



Comments provided as part of the Animal Management Local Law & Subordinate Local Law Proposed Amendments 2023 Online Survey

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1	<p>The biggest issue faced is people doing the right thing being harassed by people doing the wrong thing when rules are put in place . We have a small dog that has been attacked by another dog quite savagely , we no longer walk on the beach unless we both go . I have been jumped on more than once and been told while walking with a friend that the northern end of Agnes is a dog's domain while a lady held onto her dog so it would not attack us. But I have also seen people with dogs that they have off the lead and they do not leave their owners side. I walk the beach daily and monitor turtles at the northern end which is conservation and nation park and have witnessed the distinction caused by some. Please what ever is decided ensure it is closely monitored....</p>
2	<p>Regardless of which areas are designated on leash/off leash (the irresponsible dog owners in Agnes Water don't care) the bigger issue should be ensuring the safety and the ability of beach goers to peacefully enjoy the beach without risk of harassment by unleashed dogs and the ignorance of their owners who believe the beaches are there sole domain. Therefor policing of and enforcement of any changes are paramount otherwise these changes are pointless.</p>
3	<p>Dog status of areas should be signed as it is confusing for visiting dog owners (tourists). Eg When walking my dog at Wild Cattle Ck, tourists ask me if 1. Are dogs allowed on the beach area?, 2 On or off leash? I understand it is covered in your rules online, but is it reasonable to expect tourists to search for it ? (often difficult to find info when familiar with your internet site).</p> <p>Signage at this point should also advise dog status of Canoe Pt.</p> <p>I feel discriminated against when there are only basic facilities provided for dog owners eg only two uncovered tables and no electric/gas BBQs provided in the dog permitted southern end of Tannum Esplanade.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate the dog off lease designation of Canoe Pt beach and it is very important to maintain dog access to (the mainland side of) Wild Cattle Ck for residents but particularly for tourists who are allowed dogs within the Caravan Park.</p> <p>More attention needs to be placed on refilling (or providing more) dog poo pickup/disposal bags. Dog owners are asked to be responsible and pickup their dog's poo but often no bags are available. (I take bags with me but unfortunately there can be more than 2 poos on one walk - and sometimes other dogs' poo to pick up requiring extra bags). I wonder what the value of the survey is given Council have already adopted the changes? Per your timeline below, there is no provision to revise their decision, merely collate results. Community Engagement should occur BEFORE the decision has been made. I suspect this survey is merely a means of informing the public of the new rules while giving people the feeling they have had a say.</p>
4	<p>I believe we should follow suits with other states and have a single fee for a pet registration that lasts the life of the pet</p>
5	<p>More dog parks needed. More dog off leash areas needed in calliope.</p> <p>More shade needed at all dog parks - we live in CQ and this should be a priority to everyone.</p>

6	I would like to see mandatory notification of neighbors when using insecticide for insect infestations, to allow native bee keepers the opportunity to close their hives as a protective measure. Suggest at least 24 hours notice.
7	As a responsible owner of two beautiful large German shepherds I am strongly against any loss or restriction of dog off leash areas in the tannum sands area. Our girls are friendly and require regular exercise and socialisation to keep them healthy. In fact I don't think there are enough dog friendly areas in our region, not to mention dog friendly camping locations. Cattle Island and cattle Creek especially are great areas for dogs to swim and run while maintaining distances from local swimmers and other dogs in the area.
8	I am sick to death of unruly dogs on main beach in the swim area off leash. It is common for people to have 2 or more dogs off leash. You cannot put your towel down for fear of it being urinated on. It is a problem right up to Atlantis Blvd beach access. There are signs but these dog owners ignore them. Agnes needs a permanent ranger.
9	Dog Beaches in this area should be all on lead There should be enclosures go off lead exercise for dogs who want to exercise their dogs off leash There are too many psycho dogs in the area that are no under control, I visit the area often and I am scared to often go to the beach with so many dogs not under proper control. I think the council should also crack down on people who have dogs that aren't registered to council
10	There is no controls in places for dogs off leash in the wrong areas in Agnes and 1770. Can you snap and solve for fines ?
11	I don't live in the gladstone LGA but own a house there and intend to retire in the area (hopefully). I currently live in a beachside suburb that has recently introduced weekend and school holiday further restrictions. With dogs not allowed on designated dog beaches between 8am-5pm on these days. It has worked quite well with most people, it allows people to get their dogs down the beach at a time where most other beach users are not there.
12	I would like to see that Tannum Sands esplanade be made accessible to people with dogs on lead PLEASE.
13	We need to have access to pathways along the Tannum Esplanade to walk dogs on leash.
14	Please don't have dogs off leash from Atlantis Boulevard. There is not enough public parking spaces as there is near the surf club. It would be a terrible experience for residents in that area to have a constant flow of cars, parking on their footpaths and considering they have chosen to live in that area specifically because of the quiet street. It would be unfair especially as an afterthought just to appease others. Please have dogs off leashes further up the beach as is, it doesn't feel safe when walking along the beach now at times, people are still not abiding by the local rules of off leash areas. The further the better for locals and for visitors. The last thing we need is our tourists and visitors being swamped by dogs off leads.
