIBITATE south of springs through to Deepwater all year round, with that been the case around 12 years ago we started working alongside the Wildlife carers and we have made a safe haven for them to release injured and orphaned Pretty Face Wallabies and other native animals , if our area was suitable habitat for them. The Pretty face Wallaby population has grown since starting this with the wildlife carers and is pleasant surprise for a lot of our tourist/locals who walk the red rock trail, they are amazed to see the Pretty face wallabies lying all over the track / grass slope and even hopping along the beach.</p> <p>We are extremely concerned that you would open the option to have south of springs a on leash area the balance of the year. Seeing this is such a remote area most people assume this will never be monitored by our Council authorities so would let there dogs loose for a run. Which has been the case on a regular bases .</p> <p>Springs Beach has been a On leash beach for a long time and on the regular trips we have to springs I have never seen a dog ON a leash, so again my point been it is never monitored by our local officer due to its location</p> <p>We have seen dogs attack turtles on these beaches , we have had dogs chase down the wallaby's which in turn has killed them. All dogs that should have been on a leash</p> <p>Have you anything in place for how our local law officer would patrol the Red Rock trail as he does the other easy accessible on leash beachesSouth of springs beach through to deep water nation park needs to remain a Prohibited Dog area all year round.</p> <p>Thank you for you time on this.</p>	As stated in the submission