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Sent: Thu, 23 Mar 2023 08:42:38 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation

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Kind regards



From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wed, 22 Mar 2023 16:09:30 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 4:01 PM
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2. Bees – exclude native stingless bees from the keeping and control of bees given that they do not present a risk to the wellbeing of residents and the amenity of residential living

Re the above amendment, please note that I fully support the exclusion of native stingless bees from the rules to govern other non-native bees.

- c. Cattle grazing on Unfenced Roads (Minimum Standards for Enclosures) – exclude stock grazing unfenced roads from the requirement to be fully enclosed on the property

Re the above amendment, please note that I cannot support cattle grazing unfenced roads as this poses a risk to human life, and may potentially result in Council being liable for damages by making this permissible.

Kind regards



Vicky Hankinson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 8:30 PM
To: Info (Mailbox)
Subject: QA'd 09/05/2023 - This email was marked as SPAM however relates to Animal Management Local Law & Subordinate Local Law - Code of Practice

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Native bees have been part of our nature for millennia, and don't sting if every touched, & they pollinate crops and other plants. They don't swarm like introduced Apis bees & may live in a cavity man made or nature made unobtrusively and not hard to remove due to their docile nature.

Adopt the Code of Practice –

b. Bees – exclude native stingless bees from the keeping and control of bees given that they do not present a risk to the wellbeing of residents and the amenity of residential living.

The statement above being considered by GRC is 100% correct & I support it wholeheartedly.

I have removed/rescued them from council water meter pits on request by council to the local branch of the Australian Native Bee Association.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Mon, 27 Mar 2023 08:18:24 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 26 March 2023 6:04 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation

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From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Mon, 3 Apr 2023 14:52:47 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Animal Act - Amendment

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 3 April 2023 2:35 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Animal Act - Amendment

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Whilst I am not a dog owner at present I would like to offer some suggestions in regards to the current proposed amendments specifically for the Agnes Water area.

Personally I don't mind seeing dogs on the beach. On a hot day even dogs like to go for a swim and I have found most dogs to be fine on the beach. I think the off lead dog area for Agnes Beach should be retained as north of the surf club with maybe a 500mt area alternatively I think the area between Atlantis Boulevard and the Surf club ave could be an alternate area for use of dogs.

I believe that because there is **no fenced off leash area** anywhere in the Agnes Region that the beach is a better place for dogs where they are safe from any traffic. Having a smaller area will make it easier for

(if council can ever get a) local laws officer to patrol and therefore enforce the local laws. The only problem I see with using these areas can be the access to the beach. The stairs are not maintained at all. They are currently covered with sand making it difficult for slightly older people to handle a dog and the stairs. During bad weather the stairs can move making them steep to get up and down. (this should also be something that council need to look at and maintain.)

As for the SES grounds I do not think that this is a good area at all. There are markets there every weekend during school holidays and every second weekend outside of these times. If people do not do as they are supposed to such as picking up their dogs excrement then that means there will more flies in this area. Remembering that this area is used for festivals and events which means that dog owners cannot use the area during these times. Also it is not fenced so anyone with puppies cannot safely monitor their dogs.

I believe as priority council need to reserve an area that can be fenced off and used as a dog park seeing as there is clearly dogs issues in the Agnes area. If the council cannot find a suitable place then they should consider consulting the Sport and Rec to see if a small area could be used there.

Regards

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From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tue, 28 Mar 2023 10:45:43 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 March 2023 10:44 AM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation

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Dear Gladstone Regional Council,

I hope this email finds you well. Can I suggest, to provide consistency for residents that Dangerous Dog Enclosure's or other dog enclosures in the Subordinate Local Law be consistent with RSPCA Inspectoriate expectations of enclosure size. There is no legislation that specifies enclosure sizes, however, to operate under best practice, as there is no Queensland legislation that provides guidance or measurements in the humane private keeping of dogs, RSPCA are guided by Victorian legislation, being

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/domestic-animals-act/codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-the-private-keeping-of-dogs#h2-11> provides that

2. Housing

Minimum standards

- Dogs must be provided with a weatherproof sleeping area and shelter from sun, wind and rain.
- Kennels must be large enough for the dog to stand, turn around and lie comfortably.
- Dogs must be confined to the property at all times, unless under the effective control of the owner or handler.
- The area a dog is confined to must have secure fencing that the dog cannot get over, under or through.
- Where dogs are housed in enclosures or restricted areas they must meet the minimum size requirements as listed in Appendix 4.
- Enclosures need to allow dog(s) to move around freely, to urinate and defecate away from the sleeping and eating areas and be cleaned daily so that enclosures are free of faeces.
- Vehicles must not be used as permanent housing for dogs.
- Each dog must have its own sleeping area and food bowl.
- Dogs must be given adequate daily exercise outside of enclosures.
- Adequate ventilation must be provided if dogs are housed in enclosed areas or buildings.
- All housing areas for dogs must be maintained in a safe, clean and hygienic condition at all times.