15	Residents should be allowed to keep 3 dogs if they own their own home and haven't had any previous complaints about dogs without having to jump through hoops like getting permission from your neighbours. There are so many dogs without homes and the laws are very restrictive.
16	The beachfront in front of Atlantis should remain on leash. There are many families living (including myself) and holiday making in this estate that enjoy this section of the beach for picnicking and activities. They should not have to be concerned about off leash dogs approaching them/their children. There is plenty of off leach area from the surf club north. Leave it this way please.
17	It would be good to have a designated dog park in town with off leash enclosure and agility training facilities.

18	<p>None of these restrictions mean anything if there is not the enforcement and fines to back it up, If there are no boots on the grounds then new (and old) laws and policies are nothing but words on paper that many people ignore and that is very evident when it comes to dogs on and off leashes in areas they are not supposed to be.</p> <p>A little publicity about the fines handed out wouldn't go astray either. (when was the last time an unregistered pet sold owner got a fine?).</p> <p>Dogs are important family members BUT they don't need to go everywhere that humans go, AND humans don't need to go everywhere either, with or without dogs but if they must - then maybe they can reduce their footprint by leaving the dog at home.</p> <p>And while it's great that council proposes to restrict dog movements at the SES ground during the rainbow bee eater nesting season - it's seems a little contradictory to then permit the Indigenous Festival to take place there, on top of the nests no?</p>
19	Dangerous dogs shouldn't be allowed in the first place
20	We need a fenced dog off leash park for small and big dogs
21	Dog owners should not be rewarded with more area. Far too many deposit left uncollected on our beaches and walkways
22	I am concerned about the amount of roaming cats in the Tannum Area, nobody seems to think that they should keep their cats on their own property, it is a big problem
23	How about you don't let the aboriginal festival (Stompen Ground) trample the birds at the SES grounds during their nesting period. Unbelievable!
24	There are many dogs off leash at Atlantis Boulevard entrance already - a large number of people do not observe the ruling. This area has many young children and elderly residents/holiday makers. This area needs to be kept on leash. The dogs have plenty of space from the surf life savers entrance.
25	i am responsible pet owner i should have the right to the beach like any one else , any beach
26	<p>Please the areas concerned dog free so native species are not under threat by dogs and so families have the freedom to play and move without dogs harassing them.</p> <p>Thank you for providing the survey.</p>
27	<p>Please keep do not give any more of our beaches to off leash dog areas. There are too many dangerous dogs now and there needs to be safe places for families with children.</p> <p>We need to be able to lie on beaches free of dog poop and urine as more owners are leaving this and not picking it up. It's only going to be a matter of time before more and more people are attacked by dogs. Please keep some places for families and kids. Please keep some areas where our wildlife don't have to be at threat by dogs. Not to mention the turtle area. Give dogs owners an inch and they will push for more. Please keep some clean dog free areas for children. #familiesareimportant</p>
28	Would like to see chinamans beach dog free all year. Kind regards
29	There have been dog attacks, scares and dog nuisance incidents on main beach. I strongly believe that people to have comfort and enjoyment at the beach should remain priority over pets of any kind. The dog off leash area should be well away from the main beach.
30	<p>To many dog owners don't respect other people rights.</p> <p>I'm sick of dogs in public areas pissing and crapping everywhere.</p> <p>Leave your dog at home or in your car</p>
31	<p>As a local of Agnes Water main beach I would like to be able to sit in the beach and relax without dogs jumping all over me.</p> <p>I've also observed many dogs off leash around Main Beach and owners aren't picking up their droppings.</p> <p>My children have a phobia of dogs and it doesn't help when strange dogs on the beach run up to them out of nowhere.</p>

32	I think all of main beach to surf club and north to CCHV . Should be a dog on leash area during turtle season
33	It would be great to put the responsibility back on dog owners. Please consider allowing well-behaved dogs under “voice command” into more public areas in the Gladstone region. It will still allow you to penalise owners of dogs misbehaving or causing problems in such areas.
34	Dogs need to be prohibited totally on Chinamens beach due to irresponsible owners during turtle nesting season.
35	I don't believe restricting dogs off leash beaches is appropriate. As a regional area we can provide safe areas for people to walk their dogs and give dogs a chance to run. This in turn actually provides stimuli for dogs and is a preventative measure in reducing noise complaints. By restricting access you a further contributing to animal control issues. We have enough beaches and parks in regards to our regions population size that having open and numerous off leash areas for dogs to be walked is actually not an issue. All of Tannum and Boyne area should be an open off leash area. It is one the main central locations within Gladstone region and we should not be making it harder for animal owners and their dogs to be safe and healthy. In fact many larger councils have instead taken the step to be more animal inclusive this has a flow on effect that actually contributes to preventing loneliness in elderly, increased physical activity of the community thus decreasing demand on public health. Providing bins and dog bags, good signage in reminding dog owners how to safely be off leash should be enough.
36	Although I'm currently not a dog owner, I have been in the past and I will be in the future. Responsible dog ownership in this town is a joke. Both locals and visitors ignore the rules anyway. However I don't want to see an increase in off leash areas. What I would like to see is compliance to the current regulations in place and enforcement! *(Please Note: The personal information (Name and Phone Number) has been removed from this comment to protect the privacy of the submitter.
37	That the Dog Catcher be more proactive with the number of dogs roaming the streets around Agnes Water and the rural areas.
38	No dogs on main beach in Agnes Water.
39	Enforcement of dog containment in semi rural areas of Agnes Water, Enforcement of dog on leash in township and beach entry and patrolled swimming area
40	I'm concerned about dog attacks in the area. A dedicated (fenced) dog park would be a better option for agnes water, keep the area natural with native animals.
41	More enforcement of failing to pick up dog waste amd dispose of in bin and dogs off lead in a non off lead area.
42	All domestic cats and dogs should desexed unless the owner is a registered breeder.
43	Lift all restrictions to pets and dogs in all locations.
44	In no way should we be considering increasing the allotted area of allowing dogs on beach, particularly in the region whereby nesting turtles, sea life and water birds are so important. There is already ample room for dogs to go on the beach. This is a huge step backwards if permitted. We as a community around Tannum are already sick of the amount of dog related incidents which occur around canoe point and middle beach with people having uncontrollable dogs attacking kids and other dogs.
45	Dogs that can be controlled by their owners should be allowed off leash to run and play but dogs that can't be controlled by their owners should be on a leash

46	<p>Agnes Water main beach down to the far end of the beach should not permit dogs at all. The majority of people walking their dogs in the "on-leash" area have them off leash anyway. Some dogs are not controlled by their owner and they trample people's blankets and I have seen dogs knock down children because they are jumping. If you're going to designate a beach, it should be an alternative beach like chinamans. Springs beach should never allow dogs and it needs to be kept that way.</p>
47	<p>Tannum Sands resident - we use both Wild Cattle Creek areas for dog use beaches, please don't punish good dog owners. Instead why not let residents report bad dog owners, ie. vehicle registrations, owner names, etc, it would ruin the area not to be able to use these wide open spaces to let our dogs go for a good run</p>
48	<p>I would like to see Tannum Sands Milliniun Esplanade to be dogs on leash, on foot path at all times. I would also like to see Tannum Sands beaches to be available for dogs between the hours of 5 pm and 8 am. The beaches are usually void of families in those times. GRC need to look at becoming a more dog friendly region as we have the reputation of being the MOST DOG UNFRIENDLY REGION in Australia with our visiting travellers to the point of them avoiding this area. I am a rate payer and a dog owner, I would like to see our towns become so much more pet friendly perhaps GRC could look at other regions that have got it right. For example the Sunny Coast and Yeppoon.</p>
49	<p>I would like the GRC to establish and provide a fenced dog exercise park for the Agnes Water community and residents. The area adjacent to or within the Sports and Recreation precinct on Anderson Way would be, in my opinion, an ideal location.</p>
50	<p>I would like to see domestic cat owners governed more and fined etc for not retaining their cat in their own yard behind a fence. Like a dog. Not out on the driveway, walking along fence lines etc. They are a huge problem in local communities and a threat to out native species.</p>
51	<p>I believe the minimum size for a dangerous dog enclosure should be minimum 20m2, given the amount of time spent enclosed.</p>
52	<p>An enclosure is no life for a dog</p> <p>More than 2 dogs/cats should be allowed to be kept on a premises, could help with the rate of homeless animals</p>
53	<p>I think that breeders licence need to be re-evaluated. Not just anyone should be one when they have a litter, too many backyard breeder can just get a licence and cover themselves with a breeders licence that has no rules to being controlled on being a breeder or rules on being maintained as one. Also they have no consequences if they lie to buyers and cannot afford to take them to court. Breeders need to be controlled more. We pay alot for pets now i think breeders need to feel the rules have more hold on them then having no rules. More need to be done about checking in on breeders as well.</p> <p>Also i feel that owners that do have a microchip on their pets should get longer for time to get their pets if impounded. We being good owners following the rules should get more privileges for doing so than to ppl that dont. Same with cost etc. Understandable if they keep getting out then the cost should get higher the more times they get impounded but time frames should be longer and cost should be lower at the start and different for us who register and microchip our pets. I feel we who do want to follow the rules should be acknowledged for it. Why not offer privileges for those who do and those who dont. More ppl would be more inclined to register.</p> <p>Another note those who surrender their dog because they dont fit their life and isn't surrendered for a dangerous dog should get a ban for a few years before replacing to get another dog. They cost money to surrender they aren't a toy. Its a living thing, and ppl</p>

	<p>need to be controlled on this.</p> <p>Something need to be done to stop ppl from dumping pets because they aren't what they wanted or are too hard.</p> <p>As a community we need to do more.. somehow.</p>
54	None of the dog off leash area should be expanded. Dogs being taken everywhere is out of control and is an accident waiting to happen, people are not responsible enough with their animals.