I only make mention of this in the event that RSPCA Inspectorate attends and inspects and deems an enclosure that Local Law Officers may have already approved, to be inhumane and require dog owner to ammend enclosure size.

Kind regards,



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Many thanks

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From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wed, 19 Apr 2023 16:34:50 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation
Attachments: 299708662_773849250734701_2166348351261973954_n.jpg,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 April 2023 4:18 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
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Hello,

I would like to make a submission to Animal Management Local Law Public Consultation.

I include 4 main points.

1/ No dog **"has"** to be on any beach in the region.

Many dogs are never taken onto a beach, and it doesn't harm them at all. For example, most dogs in cities and inland regions are never taken onto a beach, and this causes no harm to the dog.

Only the dog owners in Agnes Water are stating that their dogs must be able to go onto a beach.

But it is not necessary for any dog to be on a beach, and certainly not necessary to have any beach that is "Off-Leash" for dogs.

2/ These domesticated dogs are not a natural or native animal.

These domesticated dogs are a hybrid animal that originally came from a wolf, and the wolf has been highly deformed through breeding to produce a dog that dog owners believe is "cute", and then the dog can be sold through pet shops for profit.

However, the dog owners take their hybrid dogs onto the beaches, where the dogs maul and torment the native sand crabs, and chase and torment the native birds, and regularly chase and torment people, and usually leave behind considerable quantities of dog faeces.

So the dogs are an unnatural hybrid, and they have absolutely no benefit to the natural environment when they are taken onto the beaches,.

3/ The local laws are set by the council, and day after day council employees see these local laws being broken and never report it.

For example, council workers spend hours in the council parks at the Town of 1770, and would see all the dog owners breaking the council's local laws by having their dogs off-leash on this On-Leash beach.

However, these council workers never report it, which means they are not reporting crimes that they observe being carried out.

If council workers are observing crimes being carried out, but they are not reporting it, then these council workers are counselled and/or dismissed.

4/ I have been attacked by dogs at Agnes Water on many occasions, and never once was the dog on a leash in an On-Leash area.

Each time I was attacked by a dog, the dog was in an "On-Leash" area, but the dog owner never had their dog on a leash.

As well, not one dog owner ever put their dog on a leash after their dog had attacked me in the "On-Leash" area.

As well, not one dog owner ever asked me if I needed assistance or help after the dog attack.

As well, not one dog owner ever contacted the council to tell the council that their dog had attacked someone.

So the dog owners have no consideration for anyone else, but the dog owners expect the public to tolerate their dogs being on the beaches.

I enclose photographs of dogs attacking me on a beach.

I know my submission will be completely disregarded, but I make this submission anyway.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tue, 2 May 2023 07:47:26 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Animal Management Local Law and Subordinate Local Law Public Consultation
Attachments: GRC-submission-28-04-2023.pdf

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 28 April 2023 5:52 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
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<https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/animal-management-local-law-and-subordinate-local-law-amendments-2023>

I would like confirmation that this submission has been received and delivered to the appropriate personnel.

Any further correspondence to myself from the Gladstone Regional Council must be in writing only, and I will not receive any phone calls from the council.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 19/4/2023 I previously sent an email as a submission to this public consultation. However, in recent times I witnessed dog related activity on the beaches of Agnes Water, and because of that I am making a further submission, and I include some screenshots taken from a webcam showing zero dog owner responsibility occurring in the Agnes Water area.

I now state that all dogs must be prohibited from all beaches in the Agnes Water area.

It is already rare to find a dog on a leash at any time of the year at Springs beach, Chinamans beach, The Fences beach, Workmans beach, or the main beach of Agnes Water, while numerous dogs are off leash on the beaches at the Town of 1700, and most days there are dogs being taken off leash through Joseph Banks Conservation park at Round Hill.

All this shows minimal dog owner responsibility, and dog owners are also carrying out an illegal and highly dangerous act of taking their dogs to a beach, and then leaving the dogs unsupervised and “off leash” on the beach for hours while the dog owners goes out on a surfboard.

This activity by dog owners has been occurring for years. It is very dangerous and there is no dog owner responsibility occurring, and because of that, all dogs must be prohibited from all beaches in the Agnes Water area.