55	Please consider having a designated time for dogs to be allowed to be walked on leash along the Millenium esplanade, Tannum sands beach. Eg. not between the hours of 7am and 4.30pm
56	millennium esplanade should be open to on leash dogs on the footpaths only and the beaches before 9am and after 5pm
57	Dog on leash areas to be established along the Millennium Esplanade - on curfew ie before 8am and after 4:30pm. We pay \$6k in rates to live at Tannum Sands but no safe place to walk the dogs along the waterfront. Pour some of those excessive rates in to dog control officers to ensure the curfew is adhered to - give us a safe place to walk our dogs with our kids instead of putting our lives at risk.
58	I think that dogs on tannum beach should be kept on leash until the owner can verbally communicate if their dog is friendly for other dog interactions. If my dog is on a leash I do not want unleashed dogs running up to my dog. My dog was attacked two months ago by an unleashed dog while the owner stood and did nothing.
59	Stop treating dogs as enemies. They are a part of the family for most, detested by few.
60	More recognition of harassment complainers - my neighbour was so prolific in making my life a living hell, and she got away with it. Deliberately antagonising pets to provoke a reaction and then she would lodge a complaint.
61	Maybe look at desexing and microchipping days with discounts, including people without consession cards
62	More must be done about dogs wandering around the streets, maybe fines for insecure fencing. Nasty dogs must be kept away from general dog walking areas.
63	All areas mentioned above should be on leash areas.
64	Off leash beaches are just taking public beaches away from the public. It is unlikely a dog owner has their dog properly trained, unlikely a dog owner has their dog properly de-wormed and immunized, unlikely a dog will respond to voice commands from their dog owner, and zero likelihood a dog owner has Canine Liability Insurance. No sane member of the public would ever go into a dog off-leash area, and all off-leash dogs on beaches should be banned.
65	It is rare to see any dog on a leash at any beach in the Agnes Water area, and it is too dangerous for parents to take their children to beaches such as Workman's Beach. Everyday dog owners are taking their dog/s through Joesph Banks Conservation Park, and most of the time these dogs are Off Leash in the conservation park. While dog owners have their dog off leash on most beaches, it is rare to see any dog owner with their dog in the off leash area at the SES grounds. Dogs are wondering on most streets, and it is too dangerous to walk along a footpath, and council patrols are 110% farce.
66	Consideration needs to be taken for older dogs who are unable to access off leash areas on the beach as they are unable to access the areas via the stairs or deep drop off.
67	One of the best things about Agnes Water and 1770 is the off leash dog areas. It's unfortunate that a few irresponsible dog owners are going to jeopardise this honour that we have to enjoy the beaches.

68	Dogs not permitted on the SES grounds during the Rainbow bee-eater nesting season. Minimum enclosure for dangerous dogs to be 20sqm. Chickens and Guinea fowl to be contained on owners property and not permitted to free range on neighbouring property.
69	If there is a restriction on dogs at SES grounds, there should be no other activities allowed on those grounds Aug to Jan.
70	(I'm not a resident yet; 14 more weeks until I move there). Dog off-leash areas need adequate signage demanding that dogs still be UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL even if not on lead. If they cannot be controlled off lead, they must stay on lead regardless of area designation.
71	Cats should be kept INSIDE at all times due to the wonderful birds and animals in our area.
72	The council should also look at stricter rules on cat ownership as there are so many feral and pet cats roaming at night, and or also a more targeted removal of said cats that are outside.
73	I believe there should be no dogs on any beaches in the 1770/Agnes Water area because there is no policing of people breaking the rules/law. Maybe the council can build a dog friendly park for those who want to exercise their dogs in the beautiful outdoors at the SES Grounds or Sport and Rec Grounds. I also think having cats outdoors should be banned and owners should have enclosures. I have seen quite a number of very large, wild feral cats in our neighbourhood, which has an abundance of birdlike, echidna, wallabies etc.
74	-No dogs should ever be permitted on the rainbow bee-eater site at the 1770 SES Grounds at any time: just as dogs are also prohibited within National Parks and Conservation Parks where these ground nesting birds also build their burrows in sand, easily disturbed by curious dogs. -All rental properties adjacent to the Joseph Banks Conservation Park should by regulation, be declared dog and cat disallowed, because dogs/cats are now frequently observed straying unsupervised into this natural environment, harassing kangaroos, scrub turkeys, goannas etc. -Having any dog on any beach (on or off leash) in the Town of 1770 and Agnes Water area, northern end of the Agnes to Round Hill Head beach adjacent to the Joseph Banks Conservation Park, the rainbow bee-eater nesting site at the 1770 SES Grounds and any beach in the zone from Agnes Water south to Flat Rock, is not advisable at all simply, because the area is a significant turtle nesting area. -Dog excrement is not wanted on our beaches. -A designated dog park could be established at a number of suitable sites. This facility could also be an included requirement by GRC in the approval processes for new subdivision application/design. -No dangerous dogs should be allowed in any suburban areas. Who decides if a dog is dangerous or not....does this happen after a traumatic event?
75	1. There should be a ban on dangerous dogs in suburban areas....to marry in with the last statement. 2. In the 1770/Agnes Waters area, I believe there should be a ban on all dogs on all beaches in this area. The reasons being....we have had a place of residence in this area for over 40 years and have seen these rules change wrt 'dogs on beaches' many times in the period of time stated. What happens, particularly now, is that the rules are flouted by many people and there are dogs on any beach at any time, mostly not on leashes. Second reason being, that a rule/law may be set in place, but it is rarely overseen/put into force. So those breaking the rules wrt to 'dogs on beaches' are never held to account for their wrongdoing. The ranger is never available to oversee the problem, either at another

	<p>location, or the breach is in out of 'ranger' work hours, or the offenders are given a 'warning;' instead of a fine straight up, they know the rules. If rules/laws are set in place and fines imposed for those flouting the rule/law a heavy fine should be imposed, in the vicinity of \$250.00-\$500.00, then this may serve as a deterrent to breaking the rule/law. This can only be set in place if there is someone employed to enforce these rules/laws.</p> <p>3. There should definitely NOT be dogs allowed at the top end of Agnes Beach adjacent to the Joseph Banks Environmental Park as there are many fragile ecosystems in this area that need preserving. How would this law/rule be enforced? Dogs off leashes, or in fact dogs, have the propensity to destroy the beach and dune ecosystems. A total ban is the only way to save this area from more man-made destruction. To state a fact, we observe renters coming to pet friendly accommodation, and once the dogs are let out of the car and off their leashes they have a great time chasing the kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas to name but a few. Something, I would love to see stopped by introducing a law that states all short term accommodation (that is in the vicinity of Joseph Banks Conservation Park) be non-pet friendly.</p> <p>4. The 1770 SES grounds should be dog free all year round, no dogs at all as there are other animals (as well as the rainbow bee eaters) in this vicinity that need to be protected from domestic dogs. To state the obvious, wild animals that we have no control over are a problem and also needs addressing eg foxes, wild cats and wild dogs.</p>
76	<p>Dog owners to struggle to find areas of beach where you are permitted to take your pets. Most dog owners are responsible, well I am anyway in relation to ensuring they do not harm wildlife and behave themselves and stay out of the way of other dogs enjoying the surrounds if required and put them on lead where appropriate. There is a lot of people that travel with pets in caravans etc these days, so you could be limiting tourism to areas where you are prohibiting dogs from being allowed at all. Maybe need to consider some of these areas be that pets be allowed but with requirements of being on lead.</p>
77	<p>- Pet ownership is relative only and exclusively for the decision of whoever wants to have a pet, not the decision of the landlord or the real estate.</p> <p>- sale and purchase of pets restricted to the type of animal, care and reproductive possibility of it. (no to animal abuse on its reproductive capacity)</p>
78	<p>Full upgrade of gladstone dog park. Make it nicer and maintain more regularly. Or open another one in lions Park? Or other locations, canoe Point? Calliope is really well maintained compared to gladstone</p>
79	<p>Dogs should be prohibited from Springs Beach to Red Rock during turtle nesting season, however allowed at all other times.</p>
80	<p>Dogs are apart of the family, they should be able to be included in more activities outside of the house.</p>
81	<p>Chickens should be allowed to be free inside an adequately fenced yard, restricting them to small coops is not healthy for chickens.</p>
82	<p>No 4wd allow in turtle nesting areas during egg laying/hatching season</p>
83	<p>. Y are the council letting cars on the beach at wild cattle if it's a national park . my dog leaves little paw prints cars drop oil in wild cattle creek ban all vechicles from beach and crossing creek. Four little paw print in the sand . If it's a national ban every thing not just dogs nock down the houses as well .</p>
84	<p>These laws can only work if animal owners take responsibility for their animals in public areas, and respect wildlife and other animal owners, sounds simple but all animal owners have the same idea of accountability.</p>

85	<p>I would like to see the introduction if more off leash dog parks in the gladstone region. The one in town is closed for who knows how long and a sub par temporary fencing one doesnt cut it. The current one is too enclosed and needs more entry/exit if trting to avoid orher dogs upon entry.</p> <p>Furthermore dog owners need to be more responsible and council should monitor sog parks at busy times during the week if/when possible.</p>
86	No other comment
87	Maybe fine the ppl that steal the animals from ppls homes and dump them if they are caught on camera including council staff
88	I would like households to be more thoroughly checked for more than 2 dogs
89	The Gladstone Regional Council needs to do more to protect the local residents (and their pets) from dangerous and wandering dogs, especially in semi-rural areas, where many residents have inadequate fencing. When incidents occur, it is also extremely difficult to contact the Gladstone Regional Council via this number (07) 4970 0700. I once waited 1 hour and 20 minutes for my call to be answered.