The council can make available a fenced area for dog owners to exercise their dog/s, or dog owners can take their dog/s to a commercial business that has a fenced area, and the dog owners can exercise their dog/s in the fenced area after paying a fee to the business owner.

From the 26th to the 28th of April there was a swell running at Agnes Water with some quality waves breaking on the beaches. Dog owners were taking their dogs to the beach, and leaving their dogs “off leash” and unsupervised on the beach for hours while the dog owners went out on a surfboard.

I enclose screenshots taken over a few minutes from the internet webcam operated by the Gladstone Ports Authority, and these screenshots show 6 dogs that were left “off leash” on the beach at Agnes Water at the time while the dog owner went out on a surfboard.

A number of these dogs were in the bathing reserve area that is supposed to be prohibited to dogs, and 3 of the 6 dogs had formed a pack that was menacing people walking and running on the beach and also menacing other dogs.

This activity by dog owners of leaving their dogs unsupervised on the beach for hours while they go out on a surfboard has been occurring for years. It is zero dog owner responsibility, and it is blatantly done in full view of the public, showing that council local laws and council signs have no meaning to dog owners, while the probability of effective council patrols occurring is zero.

As well, there has been no peer group pressure from other dog owners to establish any form of responsible dog ownership on the beaches of Agnes Water.

As well, the GRC has not been able to establish any form of responsible dog ownership in the Agnes Water area.

As well, the majority of dog owners do not have Canine Liability Insurance, and costs from a dog attack (such as medical bills) would have to be paid by the victim.

As well, few dog owners have had their dogs properly trained by a professional dog trainer.

As well, few dog owners properly care for their dogs, and have their dogs regularly checked and immunised by a vet.

As well, numerous complaints about dogs on the beaches have been made to the GRC by many people over many years, and it does appear that the council has disregarded every complaint.

I myself made complaints to the GRC a number of years ago about dog owners taking their dogs to the beach and then going out on a surfboard, and I enclosed photos in my complaints, but the council has done nothing, and to very recent times this highly dangerous activity by dog owners continues.

80% of dog attacks occur when the dog is not restrained or on a leash. Having more dogs on public beaches, and more “off leash” dogs only increases the risk of dog attack.

When the dog owners have zero dog owner responsibility, and carry out activities such as leaving their dogs off leash and unsupervised on a beach for hours, then the risk of a dog attack increases again.

As reported in the press, there have been over 3,600 dog attacks reported to councils in the SE area of QLD up to May, and many other dog attacks would not have been reported.

It is extremely dangerous to have children on a beach where there are “off leash” dogs, as children often run on a beach, and many dogs are instinctively attracted to something that is running and will chase it and try to bring it down.

To summarise.

For years dog owners in the Agnes Water area have been leaving their dogs unsupervised and “off leash” on the beaches for hours while they go out on a surfboard. This is zero dog owner responsibility, and it is an illegal and highly dangerous activity, and particularly dangerous for children on the beach. There has been no peer group pressure from other dog owners to stop this highly dangerous and illegal activity. The council signs and council local laws mean nothing to a dog owner, and the GRC has not been able to establish any form of responsible dog ownership in the area. Many complaints to the GRC from the public have been ignored, with no improvement in dog control shown over a number of years.