90	I would like to see a rule enforced that dangerous dogs not be allowed to be kept in 'town' areas - only in rural areas, to ensure that people and animals are kept safe.
91	We would like to see more enforcement at restricted dogs areas to prevent people for allowing their dogs to walk freely, especially at 1770 and wild cattle Creek at Tannum esplanade
92	<p>I would like to see the Seventeen Seventy SES grounds being dogs prohibited all year round.</p> <p>This would be to protect all native animals that use this space throughout the year.</p>
93	Dogs per size of property. If it is a larger property, more dogs should be allowed.
94	<p>With regard to 'Dangerous Dogs' Why are they even permitted at all? They are 'dangerous'</p> <p>Only this morning I was down on the Red Rock trail and there were areas where dogs had dug up turtle nests, clearly by the tracks (not foxes) they were not on leash.. The whole area (Springs Beach and South) is a turtle hatching zone and dogs should not be allowed at any time of the year.</p>
95	<p>Dog owners in the Agnes Water and 1770 areas are continually abusing the dogs prohibited, leash and off leash beach zones with almost no repercussions.... it's almost laughable. More frequent, more vigilant and more rigorously enforced patrols must be undertaken by Council Rangers.</p> <p>The unique flora and fauna indigenous to these townships and surrounding areas is what makes them so highly valued....please do the right thing and protect that.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
96	<p>Dogs should never be allowed on beached where children play, on or off leash.</p> <p>Dogs should never be allowed where turtles lay and turtles hatch at any time of the year. People do not treat signs with restrictions of certain months seriously and keep bring their dogs but if prohibited all year and on the spot penalties apply then they know they are breaking the law and most likely comply.</p> <p>Dog on leash area for Seventeen Seventy SES Grounds should be all year round and especially during markets. People do not treat signs with restrictions of certain months seriously and keep bring their dogs but if prohibited all year and on the spot penalties apply then they know they are breaking the law and most likely comply.</p> <p>Dangerous dogs should be allowed.</p>

97	Dangerous domestic dogs should not be allowed to be kept anywhere at any time.
98	I am an owner in the 1770 estate and am strongly opposed to dogs being able to access any beaches within the area - they destroy habitat and kill wildlife including digging up turtle nests.
99	Please allow dogs on Barney point beach. Other towns have dog beach but not Gladstone.
100	There should be no domestic dangerous dogs kept anywhere at any time. There should be no dogs on beaches in township areas at all.
101	There should be no domestic dangerous dogs kept at all
102	As the area between Chinamans Beach and Red Rock is a well established turtle nesting site it is sensible to prohibit dogs from these areas.
103	I was born and raised at Boyne Island, my family and myself have always had family dogs and taken them to our local beaches and parks without any issues. We do not want to see more restrictions on where you can take your pets just more action on people doing the wrong thing. When we visited Canada people would take their dogs everywhere, it was lovely and they were all very well behaved. More about responsible owners than restrictions please. Many thanks
104	I believe there should be no dogs on Springs through Red Rock beaches, as they are turtle nesting grounds, as well as the fact that the Sunrise@1770 Estate is part of the Reedy Creek Reserve & prohibits domesticated animals in order to protect native animals. This should be upheld along the beaches.
105	I am particularly keen to see the prohibition of dogs on the Springs Beach to Red Rock Beach section, as this is a recognised turtle hatchery, and the neighbouring Sunrise estate is a pet free area. Dogs on the beach are counter to the ethos of the pet free environment and the associated Consent Orders.
106	I support the dismantling of new heavy handed council officer processes on citizens and their pets around non payment of fines/charges and a return to friendly community relations. I support restrictions on puppy mills/farms, horse and greyhound racing that prevent cruelty to animals.
107	It would be great to have an actual dog park. A local swimming pool. A bike path in a loop to town down Bicentennial would make riding a bike actually safe in Agnes. It is Russian roulette on both ends of the road to get to town on a push bike.
108	Dogs should not be allowed at any time of the year on or off Leash to Springs Beach, to Red Rock and through to Deepwater National Park. These areas must be kept in pristine condition at all times it would be negligent otherwise. Currently local residents clean these beaches keeping them in pristine condition and this would be lost for ever.
109	The Sunrise at 1770 estate is an ecologically sensitive development. The Consent Orders for the estate which the Gladstone Regional Council are party to specifically prohibit the keeping of domestic animals for this reason. The beaches adjacent to the estate (Springs Beach to Red Rock section) should therefore by default be designated as dogs prohibited,
110	Allowing dogs on Red Rock Beach is completely inconsistent with the consent orders (prohibiting domestic animals) from the Land and Environment Court for the development of the Sunrise at 1770 estate. My understanding is that Council is also signatory to these consent orders. Native wildlife within the estate is very used to life without harassment by dogs. This should once again extend to the beachfront.

	Dogs were previously prohibited on Red Rock Beach, at some point his was relaxed. This was a backward step. How it occurred defies logical scrutiny.
111	Springs beach to Deepwater should definitely be dog prohibited. Much wildlife in this area needs to be undisturbed by dogs. Eg turtles, goannas, echidnas, easter grey kangaroos and pretty faced wallabies.
112	Walking in Agnes Main Beach this morning a large pit bull ran up and jumped on me. He wasn't threatening but can't I walk on the beach in peace? I don't understand why dogs have more rights than people. No dogs!
113	Please change barney point beach to dog permitted. People take their dogs anyway and you can have them in the park.
114	A fenced dog park in Agnes Water could help dog owners to have an area to let their dogs off the leash. We have wildlife & people being attacked in town by dogs that are not on a lead.
115	I feel there is a definite need for an enclosed dog park in the Agnes Water region, possibly next to the Agnes Water Sport and Rec grounds.
116	Non-residents should not be permitted to bring dogs (not registered with Gladstone Regional Council) into the area - to public areas. These areas should be reserved for local residents and rate payers. Visitors should be the restricted to designated areas. This will help stop the spread of pests and diseases from outside the region. Priority should be given to rate-payers and payers of dog registration in GRC.
117	I have an assistant dog fully qualified and can not take it to main beach as too many off leash dogs in car park and on main beach we really need a dog park
118	This survey is meaningless as little detail given. Dogs do NOT cause problems inoff leash areas and these areas should be extended for people to exercise with their dogs. For Example. The 1770 beach should be off leash from 5am to 8am and on leash for balance of the time. Dogs and kids have played on that beach for over a century with very few mishaps. The Council needs to move forward to current times where dogs have more freedom in certain areas. I am not suggesting they be allowed into reasturant etc . A more detailed submission will follow
119	Dog owners don't speak up because they are vilified by anti dog whinging voices. Dog owners have as much rights to enjoy coastal areas with their dogs as non dog owners do.
120	More needs to be done by council enforcing the number of dogs kept on premises, especially units in Agnes Water and the number of large dogs wandering around cove estate.
121	Have people been whinging.....again. Perhaps you could fix the roads at Agnes before worrying about some of these issues.
122	I have walked my dog on the Agnes off-leash beach every morning. I know all the regular locals and who the visitors are with their dogs and I have NEVER seen a dog interact with anything other than other dogs, people and the water.
123	It is important to encourage responsible dog ownership by allowing well managed dogs and their owners to exercise and enjoy the beautiful Gladstone region beaches. I cannot see why the Council would discourage the use of these beaches to dogs and their owners. I think where there is concern for wildlife wellbeing, then dogs and their owners should only be permitted to use the beach if the dog is on a lead. Furthermore, I cannot understand why the council would discourage native stingless bee hives, they are an absolute benefit for the health of our natural ecosystems.
124	Seems like you are pandering to the complaints of people who have recently moved here,
125	I think that all beaches in Agnes Water should prohibit dogs on the beaches during turtle nesting season November to March just like Chinamans beach.

	I think the GCC should also do more for fox control in Agnes Water as the foxes are killing the turtle hatchlings and digging up nests.
126	I believe that there should be more dog friendly areas but harsher penalties for antisocial behaviour such as not removing dog poo or uncontrolled dogs
127	Dogs should also be restricted in Parks where people picnic, eat, sit on the ground and children play. Diseases can be given to people from dog feaces etc.
128	As GRC is aware off leash dogs on beaches around Agnes Water are out of control. What is needed is greater compliance checking by council staff to enforce the regulations as dog owners are convinced they have the right to take their off leash animals wherever they want (even when beaches are closed for turtle season). If approached owners get very aggressive, so better laws with more compliance enforcement is needed.
129	Walking your dog on the beach is a major lifestyle component in Agnes water. Not to mention the enjoyment and socialisation the dogs get out of this activity. Banning or altering current dog on beach rules is madness. What actually needs to be done is closer monitoring of dangerous dogs in rural estates.
130	You pay dog registration so you can have a dog in the Gladstone area but the GRC have for the 30 years I can remember been taken privileges (where you can take your dog and where you can't) off dog owners in the Gladstone area. Adult push bike owners on the other hand don't pay any registration and would have well over 30 times the area allocated and maintained by the GRC for the riding of bikes. Do you think this is fair on ratepayers, dog owners in the GRC area?