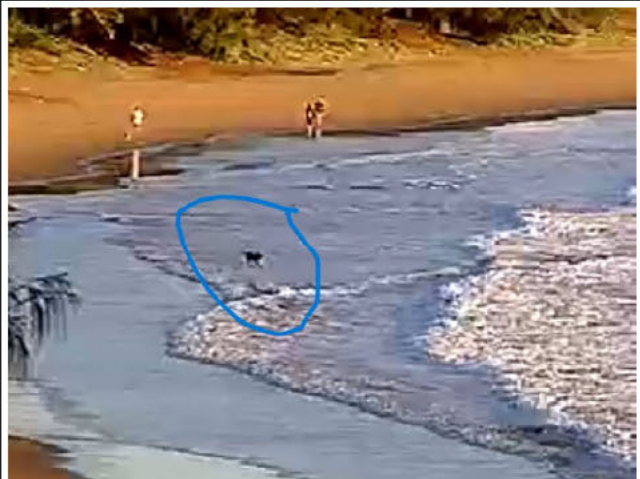
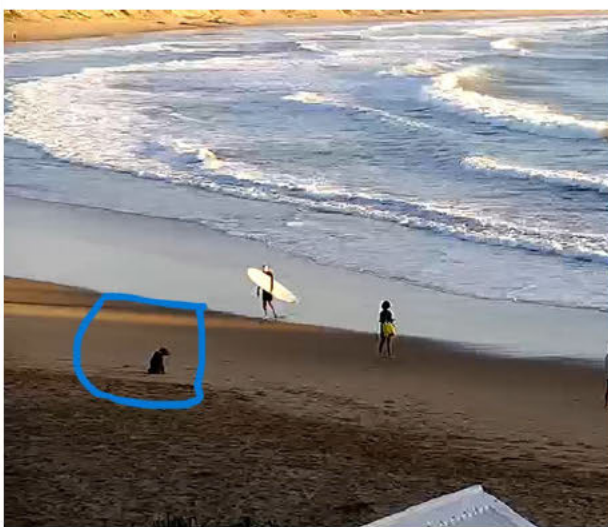
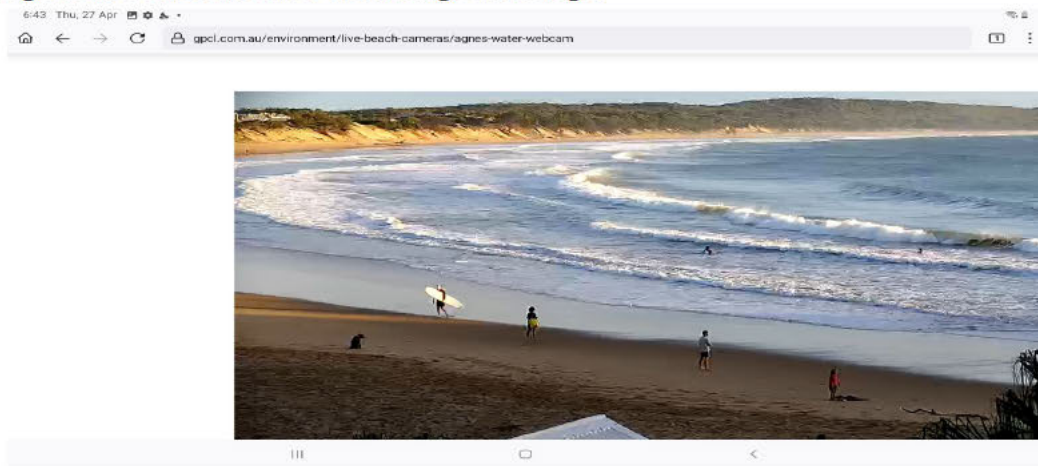
In view of all that, the council must prohibit all dogs from the beaches in the Agnes Water area, and dogs can only be exercised “off leash” in fenced areas.

I enclose below screenshots taken from the webcam of the Gladstone Ports Authority showing 6 dogs unsupervised and off leash on the beach with no dog owner in sight.

I also enclose a screenshot of the local Agnes/1770 Dog Forum Facebook group that has over 500 members. This Facebook group has a photo on their main page showing 7 dogs that are “off leash” on the beach at the Town of 1770, while this is an “on leash” beach.

These screenshots below were taken from the internet webcam operated by the Gladstone Ports Authority. Over a few minutes there were 6 dogs seen “off leash” on the beach at Agnes Water while the dog owner went out on a surfboard. Throughout the day there were probably dozens of dogs left “off leash” on the beach while the dog owner went out on a surfboard.

A number of the dogs seen below (circled in blue) were in the bathing reserve area that is supposed to be prohibited to dogs, and 3 of the 6 dogs had formed a pack that was menacing people walking and running on the beach and also menacing other dogs.



I enclose below a screenshot of the local Agnes/1770 Dog Forum Facebook group taken on the 28/04/2023. This local dog owner group has over 500 members, and the group address is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1919079538407906>

This dog owner Facebook group has a photo on their main page showing 7 dogs that are “off leash” on the beach at the Town of 1770, while this is an “on leash” beach, and there are a number of GRC signs in the area stating it is an “on leash” beach.

The photo displayed on the main page of the group highlights the blatant and total contempt the dog owners in the Agnes Waters and 1770 area have for the council’s local laws.

The photo also highlights the complete disregard these dog owners have for responsible dog ownership, and highlights the complete disregard these dog owners have for the safety of the public.



Agnes/1770 Dog Forum

Join Group



I am absolutely certain that whatever is in this document will be completely ignored and disregarded by the Gladstone Regional Council, and the council will go ahead and fill the beaches with off leash dogs, but it is stated anyway and I presume this document will be kept as a part of records.

There is every likelihood a severe dog attack will occur in the Agnes Water area in the future, and when it occurs I will be making this document available to government authorities investigating that attack.

Regards,

28/04/2023