131	A limit of the number of dogs people can have, compulsory registration and spay/neuter as well as compulsory enclosed yards for peoples pets.
132	Dogs should be kept off beaches, because many dog owners ignore the restrictions, let their dogs off leash and have no control over what the dogs get up to.
133	No matter what time or season I go to any of the Agnes Water beaches, there are people with their dogs off-leash regardless of the restrictions. I think there needs to be more policing of the restrictions to raise and maintain awareness.
134	I support all the new restrictions on dogs as I have witnessed dangerous interactions with dogs and my children. I also would like to see better enforcing of the existing restrictions on springs beach as there are always dogs on the beach during turtle nesting season.
135	Many responsible dog owners do exist in Agnes Water. One, and only one dog off-leash area exists there. This beach is currently not accessible for elderly dog owners. I have assisted a person who fell trying to come down the path to the beach. Your proposal to extend the access south to Atlantis Blvd would help people in that area. Please do approve. Also, please consider a small parking area within walking distance to the Atlantis Blvd access to help other elderly residents to access the beach. Not everyone wants to go to main beach! Any additional dog friendly areas with easy access for dog owners would be appreciated.
136	More enforcement for uncontrolled dogs and cats. Too many roaming around towns and the Bush.
137	Please don't ban dogs on Agnes main beach . So few areas in our town for us to walk and exercise our dogs . Thanks
138	I walk the Agnes Beach every morning and have never encountered dogs bothering with turtle nests. Dog owners I've seen seem to be responsible. A lady I know that walks her dog every day has seen children with turtle eggs. Do we need to ban children too? People complain about barking dogs, by making it harder for people to exercise their dog will mean a few more barking dogs. Dogs need a place to run off lead. Please be thoughtful of this.

139	Increased number of livestock allowed on small acreages so long as adequate management and retainement is adhered to.
140	We could do with a small / large dog fenced area to exercise socialise our dogs.As avrate payer I think this is a neccessity for a growing small town.
141	Agnes is a very dog friendly town, most people have dogs, to ban them from the beaches that are best for walking & exercising them is ludicrous. It just feeds back into the bored dog argument. Those of us that look after our pets & follow the rules will be punished. We don't have a dog park or area provided by the council for this, so restricting areas more is just feeding into the problem, not posing a solution.
142	Dogs on Agnes main beach have become a problem. Because of the new access, dogs are now coming onto the main beach area often not on a lead & remaining in the area. Fines for leaving dog dropping bags to be collected later need to be introduced. Walking past a bag of dog litter because the owner finds it too repulsive to carry is a health hazard. Often the bag is not collected later and just left for someone else to dispose of.
143	Seventeen Seventy SES Grounds - dog free at all times The dig off leash are at the northern tip of Agnes Water Main Beach adjacent to Joseph Banks Conservation Park should be shorter - dogs do not need to be on beach from The caravan park CCHV to the point at 1770
144	For one of the park areas in tannum sands to be fenced for an off leash dog area. For more allocation of 'dog catcher' or policing of loose dogs in the Agnes water area - particularly a little out of town centre, at least temporarily to curb the issue.
145	Not a dog owner but I am a senior environmental advisor and I suggest that placing restrictions on dogs will not result in any notable environmental or social benefits. Responsible dog ownership should be enforced however. Restricting cat ownership will have much better outcomes.
146	The map for the northern section of Agnes Main beach dogs prohibited proposal is not clear. Is it everything north of the surf club or just the northern tip of the beachhead ?
147	There is already enough and adequate restrictions on the areas beaches regarding dogs allowed/not allowed in Agnes Water/1770.
148	Maybe consider a dog park with 2 areas for more off leash areas. Make agnes a more dog friendly town because I've met a lot of tourists that probably won't come back because it's not very dog friendly.
149	It would help analysis of proposals for some reasoning to be given for all proposed changes, for instance the nesting of the bee eater birds is understandable even if they previously may have had alternate locations though no reasoning is given for prohibition re the foreshore adjacent to Wild Cattle Island NP and likewise the northern tip of the Agnes Water Main Beach, especially seeing as that area has 1770 housing adjacent, with the Joseph Banks Conservation Park a considerable distance away. The northern end of the Agnes Water Main Beach is about the only clear area of any distance available for dog owners to have their dogs accompanying them off leash. There is also a walking route up the grassed hill which terminates in the 1770 residential area and allows people to do a round trip with their dogs, still being well clear of the Conservation Park as well as for 1770 residents to access the Main Beach accompanied by their dogs.
150	Why doesn't Agnes 1770 have an off leash enclosed dog park. Bundaberg is building an additional 3 to add to the ones they already have, even Bororen had one. Surely there is a need for travellers and residents to access a dog park within 120kms...